



RESOLUTION #25

TITLE: CLEAN WATER FOR WILDLIFE AND FOR THE SAN PEOPLE IN TSODILO HILLS, BOTSWANA

WHEREAS

- Water is scarce in the area surrounding Tsodilo Hills, on the north-western Botswana region of the Kalahari Desert
- The World Heritage Site of Tsodilo Hills offers abundant clean water to tourists *but not to its original inhabitants: the SAN people and WILDLIFE*
- The septic tank of the toilets of the Tsodilo hills tourist facilities overflows onto the ground, and wildlife, particularly birds and antelope, drinks water from these polluted, unhealthy puddles because *there are absolutely no waterholes for wildlife in Tsodilo Hills* (regardless of the fact that tourists would love to sit by the waterholes)
- This polluted water overflowing from the septic tank threatens the health, wellbeing and lives of wildlife
- San people live in conditions of extreme poverty right outside this World Heritage Site which was their ancestral home, the water source inside of which had always provided them with all the water they needed until they were expelled from the site
- Administration authorities in Tsodilo Hills sometimes do not allow the neighboring San people to get water from the tourist facilities

THEREFORE

- Delegates in WILD9 recognize the importance of offering good quality water to native people and to wildlife

RESOLUTION

- Park authorities & UNESCO should establish sufficient clean waterholes for wildlife in the World Heritage Site of Tsodilo Hills (at least two waterholes recommended)
- Park authorities & UNESCO should establish clean water facilities for the San people, including facilities for washing clothes
- Park authorities & UNESCO should build alternative toilet facilities (including consideration of dry toilets) and meanwhile give proper maintenance to its septic tank in Tsodilo Hills so that polluted water does not attract wildlife

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