10 Years of the National Biodiversity Planning Forum
2004 - 2013
Overview

• Policy products enabled/influenced by the Biodiversity Planning Forum
• Timeline of these products
• Interesting facts & figures
  – The people
  – The venues
  – The numbers
  – The programme
• Capacity and skills development
• Housekeeping
National policy products

• NSBA 2004 & NBA 2011
National policy products

- National Protected Area Expansion Strategy (NPAES)
- Provincial Protected Area Expansion Plans
National policy products

- Listing threatened terrestrial ecosystems
National policy products

- Offshore Marine Protected Area (OMPA)
National policy products

• Atlas of Freshwater Ecosystem Priority Areas in South Africa
Provincial & sub-provincial biodiversity plans

• All 9 provinces have developed or initiated provincial biodiversity plans
• Biodiversity sector plans
• Bioregional plans
Interesting facts & figures

- The people
- The venues
- The numbers
- Programme evolution
Didema (2005)  
Blyde (2006)  
Pilanesburg 2007  
Mpekweni 2008
SANBI has co-hosted the Forum with

Province of the
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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
Growth in Forum participation 2004 – 2013
Forum representation 2013

Number of participants

- National govt (DEA)
- National govt (other depts)
- SANBI
- Other public entities
- Prov environment depts
- Prov conservation agencies
- Other prov depts
- Local government
- Univ & research institutes
- NGOs
- Consultants
- Other
Special mention….. Forum stalwarts
Programme evolution

- Biodiversity Planning and Implementation Forum (2004 – 2006)
- Biodiversity Planning Forum (2007 onwards)
- 2004 – 2006 all in plenary; 2007 – 2012 had many more break-away session; 2013…
- Range of sessions and topics
- Freshwater had a presence since 2004 and now fully integrated into sessions
- First marine session held in 2007
- Ecological infrastructure and ecosystems service
Capacity and skills development

Sponsored students and interns

2008 - 2013: Total of 93 students and interns supported
Capacity and skills development

Universities represented this year:

University of Pretoria
University of KwaZulu-Natal
University of Cape Town
University of Witwatersrand
Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
University of Kent
Eduardo Mondlane University
Capacity and skills development

- Pre-Forum 2-day Biodiversity Planning Basics Session

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