

Interfaces 3-7 August 2008 Programme

Time	Sunday 3 August
15h00	Registration & Tea
18h00	Talk by Paul Britton: Drowning in a sea of Acronyms: are we comprehensible to "outsiders"?
19:00	Cocktail Dinner

Time	Monday 4 August
7h15	Late registration
8h00	Welcome: Julia Wood (Fynbos Forum) & Colleen Seymour (AZEF)
8h25	Opening Address: Karen Esler Interfaces: issues, opportunities, challenges and approaches to creative problem solving within, between and beyond the Fynbos Forum and Arid Zone Ecology Forum communities
8h50	Plenary Address: James Blignaut: Economic development in South Africa: Facing the reality of resource constraints and political schizophrenia
	Chair: Sue Milton
	Session 1: Ecosystem services
9h15	<i>Desmet, P.G.</i> Do market prices reflect the economic potential of grazing land in Namaqualand?
9h30	<i>Chisholm, R.</i> Fungibility and price elasticity of ecosystem services: The Fynbos as a case study
9h45	<i>Du Plessis-Reed, L.L.</i> The multifunctional nature of agricultural land: opportunities for conservation?
10h00	<i>Stanway, R.</i> Plant-pollinator interactions and implications of global change on web structure
10h15	<i>Seymour, C.</i> Biological control – always an ecosystem service?
10h30	Tea
	Chair: Colleen Seymour
11h15	Plenary Address: Jan Vlok Species Richness and Complexity in Transitional Zones
	Session 2: Making & breaking patterns
11h45	<i>Todd, S.</i> Why this place is the greatest interface. Determinants and drivers of vegetation pattern and process in a remarkably diverse region, the Bokkeveld Plateau.
12h00	<i>Koopman, R.</i> Fynbos midst the Strandveld
12h15	<i>Kongor, R.Y.</i> Response of Cape lowland vegetation to fragmentation: Clues from plant traits
12h30	<i>Kieck, M.</i> Bird Species and Feeding Guild Responses to Habitat Fragmentation
12h45	<i>Burgoyne, P.</i> The Mesemb Mapping Project: progress to date
13h00	Lunch
	Chair: Philip Desmet
	Session 3: Soils & Nutrients
14h00	<i>Ellis, F.</i> Soil variation in and between two heuweltjies in the Oudtshoorn area
14h15	<i>Hawkins, H.</i> "Nothing stays the same but if you're willing to play the game it's coming around again" Cluster roots and nutrients

14h30	<i>Hunter, R.</i> Do cluster roots of Proteaceae facilitate access to soil organic phosphate?
14H45	<i>Jordaan, M.</i> Soil biodiversity conservation: Ecotoxicology as a tool to investigate the effects of commercially important pesticides on selected soil organisms
15h00	Tea & Poster Session
	Chair: Annelise Vlok
	Session 4: Fire ecology
16h15	<i>Ballantyne, F.</i> Palaeoecology, Fire Management and Vegetation Dynamics in the Cederberg Wilderness Area
16h30	<i>Southey, D.</i> Exploring weather as a driver of large fires
16h45	<i>Rahlao, S.</i> Firing the interface! Fountain grass invasion could change fire regime in the Succulent Karoo and Fynbos interface
17h00	<i>Van Staden, H.</i> Effect of recurrent fires on subapline reseeding Proteaceae
17h15	<i>Pasquini, L.</i> Spreading the word: key elements of success of an awareness-raising campaign such as Firewise South Africa
19h00	Dinner

Time	Tuesday 5 August
7h15	Breakfast & late registration
	Chair: Nicky Allsopp
08h00	Plenary Address: Richard Cowling Is the diversity of the Cape flora unique?
08h25	Plenary Address: SAEON invited speaker- Anna Jacobsen Comparative Shrub Community Hydraulics in Mediterranean-type Ecosystems: Session 5: Water Water everywhere?
08h50	<i>Le Maitre, D.</i> The role of water in ecosystem services: flows, exchanges and interdependencies
09h05	<i>Pratt, R.B.</i> Using traits to predict vegetation response to climate change: An example from the chaparral
09h20	<i>West, A.</i> Patterns of drought sensitivity in the fynbos: Implications under changed climate?
09h35	<i>Kaseke, K.</i> The influence of soil properties on "non rainfall" atmospheric water input
10h00	Tea & depart on Field trips

