

**UNLOCKING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL ON LAND
REFORM PROJECTS THAT ARE LOCATED
IN AREAS OF BIODIVERSITY IMPORTANCE
(UPDATES)**

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1. Background

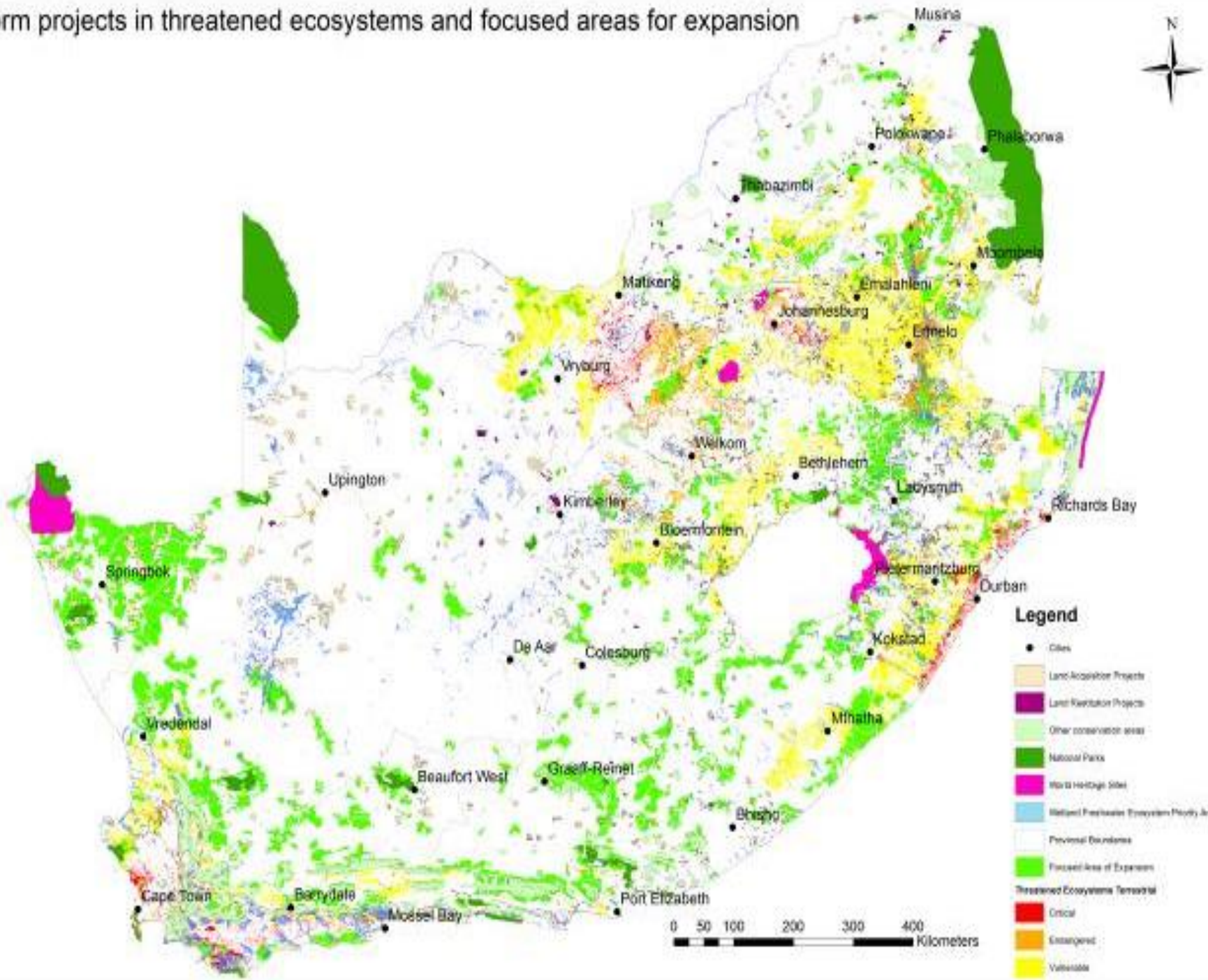
- The Guideline Document provides the LRBSI and other parties with a simple, user-friendly analytical tool.
- It helps weigh up all relevant factors when choosing projects to invest in.
- There is a complex interfaces between land reform, biodiversity conservation, livelihood generation, multiple stakeholder involvement and evolving institutional frameworks
- The NDP calls for an inclusive and integrated rural economic development framework and well implemented land reform projects to increase job creation



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Land reform projects in threatened ecosystems and focused areas for expansion



2. Project Identification criteria

- The exercise looks at biodiversity status, the economic potential, the institutional arrangements and the social factors within the land reform project.

3. Application of criteria

- Biodiversity assessment may be done by a government officials with site assessment forms when conducting field assessments in order to ensure that the data obtained is standardise (Forms may be province specific)

NB: KwaZulu Natal (KZN) and the Western Cape have much higher capacity and systems

3. Application of criteria

- Economic criterion
 - current livelihood strategies of the individuals or group or community.
 - current land use practices and the potential economic use of the resources (highly diverse ones) for economic benefit (tourism, grazing or water).

