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Dr GEORGE HUGHES

EXCO is delighted to announce that Dr George Hughes has agreed to become a Patron of our Association. This was not a decision taken lightly and without due thoroughness by either party.

Dr Hughes started worked as a cadet ranger at Giant's Castle in the early 60s. His work entailed the normal tough life of a Natal Parks Board ranger stationed in the remote parts. He undertook studies finishing with a BSc(Hons) in Zoology in 1968 and later completed his PhD.

He rose through the ranks to become chief executive of the Natal Parks Board which is now known as Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.

Dr Hughes has such a long list of achievements that it is difficult to gather them all together. Suffice it to say, he has been accurately described as one of the great doyens of African conservation.

Key highlights for us would include his stance on the Sustainable Use of Wildlife, Ethical Hunting as a Conservation tool and positive engagement with local Communities. He has strong views on CITES, elephants and rhinos and still campaigns for sanity within these emotive subjects.

In addition to his terrestrial conservation efforts, he is internationally-acclaimed for his work on turtles in South Africa. He has written a number of books on his life and experiences as a conservationist as well as literally hundreds of publications, including scientific papers, articles and reports.

In 2017 Dr Hughes was the first recipient of the Living Legends award for his contribution to marine conservation.

Dr Hughes recently received the Order of the Bateleur from the SA Hunters and Game Conservation Association (SAHGCA) for his significant contribution to biodiversity and wildlife conservation.

We look forward to the benefit of his expert guidance and support into the future – a future that is unclear at best and that will require careful consideration and decision making.

Bruce Ambrose
President.