

People and Parks

Presentation

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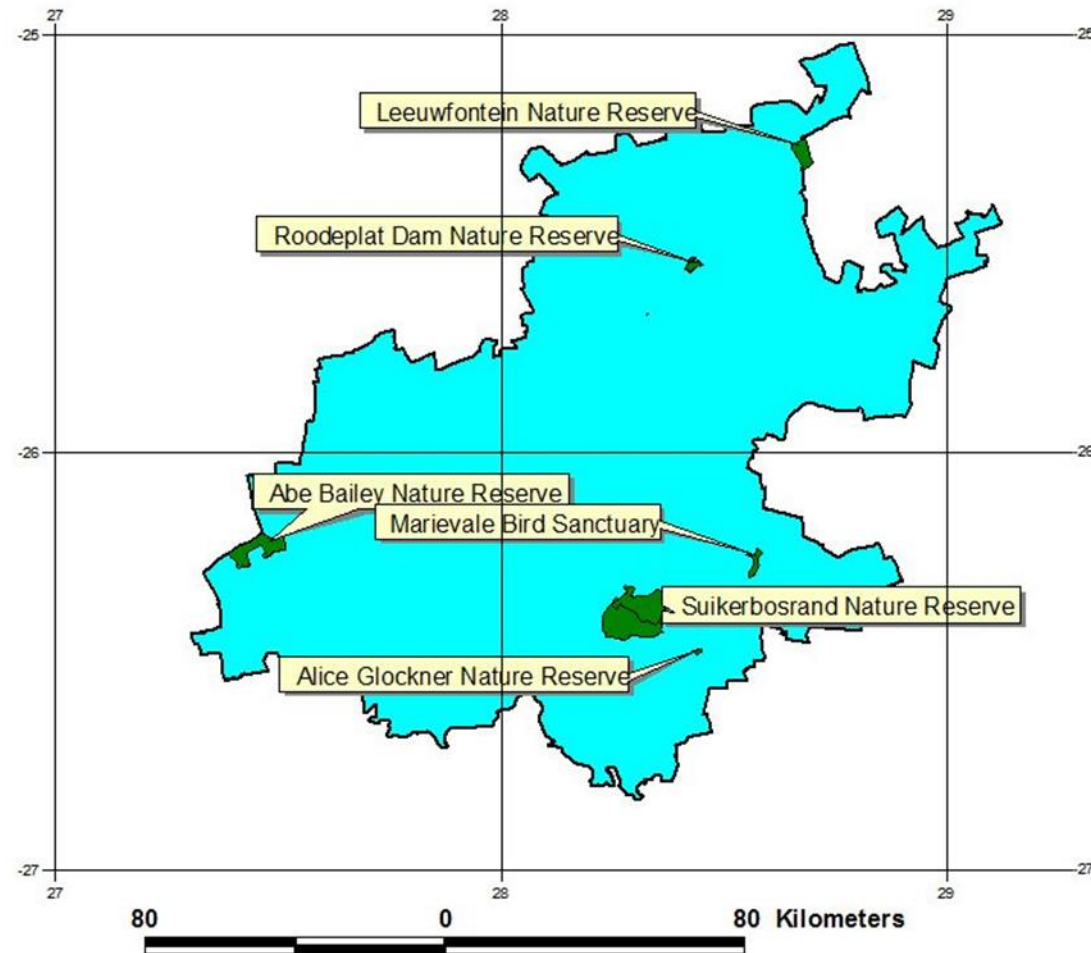
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Kuyasheshwa - *"Gauteng working better"*

People and Parks Gauteng

- 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.

Gauteng Provincial Nature Reserves



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

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- 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
 - Koppieskraal 157IR measuring 2745 Ha
 - Boschhoek 385IR measuring 1635 Ha
 - 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