



The Nuwejaars Wetland SMA

Forging Partnerships on
the Agulhas Plain



What is the SMA

- A management area of 45,000ha
- Nuwejaars River catchment area
- Biodiversity hotspot
- Threatened fauna and flora





The SMA's commitments

- Conserve biodiversity AND continue agriculture
- Nuwejaars SMA concept developed: 2002-2008
- 25 Landowners
- Title deed restrictions





Our partnerships

- Agulhas Biodiversity Initiative (ABI)
- German funded project: ABI, SANParks, UNDP
- Table Mountain Fund (TMF)
- Overberg District Municipality (ODM) Fire Services and Working on Fire
- CapeNature, Overberg Test Range





Lessons for the SMA

- Internal structures of partners key
- Both partners agree to common objectives
- Both partners agree to administration systems



Lessons for the SMA

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Lessons for the SMA

- Efficiency is basis of private initiatives
- Joint management structure
- Both have power to make decision
- Partners need trust of their superiors





The future

- National Protected Environment
- Committed landscape valued at almost R1bn
- Commitment long-term and binding
- SMA can assist government meet obligations
- Partnership with Dept of Agriculture





The future – walking together





Thank you