Critical infrastructure
- Institutional arrangements assessment should consider what structures are in place and how they may fit with opportunities available

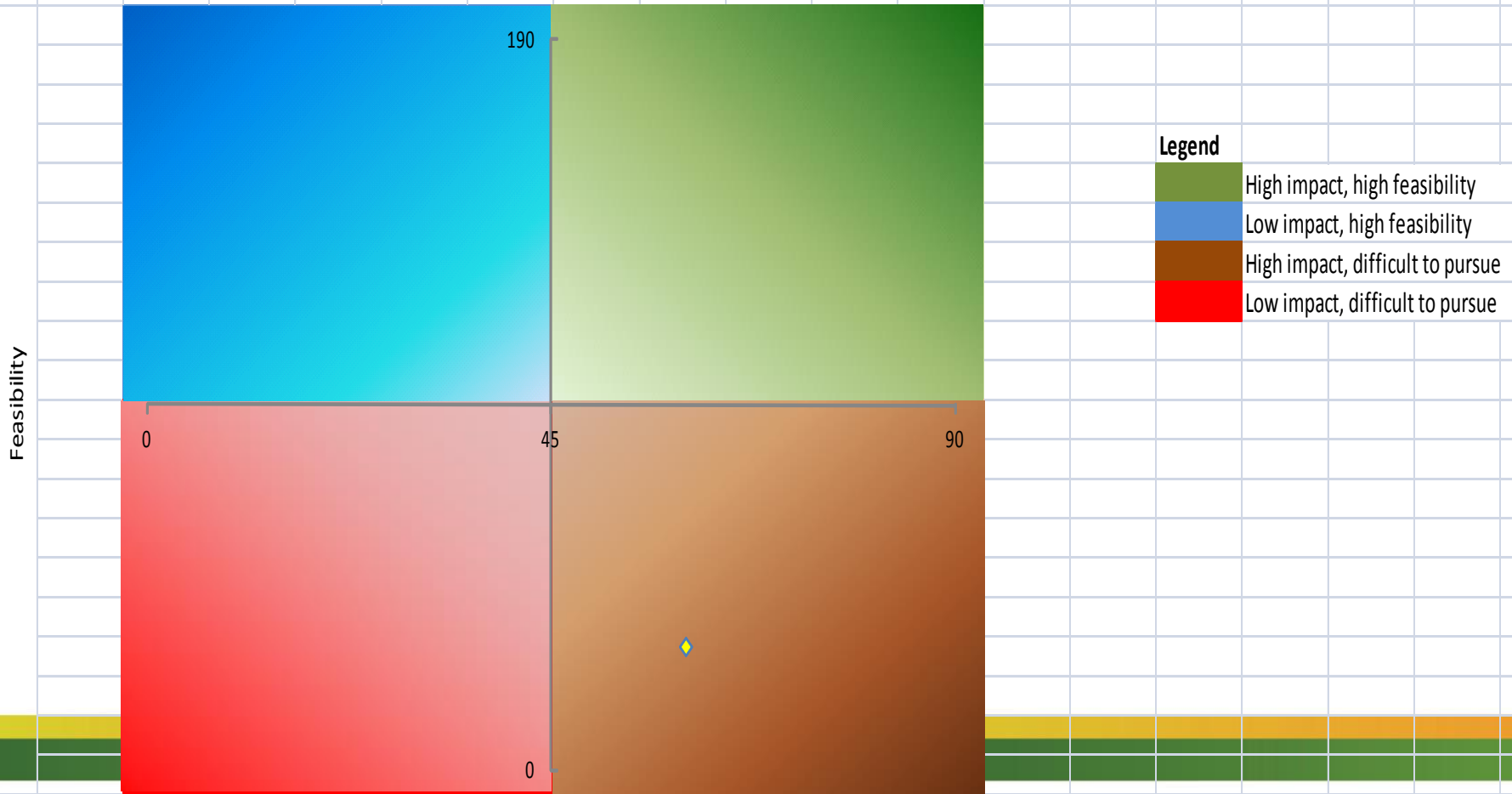


3. Application of criteria

- Social assessment should
 - include willingness and readiness of the local communities to take part in the LRBSI.
 - Disputes with neighbouring communities or political disputes should also be looked at, particularly in terms of the right to use the proposed property.
 - The social structures such as leadership and tribal structures should be assessed as well as the inheritance systems including land tenure and decision-making rights

4. Matrix Evaluation

DECISION MAKING MATRIX



Legend

- High impact, high feasibility
- Low impact, high feasibility
- High impact, difficult to pursue
- Low impact, difficult to pursue

Coordination Mechanism

Step 1: Applying to LRBSI for assistance



Requests

Department of Rural
Development and Land
Reform (DRDLR)-SPLUM

DRDLR – SPLUM receives and acknowledges requests, assesses them for completeness and monitors progress from start to finish

Step 2: Evaluating Applications & Decision Making

DRDLR

DEA

SANBI

Steering Committee

Steering Committee (SC) evaluates requests and conducts field assessments. Successful requests are passed on to the Project Management Unit (PMU)

Step 3: Resource Mobilisation

DEA

DRDLR

SANBI

EDD

DoT

Other

Project Management Unit
(PMU)

SIF

Private
sector

Donors

NGOs

The PMU prepares projects for implementation with clear deliverables, timelines and sufficient budget. The PMU sources funding and secure partners with Implementing Partners

Step 4: Implementation

Implementing Partners

Implementing Partners work closely with communities. They enter into a formal agreement with LRBSI and the target community.

6. Preparation of Projects

- In order for project models to be successful, eight fundamental elements need to be considered and adhered to. These are:
 - Selection
 - Preparation
 - Planning
 - Capacity building
 - Clear ownership and control
 - Partnerships and the involvement of other parties
 - Monitoring and Evaluation
 - An exit strategy where applicable



7. Status of the Document

- Draft available
- Hope to implemented in the next financial Year (approval of budgets is key)

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