



# 2014 Biodiversity Planning Forum

13–16 May, Mpekweni Beach Resort, Eastern Cape

| Programme overview: Tuesday 13 May 2014 |  |
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| <b>Time</b>                             | <b>Venue: Mpekweni Beach Resort, Eastern Cape</b>  |
| 11:00 – 13:00                           | REGISTRATION   |
| 13:00 – 14:00                           | LUNCH  |
| <b>Time</b>                             | <b>Venue: Sandpiper</b>  |
| 14:00 – 14:20                           | Welcome, introduction and Forum objectives, Kristal Maze (SANBI)   |
| 14:20 – 15:00                           | Keynote address: Putting Key Biodiversity Areas in a systematic conservation planning context, Robert Smith (University of Kent)   |
| 15:00 – 15:30                           | Keynote address 2: The Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (SPLUMA) (TBC)   |
| 15:30 – 16:00                           | TEA  |
| 16:00 – 17:30                           | National highlights, new projects and updates  |
| 17:30 – 19:00                           | Interactive poster and exhibition display sponsored by the SANBI Invasive Species Programme<br><b>Please bring posters, maps, brochures and other printed material you would like to display</b> |
| 19:00                                   | DINNER   |

## Session descriptions and presentations: Tuesday 13 May 2014

### Plenary session: Welcome and opening

**Venue: Sandpiper**

**Facilitator:** Kristal Maze

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### Plenary session: National highlights, new projects and updates

**Venue: Sandpiper**

**Facilitator:** Kristal Maze

**Description**

This session includes a series of presentations providing updates on national initiatives and processes including highlights of some of the key biodiversity planning achievements over the past year. Some of these presentations provide an introduction to more detailed discussion sessions later in the Forum programme.

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| 16:00 – 17:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Biodiversity planning highlights for 2013-14, <b>Tammy Smith</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>2. Beyond data: innovation in biodiversity informatics, <b>Selwyn Willoughby</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>3. An update of the Municipal Biodiversity Summaries project, <b>Norma Malatji</b> (SANBI), Fahiema Daniels (SANBI), Tsamaelo Malebu (SANBI) &amp; <b>Kensani Mangena</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>4. Invasive species: new regulations, new era? Opportunities and obligations for biodiversity planners, <b>Philip Ivey</b> (SANBI), John Wilson (CIB/SANBI), Phetole Manyama (SANBI) &amp; Ingrid Nänni (SANBI)</li> <li>5. SANBI's draft National Biodiversity Monitoring Framework, <b>Heather Terrapon</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>6. Towards the development of the South African National Environmental Management of the Ocean, <b>Yamkela Mngxe</b> (DEA, O&amp;C), Zintle Mapekula (DEA, O&amp;C) &amp; Millicent Makoala (DEA, O&amp;C)</li> <li>7. Progress: designing the national climate change monitoring &amp; evaluation system, Brian Mantlana (DEA) (TBC)</li> </ol> |
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| <b>Programme overview: Wednesday 14 May 2014</b> |  |  |
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| <b>Time</b>                                      | <b>Venue: Sandpiper</b>  |  |
| 08:30 – 10:30                                    | Plenary: Mapping ecological infrastructure to inform policy and decision-making                                    |  |
| 10:30 – 11:00                                    | TEA  |  |
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| <b>Time</b>                                      | <b>Venue: Sandpiper</b>  | <b>Venue: Oystercatcher</b>  |
| 14:00 – 15:30                                    | New regulations for invasive species: exploring implications and opportunities linked to spatial data and planning | Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs): work session on the development of a constraints framework for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the expansion of Electricity Grid Infrastructure (SIP10) |
| 15:30 – 16:00                                    | TEA  |  |
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| 17:30 – 19:00                                    | Intern and student meet-and-greet and networking opportunity   |  |
| 19:00  | DINNER   |  |