Time	Wednesday 6 August
7h15	Late registration
	Chair: Pat Holmes
08h00	Plenary Address: Sue Milton Taking what we do to the people who use it Session 6: Conservation planning & partnerships
08h25	<i>Raimondo, D.</i> Identifying Key priorities for threatened plant conservation
08h40	<i>Gallo, J.</i> Lorax: How to estimate the conservation value and recommended action for every site in a region while still incorporating targets, connectivity, and solution sets
08h55	<i>Curtis, O.</i> Linking research and management to conserve <i>Critically Endangered</i> Renosterveld in the Overberg
09h10	<i>Purnell, K.</i> Mainstreaming C.A.P.E. Fine-scale Biodiversity Planning & Stewardship into CapeNature Business: A means to addressing Climate Change
09h25	<i>Holness, S.</i> Parks in living landscapes: Moving protected areas beyond the fences
09h40	<i>Jangle, R.</i> Bumpy, dusty road to voluntary conservation

	Session 7: Time to contemplate tea	
09h55	<i>Koelle, B.</i> Take a walk on the wild side: Stewardship of wild rooibos as a climate change adaptation strategy	
10h10	<i>Malgas, R.</i> Throwing out the baby with the bathwater? Vulnerability of threatened plant species associated with "ecotypes" of wild rooibos (<i>Aspalathus linearis</i>)	
10h25	Tea	
	Chair: Karen Esler	Chair: Julia Wood
	Parallel Paper Session 8: Restoration	Parallel Paper Session 9: Urban Ecology
11h00	<i>Gaertner, M.</i> Sustainable conservation and self-sufficient restoration: The Flower Valley Story	<i>Davis, G.</i> Bouncing ideas about resilience in urban ecosystems
11h15	<i>Ruwanza, S.</i> Resource manipulation for control of alien invasive grasses in lowland vegetation of the CFR	<i>Dorse, C.</i> Halting the loss of irreplaceable Biodiversity in Cape Town. Challenges in Implementation
11h30	<i>Krüger, R.</i> Restoration interventions on post-mining landscapes in Namaqualand	<i>Patrickson, S.</i> Conserving Urban Biodiversity through global lesson-sharing between local governments
11h45	<i>Carrick, P.</i> Four years of the Namaqualand Restoration Initiative – Is there hope for a post-mining landscape on the west coast?	<i>Cumming, T.</i> Biodiversity and Property Rates: A Tale of Three Municipalities
12h00	<i>Fourie, S.</i> Kouga Riparian Rehabilitation Project	<i>Retief, K.</i> Securing a small urban protected area through intensive management and stakeholder involvement
12h15	<i>Wilman, V.</i> Growing Plants and People, Working for Woodlands Restoration Nursery	<i>Stafford, M.L.</i> C.A.P.E. Invasive Alien Species Project: a matter of sustainability
12h30	<i>McConnachie, M.</i> Optimising cost-efficiency in restoring natural capital	<i>Peter, Z.</i> Framing the whole of conservation management practice
12h45	Speed presentation: <i>Pieterse, A.</i> A fluvial geomorphological perspective on the river rehabilitation of <i>Acacia mearnsii</i> infested rivers in the Kouga region	<i>Zylstra, M.</i> Climate Culture: an interface for investing in the restoration of living landscapes
12h51	Speed presentation: <i>van der Waal, B.</i> Influence of <i>Acacia mearnsii</i> invasion on soil properties in the Kouga Mountains	
13h00	Lunch	
	Chair: Guy Palmer	Chair: Rupert Koopman
	Parallel Paper Session 10: Animals in space and time	Parallel Paper Session 11: Partnerships & civil society
14h00	<i>McGeoch, M.A.</i> Distribution of the invasive Argentine ant in South Africa 100 years after its introduction	<i>Ebrahim, I.</i> Working with civil society across Biomes
14h15	<i>Bragg, C.J.</i> Some preliminary particulars of porcupine patch-use: GPS telemetry data of an ecosystem engineer in Renosterveld fragments, Nieuwoudtville.	<i>Morkel, A.</i> Elevating Biodiversity Value: Do we have effective Marketing Strategies
14h30	<i>Keswick, T.</i> Seasonal changes in habitat use of the kalahari tent tortoise <i>Psammobates oculifer</i>	<i>Marais, S.</i> The Climate Action Partnership adapting to and mitigating for Climate change
14h45	<i>Hoffman, T.</i> The spatial ecology of the chacma baboons (<i>Papio h. Ursinus</i>) of the Cape Peninsula, South Africa	<i>Ogilvie, M.</i> Environmental Education at the False Bay Ecology Park: "The good, the bad and the beautiful"
15h00	<i>Minnie, L.</i> Socio-economic and ecological correlates of leopard-stock farmer conflict in the Baviaanskloof Mega-Reserve.	<i>Strydom, W.F.</i> Evidence of people's awareness of and attitude towards river conservation in the Buffalo and Hartenbos & Klein Brak catchments
15h15	<i>Rautenbach, T.</i> The utility of camera traps for determining prey preference of leopards (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) in the Cederberg Mountains, South Africa	<i>Ketse, N.</i> The Adopt-a-river project with Eerste River as a pilot study area

