



Presentation to the Landscape Initiative Knowledge Exchange

GOURITZ BIODIVERSITY CORRIDOR



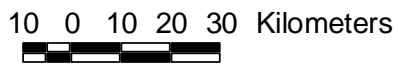
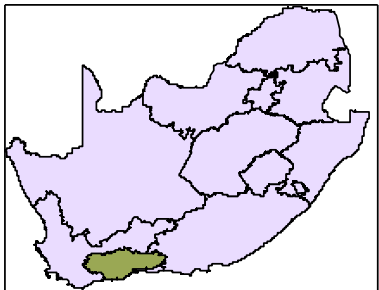
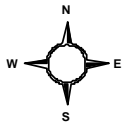
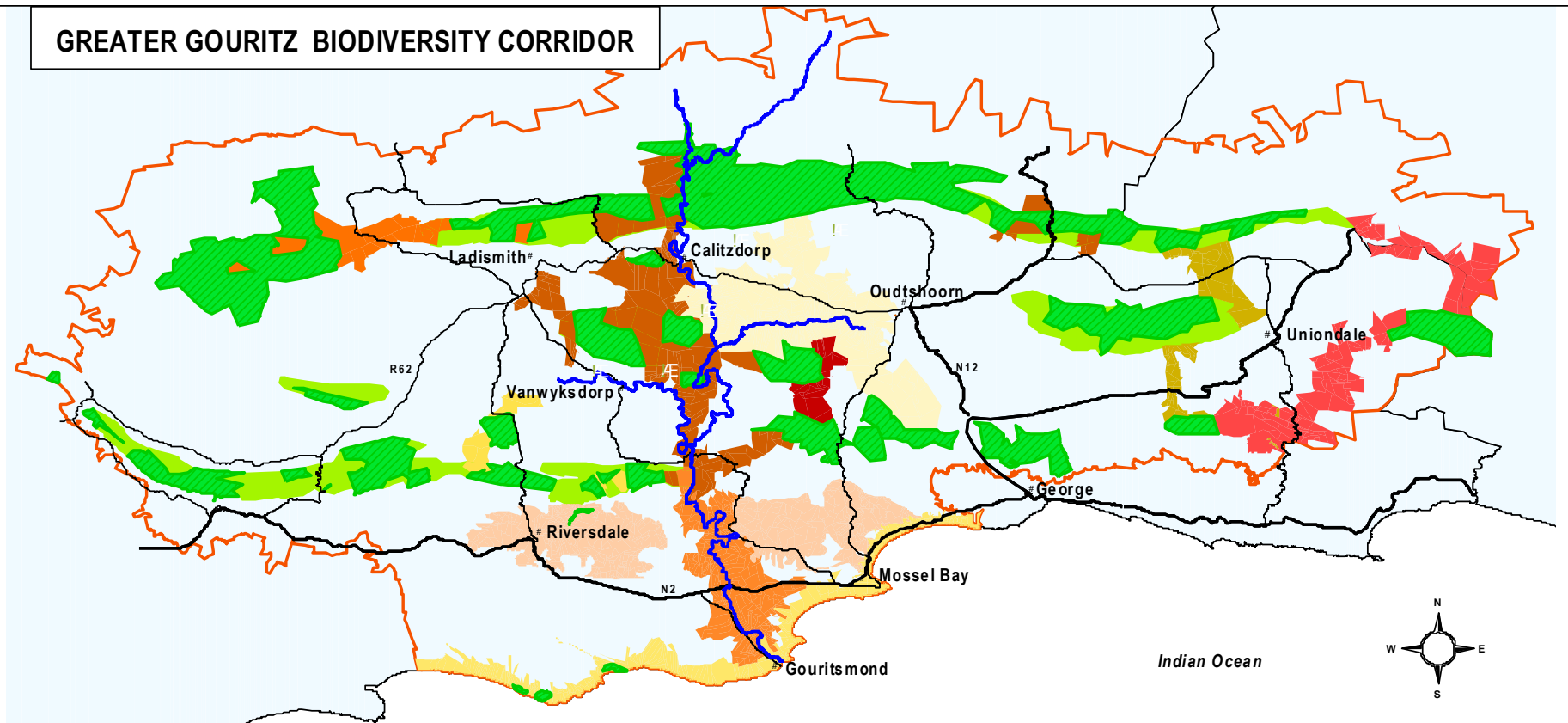
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GREATER GOURITZ BIODIVERSITY CORRIDOR