**Session descriptions and presentations: Wednesday 14 May 2014**

**Plenary session: Mapping ecological infrastructure to inform policy and decision-making**

**Venue: Sandpiper**

**Facilitator:** Jeanne Nel

**Description**

This double session includes a quick introduction to the concept of ecological infrastructure and how it is being taken up in policy and practice in South Africa, and an overview of issues related to mapping ecological infrastructure at different spatial scales. A series of presentations on projects or initiatives that involve mapping ecological infrastructure and/or ecosystem services, from national through to local scale, will give us a sense of the scope of work that is currently underway. We will use this as the basis for an exploratory discussion on principles or ingredients for mapping ecological infrastructure, and a possible conceptual framework, as well as strategic priorities for taking this work forward as the biodiversity planning community.

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| 08:30 – 10:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Overview of the concept of ecological infrastructure and its uptake, <b>Mandy Driver</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>2. Project for Ecosystem Services: mapping ecological infrastructure at multiple scales, <b>Jeanne Nel</b> (CSIR), Belinda Reyers (CSIR) &amp; Patrick O'Farrell (CSIR)</li> </ol> <p><i>National scale</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. South Africa's Strategic Water Source Areas: supply, demand and utility, <b>Janis Smith</b> (CSIR), Jeanne Nel (CSIR), David Le Maitre (CSIR) &amp; Nadia Sitas (CSIR)</li> <li>4. Using spatial data as a tool for prioritising investment in natural resource management, <b>Fahiema Daniels</b> (SANBI), Mark Botha (Conservation Strategy, Tactics and Insights) &amp; Jeffrey Manuel (SANBI)</li> </ol> <p><i>Catchment scale</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Prioritising ecological infrastructure to maintain livelihoods and water security in Lesotho, <b>Catherine (Kate) Pringle</b> (INR), Leo Quayle (INR) &amp; Pearl Mzobe (INR)</li> <li>6. Mapping ecological infrastructure in the Mzimvubu catchment, <b>Stephen Holness</b> (NMMU)</li> </ol> <p><i>District scale</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Ecosystem services mapping in the Uthukela District Municipality: a significant step towards Integrated Natural Resource Management, <b>Leo Quayle</b> (INR) &amp; Catherine Pringle (INR)</li> </ol> <p><i>Local scale</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Mapping food and livelihood security in communal areas: invasive alien species impacts on grazing services, <b>Thozamile Yapi</b> (CSIR) &amp; Patrick O'Farrell (CSIR)</li> </ol> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | TEA  |

### Session descriptions and presentations: Wednesday 14 May 2014

#### Plenary session: Mapping ecological infrastructure to inform policy and decision-making continued

**Venue:** Sandpiper

**Facilitator:** Jeanne Nel

#### Description

This is a continuation of the previous session (see description above)

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| 11:00 – 13:00 | <p>Welcome back to the session, Jeanne Nel</p> <p><i>Local scale continued</i></p> <p>9. Operationalising risk maps through using integrated biophysical and participatory mapping approaches, <b>Nabeel Rylands</b> (Western Cape Government)</p> <p>10. Landscape-scale ecological functionality of the Knysna Buffer Zone, Garden Route National Park, <b>Maretha Alant</b> (SANParks) &amp; Johan Baard (SANParks)</p> <p>11. Honeybee forage resources important for pollination services, <b>Ruan Veldtman</b> (SANBI/Stellenbosch University), Jonathan Colville (Stellenbosch University), Tlou Masehela (Stellenbosch University), James Hutton-Squire (Stellenbosch University), Carol Poole (SANBI) &amp; Mike Allsopp (Stellenbosch University)</p> <p>Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Towards key ingredients / principles / conceptual framework for mapping ecological infrastructure</li> <li>• Strategic data gaps and priorities for mapping ecological infrastructure</li> </ul> |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | LUNCH   |

#### Afternoon parallel sessions (14:00 – 17:30)

##### Parallel session 1: New regulations for invasive species: exploring implications and opportunities linked to spatial data and planning

**Venue:** Sandpiper

**Facilitator:** Philip Ivey

#### Description

This session focuses on the new regulations on invasive species which are due to be published shortly and the resulting implications and opportunities linked to the gathering of new spatial data, and the collation and management of existing spatial data. A number of presentations will be provided to help set the scene for the discussion in the second part of this session.

