

# Celebrating 21 years of the Cape West Coast Biosphere Reserve





NAB MAB

United Nations

- Educational, Scientific and
  - Cultural Organization
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- the Biosphere
- Programme





### Global network of Biosphere Reserves



- Biosphere reserves are 'global learning places for sustainable development'.
- Biosphere reserves are landscape scale initiatives with three main objectives.
  - 1. Conservation of biodiversity and cultural diversity.
  - 2. Economic development that is socio-culturally and environmentally sustainable.
  - 3. Logistic support, underpinning development through research, monitoring, education and training.
- Are nominated by National governments.
- Are designated under the MAB Programme by the Director-General of UNESCO.







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### A Biosphere Reserves' three main zones

Core Area
Buffer Zone
Transitional Area

#### <u>Core Areas</u>

It comprises a strictly protected zone that contributes to the conservation of landscapes, ecosystems, species and genetic variation.

#### <u>Buffer Zones</u>

It surrounds or adjoins the core area(s), and is used for activities compatible with sound ecological practices that can reinforce scientific research, monitoring, training and education.

#### <u>Transition Area</u>

The transition area is where communities foster socioculturally and ecologically sustainable economic and human activities.

# World Network of Biosphere Reserve by <u>region</u>.

- Africa (AfriMAB 1996)
- Arab States (ArabMAB 1997)
- Asia and the Pacific
  - East- Asian Biosphere Reserve Network (EABRN 1994)
  - Pacific Man and the Biosphere Network (PacMAB 2006)
  - South and Central Asia MAB Network (SACAM 2002)
  - Southeast Asian Biosphere Reserve Network (SeaBRNet 1998)
- Europe and North America (EuroMAB 1987)
- Latin America, the Caribbean, Portugal and Spain (IberoMAB – 1992)

Sokotra Archipelago (Yemen)















- Drylands
- Mangroves
- Marine, Coastal and Island Areas
- Mountains
- Savannahs
- Tropical Forests
- Wetlands



# National context



- 1. Kogelberg
- 2. Cape West Coast
- 3. Waterberg
- 4. Kruger to Canyons
- 5. Cape Winelands

- 6. Vhembe
- 7. Gouritz Cluster
- 8. Magaliesberg
- 9. Garden Route 10. Marico
- Each biosphere reserve is an independent NPC.
   MAB reporting is administered by National Dept. Environmental Affairs: Protected Areas Governance.



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1. Kogelberg BR 1998 2.Cape West Coast 2000 3. Waterberg 2001 4. Kruger to Canyon 2001 5. Cape Winelands 2007 6. Vhembe 2009 7. Gouritz Cluster 2015 8. Magaliesberg 2015 9. Garden Route 2017 10. Marico 2018

RSA Biosphere Reserves contributes about 1,43% to the World Network





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#### CWCBR NPC (Reg. 2000/014447/08):

- The NPC was registered in 2000 benefits include:
  - Does not pay income tax.
  - Donations are tax deductible.
- Managed by a Board of Directors (all volunteers), each with their own portfolios.
  - Public Relations & Communication.
  - Economic Development & Planning.
  - Biodiversity & Research.
  - Marketing & Community Affairs
  - Tourism & Education
  - Mining & Agriculture
- Supported by an Office Administrator and Projects Coordinator.

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#### **Environmental Education and Awareness:**

Establishment of 2 x Swop Shops at Middelpos, Saldanha and Laingville, St. Helena.

- Nearly 50 children collect recyclable materials throughout the week.
- Once a week, the recyclables are brought to the swop shop.
- Up to 2 tons of recyclable waste is collected every week.
- All materials are weighed and children are given points to the value of their contribution.
- Points are accumulated and eventually swopped for items from the shop which covers everything from basic stationary and toys to a grand prize of a mountain bike up for grabs.
- All items from the stores are donated to the Swop Shop.
- DONATIONS ARE ALWAYS MUCH APPRECIATED!





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#### Natural Resource Management Land User Incentives Project:

- Using alien clearing as a tool for
  - 1. Job creation
  - 2. Restoring natural ecosystems
  - 3. Community skills development
- Focus areas are aligned to climate adaptation corridors and the rural communities within these including
  - Mamre, Atlantis, Riverlands, Chatsworth & Darling.







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- First project was in 2012.
- Each successive project stretched over a 3-year period.
- Current project will end in March 2022 and is to the value of R1.5 million.
- Employs 72 people.
- 2 300 initial hectares cleared.
- 1025 of follow-up hectares maintained.





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#### **Cape West Coast Biosphere Trails:**

- Initial feasibility business plan funded by the DBSA.
- National Lotteries Distribution Trust Fund, the start-up and initial operational funding was provided the trails project.

- 4 x Slack Packing Trails designed for everyone from hard-core mountain lovers, twitchers and botanists to family groups and modern-day strandlopers.
- Without the schlep, guided and catered, comfortable and safe.



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#### 1. Eve's Trail

- Guided 2.5 day, 33 km wilderness hike in the West Coast National Park.
- Visit to the mobile dunes, walk through Fynbos and along the Langebaan lagoon beach, visit to Eve's footprints at Geelbek Information centre.

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- Includes accommodation, 2 x Breakfasts, 2 x Lunches and 2 x Dinners and a professional tour guide.
- 2. The Darling Stagger
  - Guided 2.5 day cultural experience from Darling to Yzerfontein.
  - Visit the Darling Museum, taste olives at Alexanderfontein, visit !Khwa ttu for a San guided tour, take a walk along the beach to Yzerfontein, taste some wines at Ormonde & Groote Post & lunch at Evita's Perron.



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#### 3. The Five Bay Trail

 2.5 day, 38 km coast hugging walk between the West Coast Fishing villages of Paternoster and Jacobsbaai across five scenic bays.

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 Accommodation at 3-star lodge in Paternoster with transfers in the mornings and afternoons with insightful interactions with local folk over meals.

#### 4. The Wheels of Time

- Day 1 "Mission to Modern" is a 45 km cycle from Mamre Mission Station to Darling. Finishing off with dinner and a show with Tannie Ivy or Tannie Evita.
- Day 2 "Fossil to Footprint" is a 40 km wilderness cycle through the West Coast National Park.
- Day 3 "Eve to San" is a 16 km cycle from Yzerfontein, along the coast to !Khwa ttu.



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### 3 November is International Biosphere Reserve Day.

# Thank you!

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