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• Started in 2010 at Suikerbos NR
• Three protected areas out of six have established steering committees
• Gauteng is a unique province and its uniqueness comes with a lot of challenges
• Leeuwfontein nature reserve still gives us a challenge in establishing a steering committee.
Successes

- All reserves have elected steering committees
- Provincial structure is in place
- Provincial elective conference took place
- Steering committee induction took place
- 123 contract workers get employed each year
- Grass harvesters project at Suikerbos still carrying on (30 harvesters) = average financial benefit of R300 000.00 annually. The project is part of gender mainstreaming (majority females).
- Green zone project at Abe Bailey proving to be good success
• Community members are sitting as observers during some recruitment processes
• The dept. has appointed a consultant to investigate the possible beneficiation model for Koppieskraal land claim.
• People and parks implementation plan approved with funding for the next five years.
• The dept. committed to train 500 youth rangers and the first 20 just came back from wildlife college.
Land claim

• Suikerbos has three registered land claims
  o Koppieskraal 157IR measuring 2745 Ha
  o Boschhoek 385IR measuring 1635 Ha
  o Boschhoek 381IR measuring 2377 Ha
• Total claim is 6757 Ha of total size of 17895 Ha, (38%).
• Consultant appointed by dept. to investigate Koppieskraal benefit model.
• GDARD has established a steering committee to deal with land claims.
Challenges

- Inconsistency of steering committee members
- No dedicated unit for people and parks
- The dynamics in Gauteng makes the project challenging to manage
- Inclusion of municipalities in the program still a challenge
Opportunities

• With more opportunities of expanding conservation land under stewardship there’s more opportunities for communities to participate in government and private partnership.
• The involvement of municipalities in Gauteng people and parks programme will open more doors for communities to benefits.
• Moving forward people and parks, rural development and Gauteng stewardship will work hand in hand to unlock more opportunities.
• The province developed a draft game donation policy to facilitate participation Previously disadvantaged people in wildlife economy
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• The dept. is in the process of the reconfiguration of the structure which will take in consideration the P&P programme.
Thank you