

# The Fiscal Benefits Project

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## Fiscal Benefits Project driven by Policy & Advocacy

BirdLife South Africa has recently undergone changes to its Policy & Advocacy Programme (P&A), and Candice Stevens has been appointed as the new P&A Programme Manager. Candice will be responsible for her continued work on mainstreaming South Africa's first biodiversity tax incentive under the Fiscal Benefits Project. Her work will also focus on other Biodiversity Finance opportunities within her new role. This includes the continued collaboration with National Treasury and SARS to develop policy regarding tax incentives and legal interpretation tools. Plans are afoot to progress the biodiversity tax offering in South Africa!

The P&A Programme will also be looking to integrate other non-environmental sustainable financing tools into the conservation sector. Candice will be working closely with other policy stakeholders both nationally and provincially in this regard.

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## Tax Resources Available

Fiscal Benefits Project tax resources are available at [biodiversityadvisor.sanbi.org](http://biodiversityadvisor.sanbi.org) and [birdlife.org.za](http://birdlife.org.za).

These resources are available for download and constitute high-level summaries of sections 37C and D, as well as other basic information. They do not constitute tax advice and may not be used as such.

## THE FISCAL BENEFITS PROJECT

The Fiscal Benefits Project has successfully introduced South Africa's first biodiversity tax incentive, section 37D, into the conservation sector and is developing this to provide financial benefit to landowners declaring Protected Areas on their land. Tax incentives are still being tested at pilot sites across the country and these findings are being mainstreamed through a Corporate Conservation Partnership.

The Project is managed by tax specialist, Candice Stevens.

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It is being run in conjunction with National Government and Biodiversity Stewardship and Protected Area Expansion stakeholders.

