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## Keepers Of The Cape

6 x 30'

EPISODIC BREAKDOWN

### 1. Dyer Island

This episode takes viewers on an exploration of the remarkable Dyer ecosystem, made up of Dyer Island, Geyser Rock and the ominous Shark Alley. Dyer is a seabird sanctuary and is home to a breeding colony of the African Penguin. Tali investigates the status of these birds and learns more about the conservation efforts aimed at protecting this vulnerable species. Moving on to Geyser Rock, we see its thriving Cape fur seal colony, which draws scores of Great White sharks to the waters of Shark Alley, the narrow channel between Geyser and Dyer. Shark Alley is one of the best places to view the Great White- and this is exactly what Tali does when she goes shark cage diving and chats to marine biologist, Alison Towner who sheds some light on their efforts to learn more about and conserve these ocean greats.

### 2. Garden Route

The Garden Route is one of the most beautiful stretches along our coast and this is demonstrated well by the millions of tourists it draws each year. In this episode Tali takes a look at how this area is harnessing its eco-tourism potential to promote both community upliftment and conservation. Our first stop is the magical indigenous Tsitsikamma Forest where Tali uncover forest ecology by swinging from tree to tree on a canopy tour. Tali also goes diving in South Africa's largest mpa as part of a community dive initiative aimed at showing locals the importance of marine reserves. Finally we stop off in Wilderness National Park where bee conservation has become a priority to several community members involved in an Eco-Hives project.

### 3. Rhino Relocation

The Karoo is a harsh it is equally striking, with its huge rock formations, rolling plains and contrasting colours. Species here have adapted to survive in this desert land, but many species that once roamed freely have disappeared from this landscape. In this episode Tali visits Karoo National Park as they release three black Rhinos into the park as part of a reintroduction project. She speaks to the experts who tell us more about their conservation status, fill us in on the threat of poaching and explain exactly how the Black Rhino project is helping to conserve this species.

### 4. Chacma Baboons

The Cape Peninsula is home to the only protected population of Chacma baboons. Elsewhere they are relatively abundant and thriving, but given their urban context on the Cape Peninsula, they face a new kind of threat- the human kind! Tali investigates a situation that is close to her heart- the plight of the Cape Peninsula Chacma baboons. As a baboon researcher herself, she takes viewers into her world, sharing their problems and showcasing efforts to conserve them.

## **5. De Hoop Terrestrial**

Flanking the marine park is an extensive terrestrial reserve that plays home to several species and where rangers have gone to great lengths to maintain, restore and in some cases reintroduce species under threat. In this episode Tali explores the various creatures that reside here, from the Greater White Pelicans and Chacma baboons to the large Eland. She finds out more about the reintroduction and management of the Cape Mountain Zebra population and finally ascends the Potberg Mountain to get a bird's eye view of the Western Cape's only Cape Vulture breeding colony.

## **6. Table Mountain Nature Park**

When people think Cape Town and the Western Cape, they think Table Mountain, but behind the iconic mountain lies an extensive network of protected areas interspersed with urban sprawl. Alongside the park is a magnificent marine reserve. Tali explores this reserve as well as the complexities that come along with managing this urban park, amidst a densely populated city. We visit the Boulders penguin colony, see what it means to touch the earth lightly and discover what lies beneath the waters of the mpa.