

# BACK HOME

Roots of a New South Africa

a documentary film  
by Marc Köbler

Three ex-prisoners return to

## ROBBEN ISLAND

the high-security prison of  
the apartheid regime.

More than a decade after the end of apartheid, the documentary BACK HOME tells the stories of three ex-prisoners who returned to their island of fate.

An unusual new reflection of contemporary history. An emotional odyssey through the past. A visual journey and behind the-scenes-investigation, narrated by the victims and their families.

BACK HOME is the story of three men who came back to live and work on the island which once changed their lives. A story of different generations, a story of a common fate and a common goal.

Robben Island was declared a high-security prison by the apartheid regime in 1960.

Tata Sindile Mngqibisa was one of the first to be deported to Robben Island in 1963, even before the most well-known prisoner Nelson Mandela arrived. Sindile and his fellow prisoners were forced to build the prison with their own hands. For 15 years Sindile had to fight for his survival on Robben Island.

Tata Elias Mzamo remembers the brutal treatment of prisoners and tells us about their survival strategies. Every morning he returns to Robben Island, the former place of pain and suffering.

Vusumzi Mcongo was jailed in 1978. Today he lives in the little village on the island which used to be the home of the warders, some hundred yards away from the former prison. - What is it that makes them go back ?

54 minutes - 90 minutes

Hilda Phoswayo

Trauma Center Cowley House

*„You did a very great job. There are also thousands of victims who never came forward with their stories.“*

Vusumzi Mcongo

Ex-prisoner Robben Island Prison

*„The film has changed our lives because many people come to us now. My family and I hope this film will reach every corner of the country and spread globally.“*

Christo Brand

Ex-warder Robben Island Prison

*„A must for everybody to see this. For people who want to know the experiences of prisoners who are not well known to the public but who have taken part in the struggle and who have never been recognized.“*

Fleur McFarlane

Exclusive Books - Cape Town

*„This is a professional documentary of high calibre, well edited and well paced, with striking visuals. This creates a moving and original statement of our history of the past forty years, told by men who are not famous but who suffered so much for their convictions*

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