



Purpose, programme and logistics

Overview

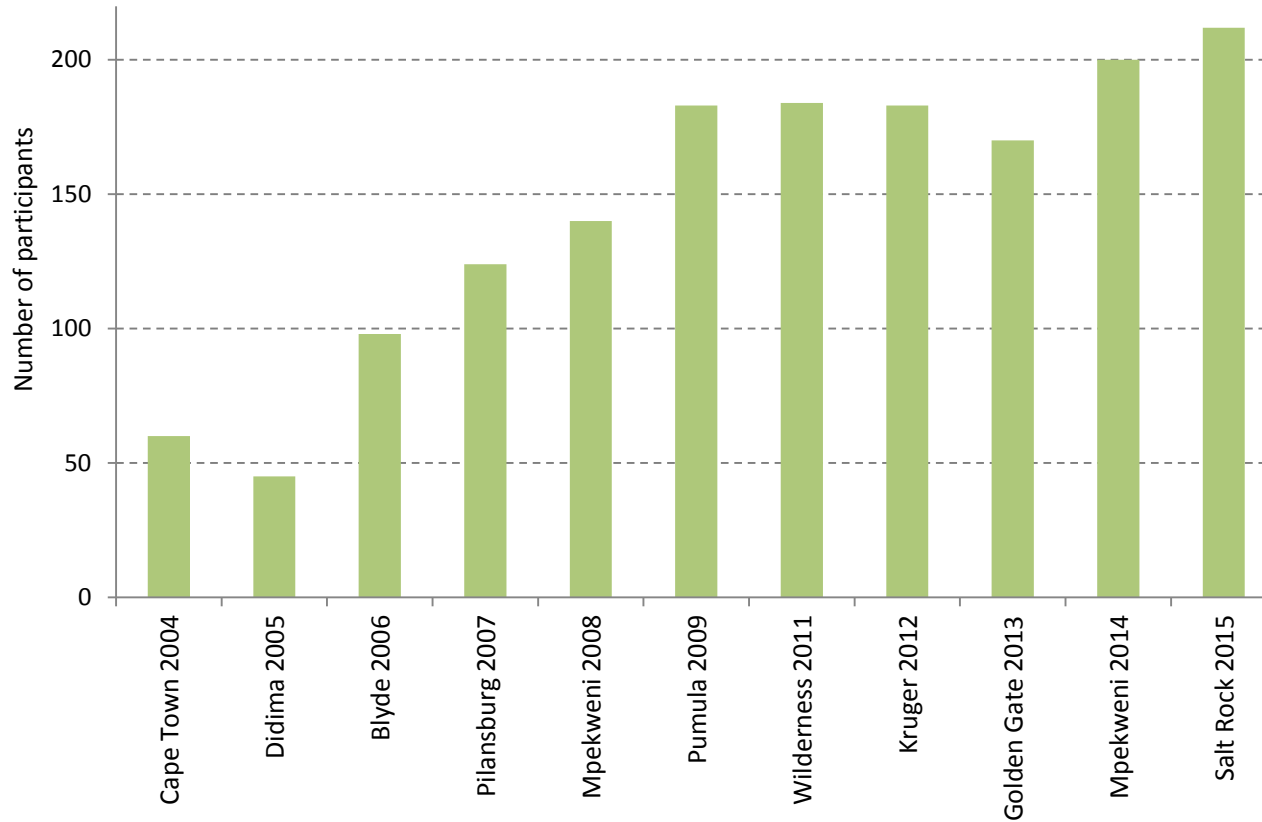
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A brief history



