

## Our Values

To position Zimbabwe as a global leader in indigenous resource innovation, where biodiversity meets biotechnology, and where technology and sustainability uplift communities

## Where we work

Community-Centered Innovation map of the areas



### Murehwa

mobile distillation machines empower smallholders with direct value addition

### Mwenezi

chiefs safeguard marula fruit trees through seasonal rules, aligning tradition with science

### Binga

NTFPs harvested with conservation-first principles

### Mbire (Doma communities)

replanting & conservation of iconic trees (baobab, marula) as part of regenerative cycles

### Inyanga (Lippia Javanica)

New strategic station

## The Team



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Managing Director



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Operations Director



## Industry Engagement

Robestos actively engages with leading players across the pharmaceutical, cosmetic, and wellness industries offering high-quality, scientifically validated botanical ingredients.



## Trusted partner for

- Pharmaceutical labs exploring plant-based actives
- Nutraceutical companies seeking functional ingredients
- Cosmetic brands developing clean, natural formulations
- Spa and wellness enterprises sourcing therapeutic-grade oils

## Why Partner With Robestos?

Authentic oils & NTFPs from Zimbabwe's rich biodiversity

Traceable, ethical, scalable supply chains

Science + tradition integration

Two operational processing plants with community equity

Global-ready brands built on sustainability, storytelling, and innovation



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# ROBESTOS

Harnessing Nature, Science & Technology for a Sustainable Future

**Robestos** Natural Products is Zimbabwe's leading natural resource innovation enterprise, unlocking the value of non-timber forest products (NTFPs), indigenous oils, and biodiversity-based solutions. We are a Startup company that operate under a public-private partnership (PPP) model with an Agroprocessing plant in Mbire District, where:

**Robestos** holds over 50% equity: The Community Share Trust and Local Council jointly hold 40%+, ensuring local ownership and inclusive development.



Non Timber Forestry Processing plant in Murehwa which is wholly owned by Robestos. Our value chains engage over 5,000 seasonal pickers (80% women), with youths forming the core of our 30-member full-time workforce. This model promotes sustainable livelihoods, industrialization, and rural empowerment in Zimbabwe's arid Regions 4 & 5.

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Sustainably Crafted, Empowering Communities, Nurturing planet



## Innovation From Nature

– Our Practical Work



### Green Tech & Climate Action Renewable-powered processing

Our Mbire plant integrates solar dryers and hybrid energy systems to reduce reliance on grid electricity.

### Biodiversity conservation & reforestation

We work with the Doma (Vadema, Tebomvura) from Mbire District; Batonga (or Tonga) from Binga District and Mwenezi District communities to replant baobab, marula, and indigenous shrubs, ensuring regenerative harvesting cycles.

### Carbon credit monetisation

Robestos is developing a community-led carbon project where avoided deforestation and tree planting can generate carbon offsets, unlocking green revenue for both the company and local households



### Agritech & Food Security

Functional foods: We are piloting baobab pulp powders and insect powders as functional foods for rural nutrition programs.

### Fortified oils & powders

Cold-pressed oils and residues (baobab, marula, mongongo) are being studied for essential fatty acid fortification and protein enrichment in school feeding programs.

### Agro-industrial hubs

Our Mbire processing centers act as mini hubs, providing employment to youth and linking 5000+ women pickers to local and export markets.



### Health Tech & Biotechnology Bioactive compounds

We are extracting and analyzing antioxidant and antimicrobial compounds from oils like resurrection bush and Lippia javanica for use in natural skincare and therapeutic products.

### Encapsulation technologies

Robestos, in partnership with the University of Zimbabwe, is developing microencapsulation of insect and seed oils to enhance stability and bioavailability in food and pharma applications.

### Cosmeceuticals

Our registered brands Scents of Zimbabwe, Distinguished Gentleman, Tsvarakadenga, and Zambezi Valley (in process) bring indigenous oils to global cosmetic and wellness markets.



## Digital & Clean Tech

### AI & IoT

We use digital moisture and oil-quality sensors in processing plants to ensure consistent extraction standards, with AI models helping forecast harvest yields. Blockchain: A traceability platform is being developed to record every batch of oil from the Doma communities in Mbire to final export ensuring authenticity and fair-trade compliance.



### Blockchain traceability

We are piloting a digital ledger that records each supply chain step – from Mwenezi marula nut harvesters to Binga NTFP collectors ensuring global buyers can verify authenticity and fair-trade sourcing.

### Clean Tech

Pressing residues (seed cakes) are being transformed into organic animal feed, fertilizers, bioenergy inputs, soil amendments, ensuring zero-waste processing.

## Our Brand Portfolio



Robestos owns and develops distinctive brands that carry Zimbabwe's heritage into global markets:

**Scents of Zimbabwe**  
Essential oils & aromatherapy line

**Distinguished Gentleman**  
Premium men's grooming & wellness products

**Tsvarakadenga**  
Natural beauty & wellness inspired by tradition

**Zambezi Valley** (in development)  
Community-rooted NTFPs for oils and wellness inspired by Mbire's biodiversity.



**Partnerships & Investment Opportunities**  
Robestos is building a next-generation natural products enterprise rooted in Biodiversity, Green Tech, Community Empowerment, Scientific Excellence. We invite collaboration in:

**Impact Investment & Green Finance**  
carbon credit monetisation, biodiversity offsets, climate-smart hubs

**Technology & Innovation**  
AI, IoT, blockchain, biotech research, clean-tech extraction

**Cosmetics, Nutraceuticals & Pharma**  
co-branding, R&D, product licensing, private label supply

**Community & Rural Development**  
expand community trust models, empower youth & women in sustainable harvesting, and integrate indigenous knowledge systems.