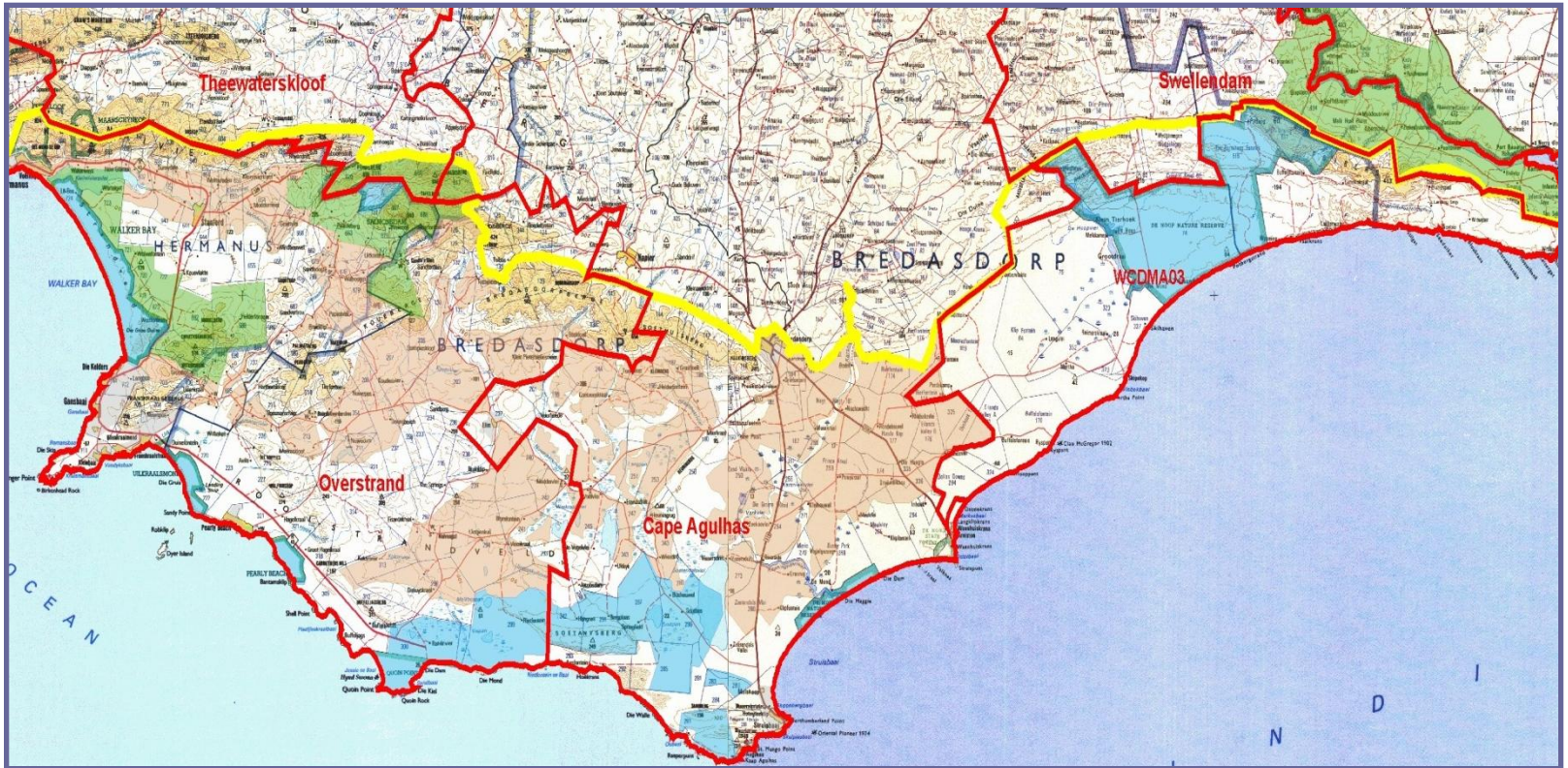


# ABI INTRODUCTION

- Drive Strategic Investment And Actions
  - Sustainability,
  - Conservation,
  - Community Revitalization,
  - And Recreational Projects.
- Prerequisite
  - Strong Natural Assets,
  - Local Readiness And Buy-in,
  - And State Level Investment Support.
  - State Agencies, Local Governments, Funders And Non-profits Work Strategically And Collaboratively On The Ground

# ABI BOUNDARY



# Conservation status of the Agulhas Plain

- Coastal lowlands Fynbos
- 270,000 ha
- 2000 floral species
- 80% privately owned
- 37% binding conservation status (14% in 2003)
- Protected Areas = 60% state; 40% private

# ABI Objectives And Outcomes

- New model for protected areas
- New institutional arrangements
  - MoU
- Mainstream conservation into development
- Lift barriers, institute safeguards for sustainable use,
  - nature-based tourism
  - Fynbos harvesting,
- Codify into conservation strategies

# Q1: Main Land Uses On The Agulhas Plain

- Agriculture – Grain, Stock, Dairy, Ostrich, Canola, Grapes
- Tourism,
- Fynbos Harvesting
- Limited Silviculture

## Q2:impact On Biodiversity -

- Education of Land Managers
- Alien vegetation management
- Fire management
- Reintroduction of Game
- Planting of Riparian
  - Increase biodiversity
  - Build resilience to climate change
- Promote diversity of habitat and economy

# - and on food security?

- Done In Conjunction With Agriculture
  - Greater consciousness of natural resources
  - Understanding of social requirements
- Retain Food Security
  - Adds value to and may flip the future economy
- Suitability Of Land
  - Conservation tillage
  - composting
- Community Revitalization,
  - integrated approach
  - Services - urbanisation, development, subdivision
- New Thinking.
  - flower market
  - alternative energy
  - SMA

# Q3: Economic Drivers Of Land Use Change

- Legal land use has not changed – remains zoned for agriculture
- 2 economies of ABI:
  - nature based tourism – “selling our space”
    - Open spaces
      - Beauty, Peace And Quite, Safety And Security & Outdoor activities
  - harvesting of fynbos
- Driver = rural revitalization
  - Supply an integrated environmental service
    - Rangeland management which is environmentally, economically and socially sustainable
  - Reduce pressure on the urban environment

# Q4: Significant Conflicts And Dilemmas

- Legal requirements
- Identifying the threats and needs that turn the land owner on.
- Communication.
  - Education
  - Awareness
  - Responsibility
- Managing towards climate change resilience
- Integrating bottoms up with top down
- Monitoring, evaluation and research
- Sustainable funding