



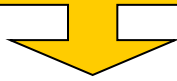
10th Biodiversity Planning Forum

7–10 May 2013, Golden Gate Highlands National Park

Forum objectives:

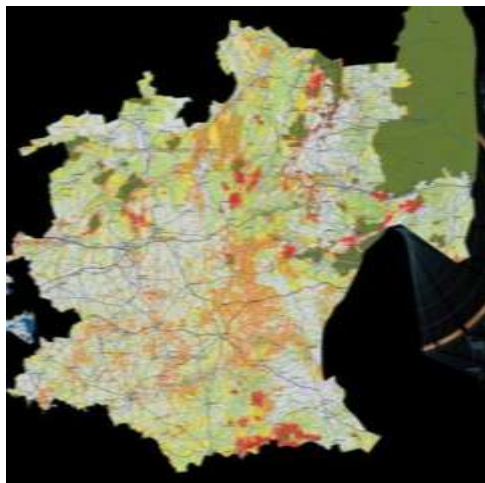
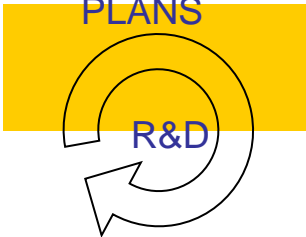
- Share lessons learnt from systematic biodiversity planning initiatives including review of implementation effectiveness
- Introduce aspects of advanced biodiversity planning
- Provide case studies that highlight the challenges of planning for implementation
- Contribute to guidelines and standards for systematic biodiversity planning
- Build networks for better communication among the various projects and agencies in the country
- Provide assistance and advice on possible funding options
- Develop capacity in the biodiversity planning sector through sharing of experiences and the introduction to new innovations
- Investigate training needs and motivate for biodiversity planning training in, for example, tertiary institutions

Where are the priorities and what needs to be done?

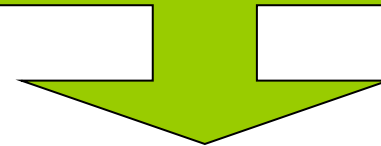


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What lessons are emerging for Biodiversity management?



IMPLEMENTATION &
POLICY ADVICE

- EIA's development decision making
- SEA's
- Biodiversity offsets
- Spatial Development Frameworks
- Protected area expansion



“Measure twice; cut once”

Cut the material improperly and the piece is ruined. It's faster to double-check than to make a mistake.



Programme overview: Tuesday 7 May 2013

Time	Venue: Golden Gate Hotel
11:00 – 13:00	REGISTRATION
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH
Time	Venue: Free State Room
Welcome and opening: new opportunities in national policy and planning and a ten year biodiversity planning retrospective	
14:00 – 14:20	Welcome and opening address, Dr Tanya Abrahamse (CEO, SANBI)
14:20 – 14:30	Introduction and Forum objectives, Kristal Maze (SANBI)
14:30 – 15:00	Keynote address: Streamlining environmental planning in Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs), Dee Fischer (DEA)
15:00 – 15:30	Ecological infrastructure: an opportunity for influencing national planning and policy, Kristal Maze (SANBI)
15:30 – 16:00	TEA
16:00 – 16:20	Who's using our maps and products? Selwyn Willoughby (SANBI)
16:20 – 16:40	The evolution of biodiversity planning in South Africa, Fahiema Daniels (SANBI)
16:40 – 17:00	Ten years of the National Biodiversity Planning Forum, Tammy Smith (SANBI)
17:00 – 18:30	Networking opportunity
18:30 for 19:00	Welcome dinner hosted by the Free State Province Official welcome and address: Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs, Free State Province

Programme overview: Wednesday 8 May 2013

Time	Venue: Free State Room	
08:30 – 10:30	Plenary: Ecological infrastructure and ecosystem services: concepts and maps	
10:30 – 11:00	TEA	
11:00 – 12:30	Plenary: Ecological infrastructure and ecosystems services: mapping, prioritisation and decision support	
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH	
Time	Venue: Free State Room	
13:30 – 15:30	Plenary: Mining and biodiversity: panel discussion	
15:30 – 16:00	TEA	
Time	Venue: Free State Room	Venue: Eland/Blesbok Rooms
16:00 – 17:30	Mining and biodiversity guidelines 101: training session	Forestry and biodiversity: tools for conservation gains
Time	Venue: Brandwag Lounge	
17:30 – 19:00	<p>Cocktail event and launch of the Classification System for Wetlands and Other Aquatic Ecosystems in South Africa</p> <p>Networking, interactive poster and exhibition display</p> <p>Please bring posters, brochures and other printed material you would like to display. As this is the 10th National Biodiversity Planning Forum you are encouraged to bring maps and products developed over the last ten years to showcase the evolution of biodiversity planning in South Africa.</p>	
19:00	DINNER	

Programme overview: Thursday 9 May 2013

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Time	Venue: Free State Room	
08:30 – 10:30	Plenary: National biodiversity planning initiatives and processes: foundations and applications	
10:30 – 11:00	TEA	
11:00 – 13:00	Plenary: Provincial biodiversity planning: latest developments	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	
Time	Venue: Free State Room	Venue: Eland/Blesbok Rooms
14:00 – 15:30	Implementing biodiversity plans: case studies, lessons and challenges	Provincial biodiversity planning: technical work session
15:30 – 16:00	TEA	
16:00 – 17:30	Ecosystem classification and tools for implementation	Provincial biodiversity planning: technical work session continued
17:30 – 19:00	Networking opportunity	
19:00	DINNER	

Programme overview: Friday 10 May 2013

Time	Venue: Free State Room
08:30 – 10:30	Developing metrics for biodiversity offsets (or why biodiversity plans are fundamental to getting offsets right)
10:30 – 11:00	TEA
Time	Venue: Free State Room
11:00 – 12:15	Plenary: Future of biodiversity planning and the next ten years
12:15 – 12:30	Close of Forum followed by lunch