Forum growth 2004 - 2015



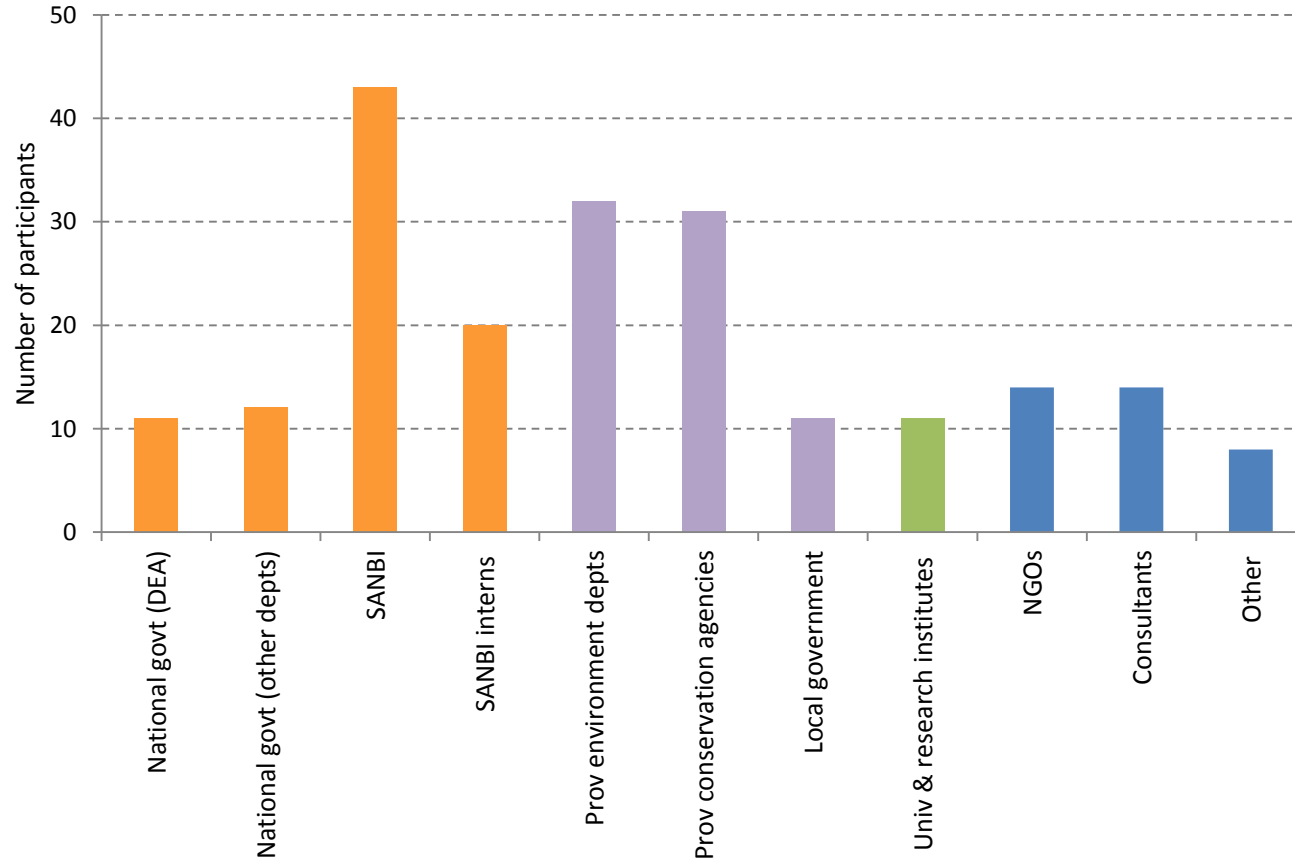


Forum objectives

- 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
- Develop capacity in the biodiversity planning sector through sharing of experiences and the introduction to new innovations



Forum representation 2015



Why we are here?



Systematic biodiversity planning

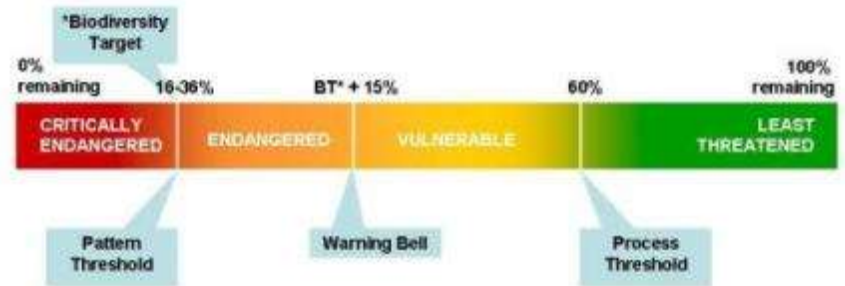
WHAT?

