

# Proposed activities for PhytoTrade Africa in BTFP Phase II Gus Le Breton

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### Product development

- Since 2002, 34 new products have been developed, of which 18 already launched
- For those 18:
  - product specifications have been developed
  - quality parameters established
  - quality control measures developed
  - Initial production glitches overcome
  - Steady supply chain developed



- Product development
  - Novel foods application submitted for baobab pulp.
  - Toxicological trials completed for 6 cosmetic oils to meet EU and US regulations
  - Preparations made for novel foods application for marula oil



- Product development
  - ABS achievements:
    - First co-owned patent launched with Aldivia
    - Preparations for launch of a benefit-sharing Trust for producers in Southern Africa
    - Appointment by SADC as a Centre of Excellence for ABS
    - Preparations underway for for a more systematic approach to ABS, aimed at generating replicable lessons about practical, private sector approaches to ABS



- Market development
  - Products launched in over 20 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia and North America
  - Sales up to nearly US\$1 million a year by end 2006
  - Certain markets (e.g. lipids) exhibiting 50% year on year growth
  - 30,000 poor rural people in supply chain

# Plans for phase II



- Product development
  - Launch of 16 products still under research
  - Commencement of R&D into pipeline of new species
  - Product quality standards, specifications, addressing quality gaps etc. for selection of these species

# Plans for phase II

#### Market development

- Ongoing EU market development
  - Novel Foods applications for marula and mongongo oil

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- Launch of baobab products
- US market launch:
  - NDA, GRAS applications for baobab, kigelia and marula
  - Major marketing campaign for product launch
  - Identification of new, US-based commercial partners

# Plans for phase II



- Supply chain development
  - Development/modification of appropriate standards (environmental, Fair Trade etc)
  - Certification/verification of members
  - Identification of appropriate financing mechanisms for business development
  - Support to primary producers
  - Business development support to members

# Targets for phase II



- Sales up to US\$10 million/year
- Up to 100,000 primary producers are benefiting
- At least 8 serious commercial partnerships in place (currently 2)
- 80% of PhytoTrade members (or products) are certified/verified