

# **Bartholomeus Klip – Founding Member of GST**

## **Verification audit at Bartholomeus Klip according to the 4C's**

Bartholomeus Klip Management has a most beautiful lifestyle philosophy comprising a triple bottom line: economic growth, environmental integrity, and social justice. Bartholomeus Klip is managed according to a conservation services management plan. It is part of the Cape Nature Stewardship Programme and has a strict and expansive management plan for the reserve area which is audited annually.

### **C1. Conservation**

Bartholomeus Klip has a clear policy with regard to natural and cultural conservation. This mindset is displayed in every item, action and person involved. Various conservation research projects are ongoing.

### **C2. Community**

The owners actively support and encourage employee involvement in all aspects of the conservation and development activities on the farm. They have a recommendable policy of referring guests to surrounding attractions and activities.

### **C3. Customer**

An information booklet and other relevant reading matter are available in the rooms. Many cultural heirlooms are displayed in the farmhouse accompanied by some interesting stories and tales. A small private “library” containing reading matter about relevant facts is available to guests. A beautiful arrangement of flora, with regularly updated name tags, is displayed in the living room.

### **C4. Company**

The covid lockdown gave the guest house business a financial knock. To alleviate this, staff members were asked to assist with the establishment and planting of an almond orchard during these trying times. This ensured ongoing activities and salaries.