

Sustainability Report 2022



When we opened Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort in 1987, we established sustainable operations as a priority for all we do. Sustainability encompasses community Involvement, innovative technology and everything between. Today we are named the most sustainable resort in the Caribbean. We have retrofitted our building and accomplished LEED Gold status, been named the most sustainable resort in the world by Green Globe, and are the first and only Carbon Neutral Resort in the Caribbean.

When we first reached our goal of becoming Carbon Neutral in 2018, our next long term goal was immediately set to become Net Zero. Since 2018 we have continued to decrease our emissions and are on the right path to reach this goal.

Commitments

Objectives for 2022

Status

Progress made



COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

495 hours of volunteer work



Exceeded our goal of 495 hours, and completed 700 volunteer hours

Spay and neuter 3000 cats & dogs



Exceeded our goal of 3000 spay and neuters and completed 3686

100 kg donations through Pack for a Purpose



Collected 235kg of donations through our Pack for a Purpose the Imeldahof orphanage.



SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS

3% Electricity reduction



After compensation for the rise in occupancy (77% to 95%) a 18.51% reduction has been achieved.

5% Water reduction



After compensation for the rise in occupancy (77% to 95%) our water usage has been reduced by 12.87%

55% Waste Diversion



2022 waste diversion from landfill rate was 56,5%.

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15% Renewable Electricity



Achieved. In 16.2% of our electrical needs was generated by our on-site solar system

Carbon Neutrality (with emissions reduction of 5%)



Carbon Neutral status maintained with a reduction of emissions of 5.4% (2021 compared to 2019)

No use of drinking water for irrigation



100% grey water used in garden

Plant 100 trees



130 trees have been planted in the newly founded Bucuti – GMC Nature Preserve

Green Globe With more than 90%



Scored 99% on our Green Globe certification audit

LEED Gold recertification



Achieved. Recertified with a score of 71/100

Off Grid Pilot Project - Office Building



In progress

UN Climate Action Award



Achieved. First Hotel in World to Win the Global United Nations Climate Neutral Now Award.

Knowledge sharing



Owner, and CEO, Ewald Biemans has been interviewed to share his knowledge and thoughts various times this year by reputable businesses; such as National Geographic and Times Magazine.

Environmental Tours



Various sustainability tours given on site to students and companies.

12 Beach Clean Ups



This year we organized and performed 12 beach clean up's.



AWARENESS