



2014 Biodiversity Planning Forum

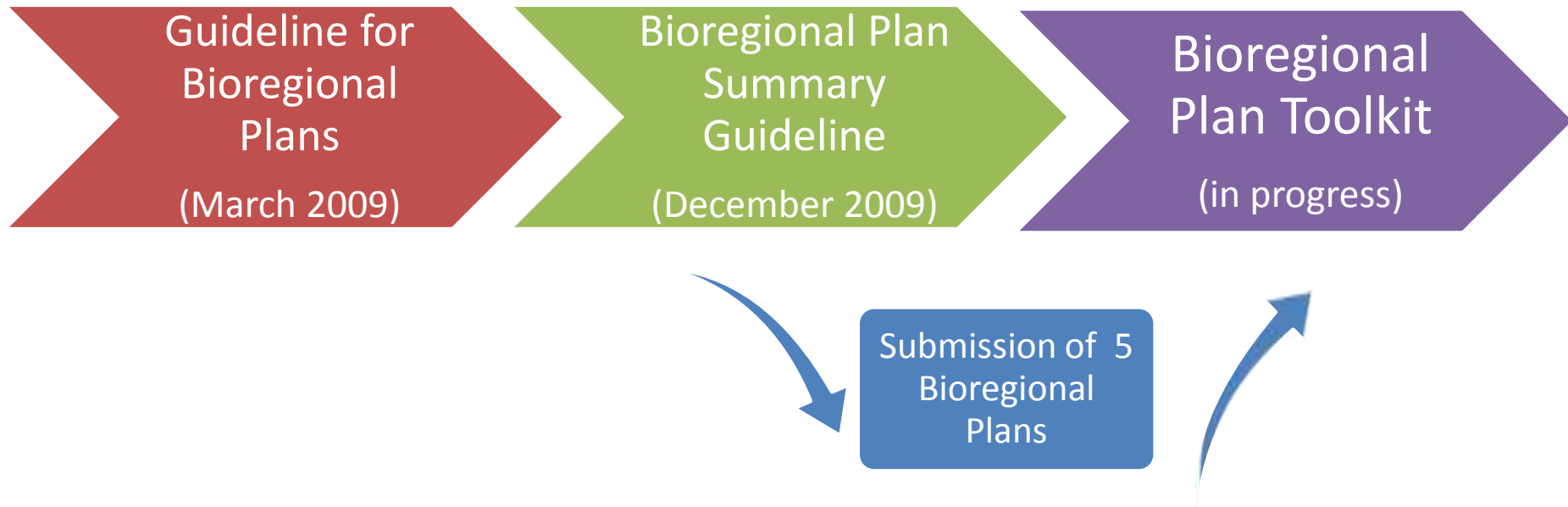
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Bioregional Plan Toolkit



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Introduction to Toolkit



Draft outline of Toolkit

- Introduction
- Technical Guidelines
- Content of a Bioregional Plan
- Process & Consultation Report
- Lexicon for Biodiversity Planning in South Africa
- Additional Supporting Information
- Lessons Learned

Introduction to Toolkit

- Relationship between systematic biodiversity plans and bioregional plans
- Roles and responsibilities during the development of a bioregional plan
- Timeframes

Systematic biodiversity planning process

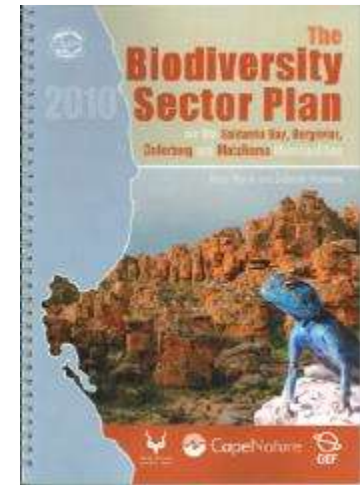
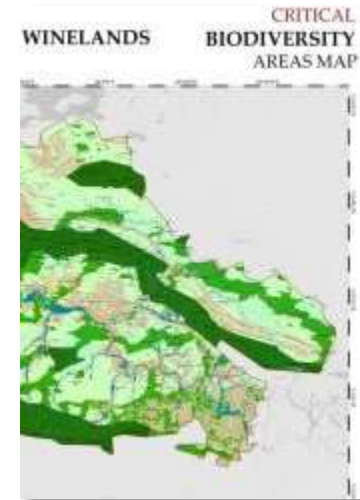
Biodiversity Plan (showing CBAs)

