

# Garonga Green

Garonga offers its guests a "safari for the soul" - an intimate encounter with the wilderness including both the "Big 5" and the lesser known "Little 5" who call it home. But - as with their safaris, this luxurious tented lodge is not just beautiful to look at! The ethos behind it is all about conservation. Owner Bernie Smith has invested a lot of thought, time and money into ensuring its tented camp and sister lodge Little Garonga are environmentally sustainable. Some of the ways Garonga tries to make a difference include:

- Generating around 30% of their energy needs through solar panels
- A heater pump system has replaced electrical geysers so that power is only used when the hot water tap is on, using 80% less electricity.
- Food waste and natural waste are channelled into a pit within a bio-gas dome. A natural gas pipe then supplies the staff village kitchen.
- Grey water is pumped into a feeder tank and then through 6 filtration plants, with the clean water pumped into Garonga's waterhole for the animals.
- The vegetable garden supplements the groceries ordered in for guests.
- Guests can also help offset their carbon footprint by donating to a Spesbok Tree planting project in the Eastern Cape.



There is more information on Garonga's website - <http://www.garonga.com/info/green-actions>

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