Biodiversity pattern

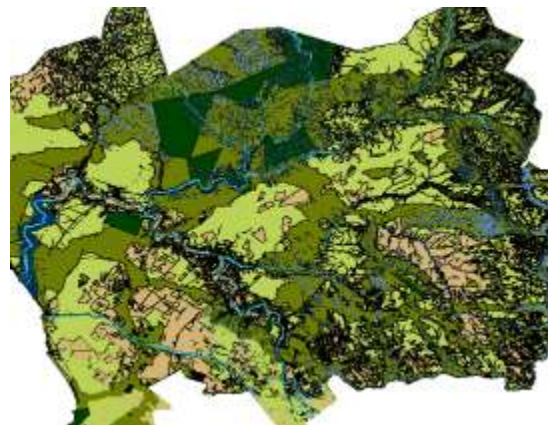
Ecological processes



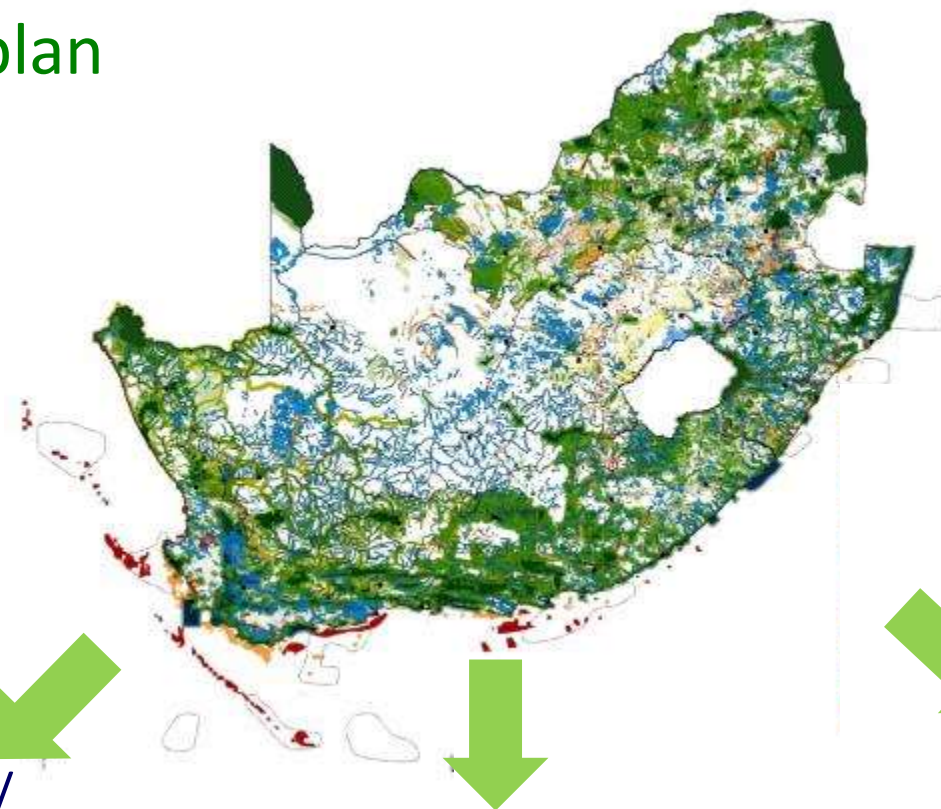
HOW MUCH?



WHERE?