	Gouritz Initiative Domain		Koppies
Core Corridors			Langeberg
	Anysberg		Outeniqua
	Baviaans		CapeNature Reserves & National Parks
	Coastal		Gouritz River System
	Gourits River	Major Roads	
	Gouritz Primary		National Road
	Kammanassie		Main Road
	Klein Karoo Lowland		Gouritz Biodiversity Meander route

Coordination Structures

Gouritz Corridor Project fully integrated into CapeNature.

Coordinated by CapeNature Area Manager in collaboration with:

CapeNature Management Team represented by:

- ❖ Area Manager, PA Managers, Community, Tourism, Ecologists, and Conservation Services Managers.
- ❖ One dedicated Corridor Manager.

GI Forum represented by:

- ❖ Broader stakeholder community and role-players; Private landowners, Provincial departments, municipalities, community leaders, cultural groups, NGO's & private individuals.





CapeNature Objectives

- ❖ **Implementation of CapeNature land consolidating strategy to secure priority biodiversity sites in the Gouritz Corridor.**
- ❖ **Priority action taken by Civil Society in the Gouritz Corridor that is promoted, supported and coordinated through the corridor management team.**
- ❖ **Complementary and long-term capacity for the sustainability of the Gouritz Corridor activities is secured.**



Gouritz Initiative Forum Objectives

To continue as a platform where all stakeholders and role-players in the Gouritz Domain take ownership of the unique biodiversity of the area, where partnerships are formed, where continuous awareness and responsible decision making takes place.

The forum plays an integral role in capacity building and knowledge exchange, informing all role-players of important projects and initiatives being undertaken in the Gouritz Domain.



Plans for changes?

- ❖ The CapeNature Management Team will remain as such. The plan is to expand the corridor team with additional permanent posts.



The GI is currently in the process of applying for biosphere reserve status. CapeNature plays an integral part in the establishment of this initiative.

- ❖ The Forum has been very successful and with the rolling out of the Gouritz Biosphere Reserve, similar forums will be established across the GI Domain, within each sector of the cluster biosphere reserve.



Posts

Positions and funding:

- There is currently one position within the Gouritz Corridor, funded by CapeNature – Corridor Manager.
- 3 permanent posts proposed within each corridor – a Corridor Coordinator and 2 Corridor Managers.
- Funds for two additional posts still to be approved.

Meetings and overseeing of work:

Meetings are being initiated by both the Corridor Manager & Area Manager

Funding:

Business case reflects the need for two additional posts

Area Manager to motivate for funding for posts at Budget meeting on 27th of November.



Programmes & Projects

Ongoing projects in collaboration with partners:

- ❖ Protected Area Expansion Programme
- ❖ The Ostrich Biodiversity Management Project
- ❖ Spekboom Project – habitat restoration & job creation
- ❖ Gouritz Biodiversity Meander – biodiversity tourism route
 - Incorporates all tourism stops on private and provincial land
- ❖ Heritage Donkey Trail
 - Heritage route over the Swartberg Mountains
 - Local people trained as guides
- ❖ Cape Leopard Projects
- ❖ SANDF training and stewardship partnership
- ❖ LED projects through ICM & AVM
- ❖ CBNRM projects – Natural User Groups
- ❖ Awareness raising Programmes:
 - Eco-schools
 - Biodiversity Awards Ceremony
 - Junior LandCare
 - National Environmental Days
 - GI Forum





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Funding for future work:

- ❖ Core funding from CapeNature Operational Budget
- ❖ LHSKT funding for land acquisition
- ❖ TMF funding application for stewardship
- ❖ Partnership funding (co-funding, in-kind, etc.)

Funding for other priorities:

- ❖ Capacity constraints prohibit fundraising for projects.
- ❖ We apply shared resources throughout our partnerships for example, SAOBC, Eden District Municipality, Dept. of Agriculture, etc.



Thank you.

