
GSSA teaches about going green on the West Coast

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As part of an effort to reduce or neutralise the carbon footprint of the nearly 200 delegates who attended the annual GSSA congress at Club Mykonos in Langebaan during July 2012, some members of the congress organising committee initiated and successfully executed two environmental education outreach programmes.

On World Environment Day, 5 June 2012, 60 indigenous trees were delivered to three schools in the towns of Langebaan and Saldanha Bay. Trees were sponsored by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, as well as the non-profit organisation, Breedekloof Wine and Tourism.

The three schools which were recipients of these trees were, Diazville High, Langebaan Primary and Saldanha Primary. Learners were taught about the importance of caring for their environment, the value in recycling waste and the significance of planting the trees on World Environment Day.

As delegates were arriving to take part in the 2012 GSSA congress, the organising committee were working behind the scenes, discussing the importance of leaving a green footprint behind on this earth with administration and maintenance staff of Club Mykonos holiday resort. The discussions focused on what people previously did to ensure a healthy and happy environment and what they could do to increase the green legacy which they were leaving behind. Options were discussed for starting a recycling project at Club Mykonos with staff, as well as management of the holiday resort. Environmental education is vitally important to ensure that our natural environment is preserved for future generations.