3-way action plan



Reduce loss / maintain in good condition

- Land use planning
- EIAs
- Mining guideline
- Classification of water resources

Protect

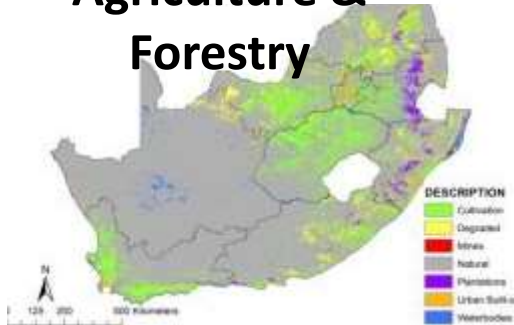
- PA expansion strategy
- Biodiversity stewardship
- Management effectiveness in PAs

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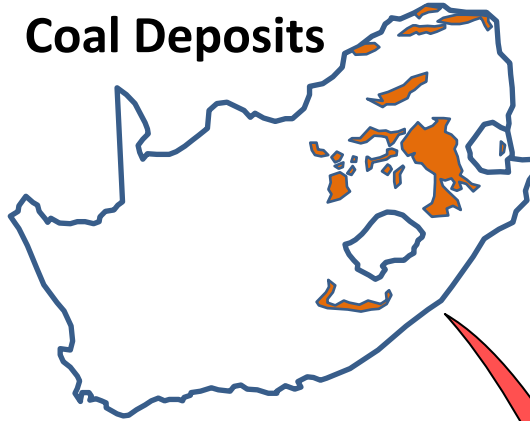
- Env public works
- Spatial info to inform broader NRM work
- Pilots to show value of ecol infrastructure

Transforming and optimising development

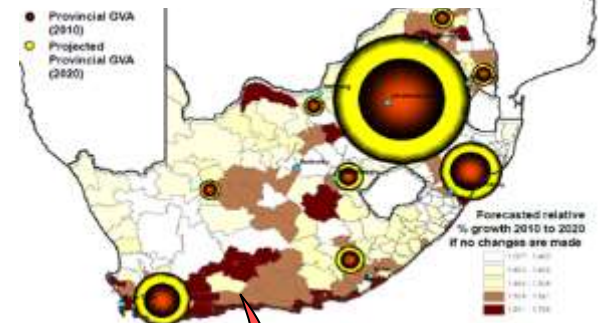
Agriculture & Forestry



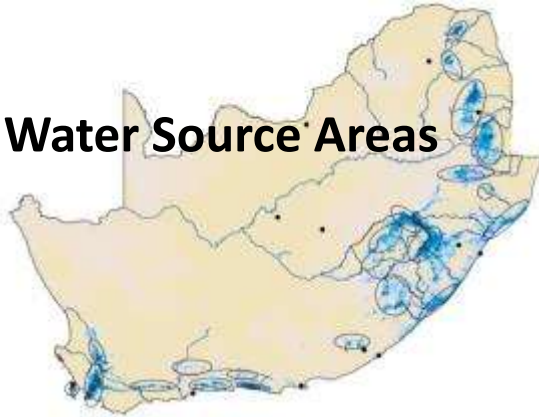
Coal Deposits



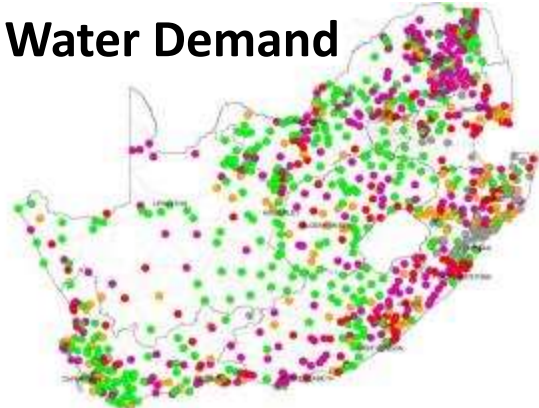
Economic Development



Water Source Areas



Water Demand



**Strategic
development
planning**

Key themes

- Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs)
- Protected area expansion
- Ecosystem classification and mapping
- Assessing and mapping ecological condition
- Implementation of biodiversity plans
- Innovative approaches and methodologies