15h30	Tea	
	Chair: Rhoda Malgas	Chair: Tilla Raimondo
	Parallel Speed Session 12: Animals in space and time	Parallel Speed Session 13: Partnerships & civil society
16h00	<i>Impson, D.</i> New freshwater fish taxa in the Cape Floristic Region: Management challenges	<i>Koopman, R.</i> Building botanical capacity in the CFR
16h06	<i>Cooper, J.</i> The dispersal of the Argentine ant in the Kogelberg Biosphere reserve	<i>Kula, S.</i> The Project: INTELEZI Nature conservation project
16h12	<i>Spence, K.</i> A Seasonal Comparison of the Ecological Activities of Bat Species found at Rondevlei Nature Reserve.	<i>Younge-Hayes, A.</i> Building Capacity for decision making in the Eastern Cape
16h18	<i>Atmore, S.</i> A Genetic Analysis of the Cape Galaxia (<i>Galaxias zebratus</i>) Populations in the South Western region of the Cape Flats	<i>Burger, E.</i> Learners helping management while being trained in hands-on GIS operation education
16h24	<i>Uys, J.</i> A comparative study on the small mammal population in different ages of Boland Granite Fynbos on Helderberg Nature Reserve	<i>Mortimer, G.</i> Breaking ground in the Boland! (2 x 6 min slots available! – best we can do!)
16h30	<i>Potter, L.</i> Cats and Dogs: An age-old solution to an age-old problem...	
16h40	Fynbos Forum & AZEF AGM	
19h00	Dinner & dance	

Time	Thursday 7 August	
7h15	Late registration	
	Chair: Patrick O'Farrell	
08h00	Plenary Address: Timm Hoffman 'That was then...this is now': The impact of disturbances across space and time on fynbos and karoo environments	
08h25	Plenary Address: Gillson, L. Thresholds and resilience in the Palaeorecord	
	Session 14: Grazing effects & management	
08h50	<i>Horn, A.</i> Effects of sheep farming on plant dispersal in Southern Kalahari Duneveld	
09h05	<i>Samuels, I.</i> Livestock mobility on the commons of Namaqualand	
09h20	<i>Anderson, P.</i> The impact of grazing along an environmental gradient in the Kamiesberg, South Africa	
09h35	<i>Meyer, P.A.</i> Grazing Guidelines for Karoo veld types within the Namaqualand District Municipality	
09h50	Tea	
	Chair: Onno Huyser	
	Session 15: Monitoring & Evaluation	
10h20	<i>Damons, M.</i> Compiling a Monitoring & Evaluation Framework for the C.A.P.E. programme: Some lessons learned	
10h35	<i>Allsopp, N.</i> SAEON: Understanding Global Environmental Change in the Fynbos Biome	
10h50	<i>Gouws, J.</i> Water quality assessment in the Breede WMA: SASS 5 biomonitoring	
11h05	<i>Blanchard, R.</i> Re-survey and analysis of permanent Cape Peninsula vegetation plots	
11h20	<i>Magidi, J.T.</i> Land cover changes in the northern Sandveld: implications for conservation	
11h35	<i>Wistebaar, T.</i> Using Remote Sensing And Expert Knowledge To Map Landscape-Level Land Degradation In The Arid Grasslands Of Bushmanland – South Africa	
11h50	<i>Britton, P.</i> The Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT): A very simple yet highly effective management tool.	
12h05	Prize Giving and Closure	
12h30	Lunch packs and Depart	