



Babanango Travellers Camp

TUBULAR STEEL WINNER

The Babanango travellers camp is situated within the Babanango Game Reserve in northern KwaZulu-Natal. Several interesting technical details included reconciling complex issues regarding the use of different materials of construction and geometrical factors, to achieve the **project's architectural objective of roofing reflecting shapes used in traditional African shields.** This project won the Tubular Steel Award and the Regional Best Project KwaZulu-Natal.



About Babanango Travellers Camp

Babanango game reserve is the realisation of the surrounding communities' dream to create a meaningful conservation area, attracting tourism and stimulating the local economy. The Babanango game reserve with its 22 000 hectares of protected wilderness is the first project by the African Habitat Conservancy (AHC), established by German philanthropist, Hellmuth Weisser, and seasoned South African conservation and safari industry veteran, Jeffrey van Staden.

INTERESTING FACTS:

- Luxury Frontiers used different construction materials to reflect shapes used in traditional African shields.
- The reserve is situated on 22 000 hectares of protected wilderness.
- The Babanango travellers' camp pays homage to the culture of KwaZulu-Natal.

The camp

The clients, Hellmuth and Barbara Weisser, appointed Luxury Frontiers for the architecture, interior design, procurement and project management for Babanango game reserve's newest accommodation, Babanango travellers camp. The tented camp pays homage to the intersection of the culture, travelling, storytelling, local terrain and architecture of the KwaZulu-Natal region.

Luxury Frontiers' head of architecture, Murray Hardman, took inspiration from the Zulu warrior shield and the ebb and flow of the river weaving into Babanango's landscape, illustrating the history of the people and the geographical location.

Project team

- NJV Consulting
- Rebcon
- Luxury Frontiers Architects

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