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| 14:00 – 15:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to the session, <b>Philip Ivey</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>2. Marine alien and invasive species, <b>Siyasanga Miza</b> (SANBI), Prideel Majiedt (SANBI) &amp; Kerry Sink (SANBI)</li> <li>3. An assessment of the invasive status of <i>Berberis</i> L. in South Africa and potential control methods, <b>Dan'sile Cindi</b> (SANBI) &amp; Jan-Hendrik Keet (University of Free State/SANBI)</li> <li>4. Assessing the invasiveness and potential for eradication for <i>Pueraria montana</i> var. <i>lobata</i> in South Africa, <b>Bongani Mashele</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>5. <i>Lilium formosanum</i>: SANBI's contribution to containing its spread in KwaZulu-Natal, <b>Ntombifuthi Mthimkhulu</b> (SANBI) &amp; Ingrid Nänni (SANBI)</li> </ol> |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | TEA  |

**Session descriptions and presentations: Wednesday 14 May 2014**

**Afternoon parallel sessions (14:00 – 17:30) continued**

**Parallel session 1: New regulations for invasive species: exploring implications and opportunities linked to spatial data and planning continued**

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| 16:00 – 17:30 | <p>6. Management of the invasive cord grass, <i>Spartina alterniflora</i>, in the Groot Brak Estuary: challenges and progress, <b>Ernita van Wyk</b> (SANBI), Virgil Jacobs (SANBI), Nolwethu Jubase (SANBI), Janine Adams (NMMU) &amp; Taryn Riddin (NMMU)</p> <p>7. An overview of the impacts of invasive plant species on water resources and river systems in South Africa, <b>David Le Maitre</b> (CSIR), Greg Forsyth (CSIR), Sebinasi Dzikiti (CSIR) &amp; Mark Gush (CSIR)</p> <p>Discussion on implications and opportunities linked to spatial data and planning</p> |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | Intern and student meet-and-greet and networking opportunity  |
| 19:00         | DINNER  |

**Parallel session 2: Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs): work session on the development of a constraints framework for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the expansion of Electricity Grid Infrastructure (SIP10)**

**Venue:** Oystercatcher

**Facilitator:** Jeffrey Manuel

**Description**

Over the past nine months, DEA have initiated Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) to support the 18 Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs) as identified by the President. This particular SEA has been initiated in response to SIP 10: Electricity transmission and distribution for all. As part of the SEA, the CSIR in partnership with SANBI will assess the suitability of the area within the corridors for electricity grid expansion from an environmental, social and economic perspective. The aim of this session is to present the environmental, land use and technical criteria that have so far been identified as key constraints to consider for the planning and route determination of Eskom transmission lines and associated infrastructure, and to then discuss the draft constraints framework that is being proposed.

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| 14:00 – 15:30 | <p>1. Background and introduction to this SEA, <b>Marshall Mabin</b> (CSIR)</p> <p>2. Methodology of the SEA, compared with other Electricity Grid Infrastructure SEAs, <b>Marshall Mabin</b> (CSIR)</p> <p>3. Review of draft constraints framework, <b>Fahiema Daniels</b> (SANBI)</p> |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | TEA  |
| 16:00 – 17:30 | 4. Discussion on draft constraints framework   |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | Intern and student meet-and-greet and networking opportunity   |
| 19:00         | DINNER   |

