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CASE STUDY

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES THROUGH SPORTS TURF



“ Rhino-Turf Teams Up with the English Premier League, Grootbos Foundation & British Council to Make a Difference in South Africa



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Gansbaai, South Africa: A FIFA Quality Standard Soccer System Built to Inspire – and Built with the Environment in Mind



Rhino-Turf is proud to announce the successful completion of a landmark community sports project in Gansbaai, South Africa, in partnership with the English Premier League, the Grootbos Foundation, the British Council, and the Overstrand Municipality.

As part of a broader youth and community development initiative, the project focused on the resurfacing of South Africa's first-ever FIFA-certified artificial football field, originally built in 2008. The refurbishment involved the installation of Rhino-Turf VT50 GRE BIO — an advanced turf system engineered for performance and sustainability.

South Africa's Most Eco-Friendly Artificial Football Field

This installation marks a new milestone — not just for Rhino-Turf, but for the country. The resurfaced pitch is now officially the first 100% recyclable artificial soccer field in South Africa, thanks to our GRE backing system. Combined with the use of bio-based yarn content, the field is a shining example of how worldclass sports infrastructure can support both community and climate goals.

“Having been involved in the original field build back in 2008, Rhino-Turf was extremely proud to renew our partnership with the English Premier League and undertake this resurfacing project, back in 2008, the big story was creating South Africa’s first FIFA-certified field. Today, the story is even bigger — this is the first field in South Africa that’s 100% recyclable and bio-based. It’s the most ecofriendly artificial soccer field in the country.”



William Allan (Left), Jonathan Gallagher (Right)

— **William Allan, International Sales Director, Rhino-Turf**

Sport as a Catalyst for Community Impact

But this pitch is more than just a football field — it’s an investment in the future.

“This installation is more than just a sporting facility; it is a long-term investment in youth development, education, and social upliftment.”

— **Michael Lutzeyer, Director, Grootbos Foundation**

The project is already serving as a vital space for youth mentorship, sports programs, and local community events, showing how infrastructure can be a springboard for social change.

“This is what collaboration and innovation in sport should look like — building with purpose, sustainability, and the people at heart.”

— **Ricardo Mackenzie, Minister of Cultural Affairs and Sport (South Africa)**

A Legacy Built to Last

Rhino-Turf is honoured to have played a key role in this meaningful legacy project — bringing **international-standard, sustainable sports infrastructure** to communities in Southern Africa. As we continue to grow our impact across the region, we look forward to sharing more **inspiring projects** that use sport to uplift, empower, and lead.



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Quick Project Highlights

-  **Location:** Gansbaai, Western Cape, South Africa
-  **Size:** 7,400m²
-  **Product:** Rhino-Turf VT50 GRE BIO
-  **100% Recyclable System with Bio-Based Yarn**
-  **FIFA Quality Standard**



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