

# Bisate by numbers

How ecotourism positively impacts the conservation of Volcanoes National Park and the empowerment of neighbouring communities



30 000

Number of indigenous trees planted – as at December 2019 – as part of our visionary reforestation project.

250



People from the local community employed on a daily basis during construction of the lodge over a nine-month period.



128

Community members employed in the Ladies Co-operative, making arts and crafts for guests and Bisate Lodge.

\$580 000



Financial injection into the local economy as a result of the land purchase. The impact on the community is thus dramatic and far-reaching. Per hectare, the price paid for the land is more expensive than land in the Sabi-Sand Game Reserve!



3

Sewage Treatment Plants installed, thus avoiding contamination of the environment, and recycling and cleaning waste water through biological cultures, aeration and UV treatment.



12

Habituated gorilla groups that can be tracked and observed in nearby Volcanoes National Park.

20

Herbs and vegetables grown in Bisate's vegetable garden.



5 000



Community members have received improved access to clean water due to the Bisate Water Project, implemented in partnership with The Fossey Fund, RDB and funding from Wilderness Safaris guests. Total investment close to \$25 000.

\$160 000



Contributed by Bisate guests towards community and CITW projects to date.

172

Plots of land purchased to create the base of the Bisate reforestation and lodge project.



53

Current number of permanent employees of Bisate Lodge. 50% come from the local community and have never worked in tourism before.

\$555



Invested into the Tuzamurane Cooperative for a community beehive project at Bisate.

300

Members of the broader Bisate community that make up the Tuzamurane Cooperative, which is the conduit through which all business is conducted between Bisate Lodge and the Bisate Community.

115



Landowners who sold their plots to Wilderness Safaris under the supervision and guidance of the Musanze District Authority, the National Land Centre and the Tuzamurane Cooperative.

60



Community children participate in Children in the Wilderness Eco-Club lessons at Bisate Primary School.

42



Hectares on which Bisate Lodge is built.

200 000



Capacity to harvest and store 200 000 litres of rainwater at Bisate.

80



children supported by CITW with scholarships for the duration of 6 years' of Secondary School.

\$2 300



Invested in a community project to improve the living conditions and the facilities at the local nursery school.