| <b>Programme overview: Thursday 15 May 2014</b> |   |  |
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| <b>Time</b>                                     | <b>Venue: Sandpiper</b>   |  |
| 08:30 – 10:00                                   | Plenary: Update on the National Biodiversity Assessment 2017 and the National Ecosystem Classification System   |  |
| 10:00 – 10:30                                   | TEA   |  |
| <b>Time</b>                                     | <b>Venue: Sandpiper</b>   | <b>Venue: Oystercatcher</b>            |
| 10:30 – 12:30                                   | Protected Areas   | Workshop on Wetland Offsets Guidelines |
| 12:30 – 13:30                                   | LUNCH   |  |
| <b>Time</b>                                     | <b>Venue: Sandpiper</b>   |  |
| 13:30 – 15:30                                   | Plenary: National and provincial biodiversity planning initiatives and processes: latest developments, including development of technical guideline for biodiversity planning |  |
| 15:30 – 16:00                                   | TEA   |  |
| 16:00 – 17:30                                   | Plenary: Implementing biodiversity plans: case studies, lessons and challenges  |  |
| 17:30 – 19:00                                   | Networking opportunity  |  |
| 19:00   | DINNER  |  |

### Session descriptions and presentations: Thursday 15 May 2014

#### Plenary session: Update on the National Biodiversity Assessment 2017 and the National Ecosystem Classification System

**Venue:** Sandpiper

**Facilitator:** John Donaldson

**Description**

This session will update participants on plans for the National Biodiversity Assessment (NBA) 2017, which follows from the NBA 2011 and the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment (NSBA) 2004. It will also review progress on the establishment of the emerging National Ecosystem Classification System, which underpins much biodiversity planning and ecosystem assessment work. Presentations will deal with various aspects of ecosystem classification in the terrestrial, freshwater and marine environments.

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| 08:30 – 10:00 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Introduction to session: update on the National Biodiversity Assessment 2017 and progress with the National Ecosystem Classification System, <b>John Donaldson</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>2. Developments with the National Vegetation Map, Database and National Ecosystem Classification System, <b>Les Powrie</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>3. Mapping coastal systems: lessons learnt from zipping together the land and sea, <b>Linda Harris</b> (NMMU)</li> <li>4. Update on the National Wetland Inventory, <b>Namhla Mbona</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>5. Environmental impact regulation efficacy and the cost of colloquial vegetation nomenclature of forest/thicket and its effect on decision-making, <b>Benjamin Walton</b> (CapeNature)</li> </ol> |
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| 10:00 – 10:30 | TEA |
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#### Morning parallel sessions (10:30 – 12:30)

##### Parallel session 1: Protected Areas

**Venue:** Sandpiper

**Facilitator:** Fulufhelo Mukhadi

**Description**

This session on Protected Areas will cover a range of topics related to South Africa's Protected Areas and their expansion in both the terrestrial and marine environments.

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| 10:30 – 12:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update on the Protected Area Register, <b>Sibongile Mampe</b> (DEA)</li> <li>2. The case for biodiversity stewardship and private protected areas, <b>Tracey Cumming</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>3. Identifying Ecologically and Biologically Significant Areas (EBSAs) in South Africa, <b>Tsamaelo Malebu</b> (SANBI) &amp; Kerry Sink (SANBI)</li> <li>4. Protected area expansion priorities for threatened plants in South Africa, <b>Lize von Staden</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>5. Making the case for Protected Areas in Limpopo, <b>Philip Desmet</b> (ECOSOL GIS) &amp; Julia Cloete (ECOSOL GIS)</li> <li>6. The role of the National Forests Act of 1998 and preceding acts in the establishment of forest protected areas, <b>Izak van der Merwe</b> (DAFF)</li> <li>7. Status of biosphere reserves in South Africa, <b>Tendamudzimu Munyai</b> (SANBI)</li> </ol> |
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| 12:30 – 13:30 | LUNCH |
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**Session descriptions and presentations: Thursday 15 May 2014**