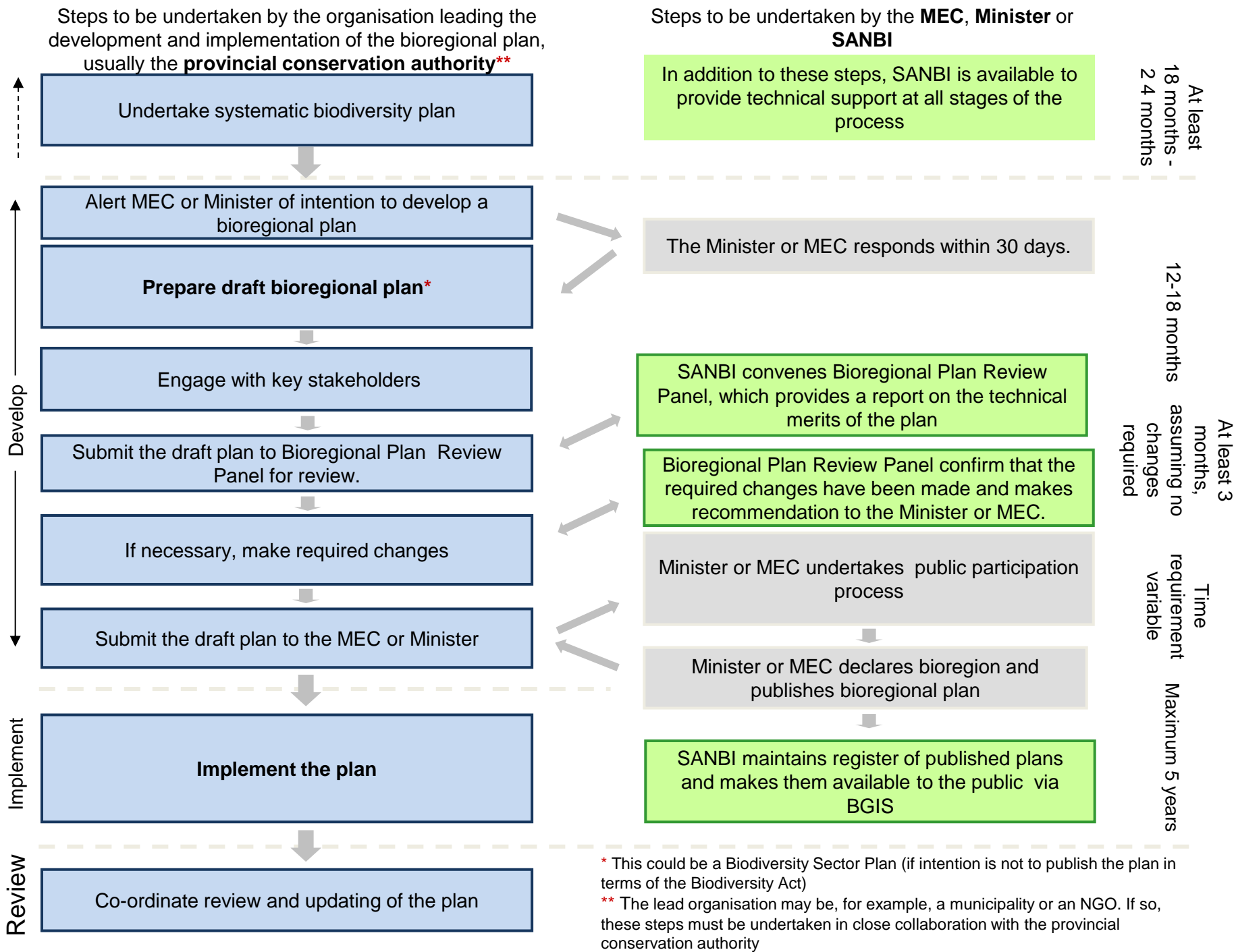
... plus profile and land-use guidelines

Biodiversity sector plan

... plus process of publishing in terms of Biodiversity Act

Bioregional plan





Content of a Bioregional Plan

- This section will describe how a bioregional plan should be put together (section A-E)
- And what should and should not go into each section

Process and Consultation Report

- The Process & Consultation Report aims to identify areas of conflict with this plan and any other plan and to address how the differences will be dealt with
- The Toolkit will include a guideline on how to structure and package the Process & Consultation Report
- And what types of information should and should not be included

Lexicon for Biodiversity Planning in South Africa

- This will include a recommended set of standardised definitions (e.g. terms taken from the NBA, 2011) that should be used in all biodiversity planning to ensure consistency in the use of terminology-especially for the general public

Additional Supporting Material

- Draft Terms of Reference for developing a bioregional plan
- Suggested template letters to be used for:
 - Initiating a bioregional plan
 - Submitting the bioregional plan to the Bioregional Plan Review Panel
 - Submitting the bioregional plan to the Minister/MEC

Lessons Learnt

- These will be a set of experiences learnt from the bioregional plan process to date
- It will provide guidance on how to streamline the process
- And it will provide recommendations from the biodiversity planning community to anyone developing a bioregional plan

Discussion / Questions?

- The draft Toolkit is being reviewed internally and will be refined with Provinces & Metros later this year
- If you have any thoughts on the Toolkit or would like to become more involved in its development, please feel free to contact me at S.Manyike@sanbi.org.za