Workshops and discussions

- SPLUMA
- Guidelines for invasive species management plans
- Setting biodiversity targets for species
- National Land Cover 2013/14
- Strengthening the science-policy interface for effective planning
- Identifying priority ecological infrastructure in the uMngeni



Programme overview

Tuesday 23 June 2015

Time	Venue: Marlin Room
14:00 – 14:10	Welcome and introduction
14:10 – 14:20	Purpose of the Forum and programme overview
14:20 – 14:55	Keynote address: Five Futures: interpreting the IPCC scenarios in a local context (Professor Bob Scholes, Wits)
14:55 – 15:30	Keynote address: The Phakisa MPA journey: 21 new Marine Protected Areas on the map! (Dr Kerry Sink, SANBI)
15:30 – 16:00	TEA
16:00 – 17:30	National highlights, new projects and updates
Time	Venue: Royal Palm Room
17:30 – 19:00	Official welcome by SANBI CEO, Dr Tanya Abrahamse Interactive poster and exhibition display sponsored by the SANBI Invasive Species Programme Please bring posters, maps, brochures and other printed material you would like to display
19:00	DINNER



Programme overview

Wednesday 24 June 2015		
Time	Venue: Marlin Room	
08:30 – 10:00	Plenary: Integration of biodiversity planning into the Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs): Electricity Grid Infrastructure	
10:00 – 10:30	GROUP PHOTO AND TEA	
10:30 – 12:00	Plenary: Integration of biodiversity planning into the Strategic Integrated Projects (SIPs): Shale Gas Development	
12:00 – 13:00	LUNCH	
Time	Venue: Marlin Room	
13:00 – 15:30	Plenary: Protected area expansion	
15:30 – 16:00	TEA	
Time	Venue: Marlin Room	Venue: Royal Palm Room
16:00 – 17:30	SPLUMA National Land Use Classification	Guidelines for invasive species management plans
17:30 – 19:00	Networking opportunity and informal discussions	
19:00	DINNER	



Programme overview

Thursday 25 June 2015			
Time	Venue: Marlin Room		
08:30 – 10:30	Plenary: Ecosystem classification and mapping		
10:30 – 11:00	TEA		
Time	Venue: Marlin Room		
11:00 – 13:00	Plenary: Assessing and mapping ecological condition		
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH		
Time	Venue: Marlin Room	Venue: Royal Palm Room	
14:00 – 15:30	Maximising the application value of the National Land Cover 2013/14 (NLC 2013/14) data	Strengthening the science-policy interface for effective planning: Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)	
15:30 – 16:00	TEA		
Time	Venue: Marlin Room	Venue: Sails Room	Venue: Royal Palm Room
16:00 – 17:30	Maximising the application value of the National Land Cover 2013/14 (NLC 2013/14) data (session continued)	Setting targets for species in biodiversity plans	Strengthening the science-policy interface for effective planning: Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) (session continued)
17:30 – 19:00	Evening discussion: brainstorming on novel datasets for biodiversity planning		
19:00	DINNER		



Programme overview

Friday 26 June 2015		
Time	Venue: Marlin Room	Venue: Royal Palm Room
08:30 – 10:30	Implementing biodiversity plans: case studies, lessons and challenges	Identifying priority ecological infrastructure in the uMngeni River catchment
10:30 – 11:00	TEA	
Time	Venue: Marlin Room	Venue: Royal Palm Room
11:00 – 12:30	Implementing biodiversity plans and accessing biodiversity data	Innovative approaches and methodologies
Time	Venue: Marlin Room	
12:30 – 13:00	Evaluation, thanks and close of 2015 Forum	
13:00	LUNCH	



Note to presenters

- Please load presentations 15 minutes before start of session i.e. during tea or lunch breaks
- **Please keep to time (very NB)**
- Timekeepers and chairs will be strict!



Housekeeping