**Parallel session 2: Wetland Offsets Guidelines Workshop**

**Venue: Oystercatcher**

**Facilitator:** Stephen Holness & John Dini

**Description**

Offsets represent an important final stage in the application of the mitigation hierarchy, and provide a key opportunity to deal with remaining significant residual impacts on biodiversity and associated ecosystem services once the opportunities for avoidance, minimization and rehabilitation have been exhausted. However, there has generally been little clarity in terms of how offsets should be applied, what offsets are required, how they are calculated, and so on. Therefore SANBI, together with the Department of Water Affairs (DWA), has been developing a set of Wetland Offsets Guidelines. These are technical guidelines on the application of wetland offsets, in order to define best-practice and establish a framework for the robust and consistent application of wetland offsets in South Africa. This workshop session is designed to give biodiversity planners an insight into the guidelines and their underlying concepts. The session will open with an introduction to the National Biodiversity Offsets Framework and then provide a rapid introduction to the guidelines. It will focus on the key content of the guidelines, including the refinement of biodiversity offset objectives to better deal with wetlands and water resources, and interactively explore the offset calculation ratios for wetland protection, wetland functionality (including ecosystem services and water resource objectives) and importance for threatened species.

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| 10:30 – 12:30 | 1. National Biodiversity Offsets Framework, Jeffrey Manuel (SANBI)<br>2. Introduction to the Wetland Offsets Guidelines, Stephen Holness (SANBI Grasslands Programmes/NMMU) |
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| 12:30 – 13:30 | LUNCH |
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**Plenary session: National and provincial biodiversity planning initiatives and processes: latest developments, including development of technical guideline for biodiversity planning**

**Venue: Sandpiper**

**Facilitator:** Tammy Smith

**Description**

This session provides an opportunity for information sharing and discussion on some of the technical issues related to national and provincial biodiversity planning initiatives and processes in the country. It will also provide an opportunity for those provinces that have recently completed or are finalizing their provincial biodiversity plans to showcase their progress.

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| 13:30 – 15:30 | 1. Technical requirements for developing a bioregional plan, <b>Fahiema Daniels</b> (SANBI) and Mandy Driver (SANBI)<br>2. Hitting the target and missing the point, <b>Genevieve Pence</b> (CapeNature)<br>3. Habitat modification analysis, <b>Smiso Bhengu</b> (SANBI)<br>4. Update on marine biodiversity planning, <b>Mandy Driver</b> (SANBI)<br>5. Biodiversity planning in Limpopo, <b>Vincent Egan</b> (LEDET)<br>6. The Free State Provincial Biodiversity Plan: progress report, <b>Nacelle Collins</b> (FS DEDTEA)<br>7. Incorporating climate change and connectivity into the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), <b>Mervyn Lötter</b> (MPTA)<br>8. When best available science is no longer good enough: the lifespan of a systematic biodiversity plan, <b>Kerry Maree</b> (CapeNature), Genevieve Pence (CapeNature) & Mellisa Naiker (DEADP)<br>9. KZN Biodiversity Spatial Planning Terms and Processes document and biodiversity sector plans, <b>Felicity Elliot</b> (EKZNW) & Boyd Escott (EKZNW)<br>10. Bioregional Plan Toolkit, <b>Sagwata Manyike</b> (SANBI) |
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| 15:30 – 16:00 | TEA |
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**Session descriptions and presentations: Thursday 15 May 2014**

**Plenary session: Implementing biodiversity plans: case studies, lessons and challenges**

**Venue: Sandpiper**

**Facilitator:** Fahiemah Daniels

**Description**

This session focuses on the implementation of biodiversity plans and will highlight some of the opportunities created and challenges experienced. The aim of the session is to discuss issues raised and generate user feedback for biodiversity planners and fellow implementers to consider as they develop strategies to implement biodiversity plans further.

