



Recommendations and actions from the:

2nd National Biodiversity Stewardship Conference

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“Biodiversity stewardship is a platform and a catalyst for good things to happen, especially in the area of land reform and the biodiversity economy” – participant quote

Reiterating and building on the resolutions from the 1st National Biodiversity Stewardship Conference, the participants recommend that all parties in the biodiversity stewardship community of practice, led by DEA, SANBI, SANParks and provincial conservation agencies:

1. Demonstrate the benefits and livelihood opportunities in landscape stewardship projects to a broader audience
2. Explore further opportunities for collaboration between Land Reform, Biodiversity Stewardship, People & Parks and Biodiversity Economy programmes, in particular in areas of alignment with Protected Area expansion priorities:
 - a. Analyse the spatial overlap of land reform initiatives, biodiversity economy nodes, Protected Area expansion opportunities and Biodiversity Priority Areas
 - b. Review opportunities for state-owned land to be redistributed for land reform and biodiversity economy objectives through the tools that biodiversity stewardship provides for improving security and management effectiveness
 - c. Broaden the review of capacity requirements and resource needs for biodiversity stewardship to include contributions to other programmes' objectives (in particular, Biodiversity Economy, People & Parks and Climate Change Adaptation/Ecosystem-based Adaptation/water security)
 - d. SANBI to convene a meeting with DRDLR, DEA and other role-players to present the outcomes of spatial analyses and reviews to advance the Land Reform Biodiversity Stewardship Initiative
 - e. Pursue detailed technical collaboration and synergies between People & Parks, Biodiversity Economy, Biodiversity Stewardship, and Environmental



Programmes to be led by DEA, SANParks, SANBI and provincial conservation authorities.

- f. Convene a focus group on resourcing Protected Area expansion through biodiversity stewardship for Land Reform, Biodiversity Economy, Climate Adaptation and Water Security
3. Urge Community and Non-Government Organisations to continue sterling work and strengthen long-term support to promising projects and beneficiaries
4. Identify and develop areas of synergy and overlap between economic, agricultural and biodiversity objectives in land reform and Protected Area expansion initiatives, and work to reduce and resolve potential conflicts
5. Recognise and initiate engagement with large private (corporate) landowners that are, or could be, involved in biodiversity stewardship, and aim to involve these players in any relevant partnerships that relate to land reform, rural development and the biodiversity economy
6. Align existing and develop new incentives to encourage participation in biodiversity stewardship initiatives, especially in the post-redistribution and post-declaration support stage:
 - a. Urge DEA, SANParks and provinces to review or develop policies on wildlife donation/custodianship that incorporate provisions to secure priority biodiversity areas or species through biodiversity stewardship, and that clarify management relationships
 - b. Facilitate access to environmental programmes for bona fide biodiversity stewardship sites in priority areas for Land Reform, Biodiversity Economy, Climate Adaptation and Water Security
 - c. Acknowledge that biodiversity stewardship can be an anchor concept to consolidate and leverage funding from multiple sources, and use biodiversity stewardship as a tool to mobilise diverse resources for biodiversity financing