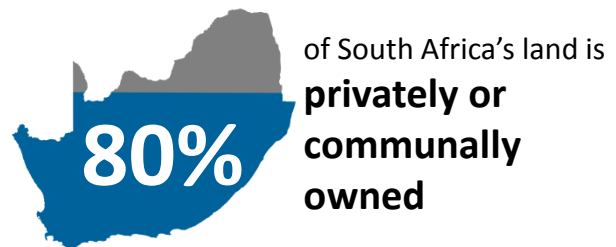
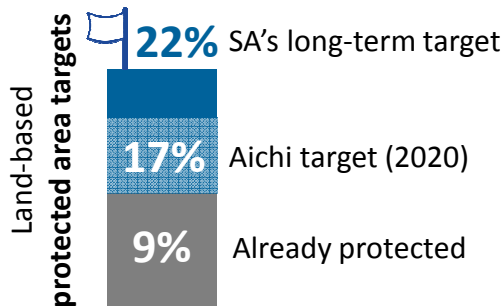


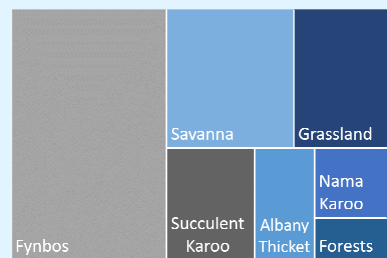
# Biodiversity Stewardship Achievements

*Biodiversity stewardship* is a cost effective way to meet protected area targets through contract agreements between landowners and conservation authorities

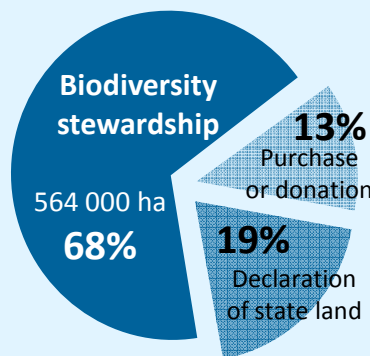


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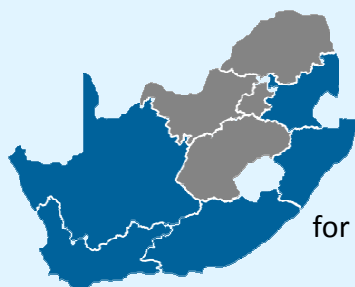
**830 000 ha** were added to the protected area estate, **improving protection for threatened biomes**



**564 000 ha** of this was achieved through *biodiversity stewardship* declarations, that's **one third** the size of Kruger National Park



*Biodiversity stewardship* was the **main mechanism** for expanding protected areas to meet targets



For **5 provinces** *Biodiversity stewardship* was the **only mechanism** for protected area expansion

Since 2016 there have been **several large declarations:**

- Mountain Zebra, 264 083 ha
- Sneeuwberg, 16 208 ha
- Greater Lakenvlei, 14 123 ha

*Biodiversity stewardship* sites are **70-400x cheaper** to establish and **4-17x cheaper** to manage than state-owned protected areas



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