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| 16:00 – 17:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. UPDATE! Mainstreaming Biodiversity into Spatial Development Frameworks (SDFs): How well is the Western Cape doing?, <b>Melissa Naiker</b> (DEADP) and Kerry Maree (CapeNature)</li> <li>2. The implications of a new planning legislative framework for biodiversity planning in the Western Cape, <b>Clyde Lamberts</b> and Rhett Smart (CapeNature)</li> <li>3. How to interpret and integrate biodiversity plans in today's spatial planning imbroglio, <b>Boyd Escott</b> (EKZNN)</li> <li>4. Conservation Plans: Do we have too many? An implementation perspective, <b>Dominic Wieners</b> (EKZNN)</li> <li>5. Implementation of biodiversity plans: challenges and opportunities: the Ekurhuleni experience, <b>Sydney Nkosi</b> (Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality), Patricia Sithebe (Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality) &amp; Elsabeth van der Merwe (Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality)</li> <li>6. Facilitating sustainable property development and human settlements whilst promoting conservation in the City of Cape Town, <b>Julia Wood</b> (City of Cape Town), Patricia Holmes (City of Cape Town) &amp; Clifford Dorse (City of Cape Town)</li> <li>7. Introducing the "Minimum requirements for integrating biodiversity considerations into land-use planning and integrated environmental management", <b>Willeen Olivier</b> (DEA) &amp; Wilma Lutsch (DEA)</li> </ol> |
| 17:30 – 19:00 | Networking opportunity  |
| 19:00         | DINNER  |

**Programme overview: Friday 16 May 2014**

| <b>Time</b>   | <b>Venue: Sandpiper</b>                              |
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| 08:30 – 10:30 | Plenary: Web-based tools and mobile applications     |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | TEA  |
| <b>Time</b>   | <b>Venue: Sandpiper</b>                              |
| 11:00 – 12:15 | Plenary: Way forward for Biodiversity Planning Forum |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Close of Forum followed by lunch (pack lunches)      |

## Session descriptions and presentations: Friday 16 May 2014

### Plenary session: Web-based tools and mobile applications

**Venue:** Sandpiper

**Facilitator:** Selwyn Willoughby

**Description**

This session will explore the application of technology and tools in support of our biodiversity agenda. A series of presentations will be presented on web-based tools, mobile applications and citizen science projects, all of which move us towards the process of transferring data into knowledge.

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| 08:30 – 10:30 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extreme makeover: the LUDS edition, <b>Sediqa Khatieb</b> (SANBI) &amp; Martin Cocks (University of Western Cape)</li> <li>2. Biodiversity GIS Land Use Decision Support (LUDS) tool: a semantic web-based tool for environmental and biodiversity planning in South Africa, <b>Martin Cocks</b> (University of Western Cape) &amp; Richard Knight (University of Western Cape)</li> <li>3. Developing web-based and mobile applications to implement the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan, <b>Mervyn Lötter</b> (MTPA)</li> <li>4. Using ESRI mobile application to improve mapping in the Mpumalanga province, <b>Namhla Mbona</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>5. SeaKeys: unlocking foundational marine biodiversity knowledge, <b>Prideel Majiedt</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>6. From paper to cloud: elevating text from specimens and field notes to the web, <b>Les Powrie</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>7. iSpot developments, <b>Tony Rebelo</b> (SANBI)</li> <li>8. Enabling evidence-based policy making in Africa, <b>Russell Galt</b> (SANBI)</li> </ol> |
| 10:30 – 11:00 | TEA   |

### Plenary session: Future of the Biodiversity Planning Forum

**Venue:** Sandpiper

**Facilitator:** Selwyn Willoughby and Mandy Driver

**Description**

2014 sees the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive National Biodiversity Planning Forum being held. The Forum has grown extensively over the years and the topics presented and discussed have been many and varied. This session will consider how the community of practice has grown and developed over the last eleven years and discuss the future of the Biodiversity Planning Forum and the role it should play going forward.

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| 11:00 – 12:15 | Discussion: future of the Biodiversity Planning Forum |
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### Close of Forum

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| 12:15 – 12:30 | Evaluation, thanks and close of Forum |
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| 12:30 | LUNCH (pack lunches) |
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