

DRAFT PROGRAMME (Subject to change)																			
DAY 1						Session A							Session B						
Durati	Start time	Description	Presenter	Title	Theme		Duratio	Start time	Description	Presenter	Title	Theme		Duratio	Start time	Description	Presenter	Title	Theme
00:15	08:30	Arrival, registration & coffee																	
00:15	08:45	Welcome & Introduction																	
00:30	09:00	Keynote 1	Marlene Laros	Future-proofing Fynbos: strategies for advancing spatial and resource resilience in the Western Cape Province	Conservation Planning and Community Engagement [Session 1]														
00:12	09:30	Presentation	Kate Handley, Khanya Sidzumo	Law as a Tool for Future Proofing Fynbos: Lessons from Verlorenvlei															
00:12	09:42	Presentation	Natalie Hayward	Ticking the box: does a decision support framework for management planning improve protected area management effectiveness?															
00:12	09:54	Presentation	AnneLise Vlok, Natalie Baker	Is the Swartberg Complex World Heritage Site in an upswing or downswing?															
00:12	10:06	Presentation	Frances Balayer	Future-Proofing Fynbos through Strategic Offset Approaches															
00:30	10:18	Tea Break																	
00:30	10:48	Keynote 2	Alanna Rebelo		Ecological Restoration and Disturbance Ecology														
00:12	11:18	Presentation	Karen J. Esler	The Effect of Active Versus Passive Interventions on CFR Riparian Rehabilitation Success			00:12	11:18	Presentation	Chloe Guerbois	Regenerating environmental stewardship in a coastal informal settlement: challenges and opportunities	Planning and Community Engagement [Session 2]							
00:12	11:30	Presentation	Mokgatla C. Rapetsoa	Long-term vegetation recovery monitoring following Acacia saligna and Eucalyptus camaldulensis removal in the Western Cape Province of South Africa			00:12	11:30	Presentation	Rhian Berning	Linking Fynbos Landscapes								
00:12	11:42	Presentation	Johan Baard	Passive restoration of fynbos after afforestation with exotic pines			00:12	11:42	Presentation	Michelle de Bruyn	Making the circle bigger –examples of local conservation through shared care								
00:12	11:54	Presentation	Matt Sephton	Reigniting Resilience: The Role of Fire Management in Future-Proofing Fynbos			00:12	11:54	Presentation	Odette Curtis-Scott	Keep Calm and Conserve On: Battling Eco-Anxiety on the Coalface								
00:12	12:06	Presentation	Bongiwe Mbombo	Deterrent of chili flake-coated seeds on rodent granivores using a field cafeteria experiment: implications for Lowland Fynbos restoration			00:06	12:06	Presentation - short	Lynette Munro	Future-Proofing Fynbos: Creating Desire and Opportunity								

00:12	12:18	Presentation	Hana Petersen	Investigating the effects of compound disturbances on fynbos shrublands in the Cape of Good Hope Nature section of Table Mountain National Park, South Africa	Ecological		00:06	12:12	Presentation - short	Laurenda van Breda	The Cape Flats Nature Reserve: future-proofing fynbos through education, awareness and community engagement within an urban context	Conservation Planning
00:12	12:30	Presentation	David Alan Edge	Conservation of Knysna Sand Fynbos			00:06	12:18	Presentation - short	Carika van Zyl	When Future-Proofing Fails: The Case of Elandsfontein and the Limits of Biodiversity Safeguards	
01:00	12:42	Lunch Break										
00:12	13:42	Presentation	Verena Ras	From Data to Decisions: Key Insights from the 2025 Western Cape State of Conservation Report	Data, Monitoring, and Decision Support Tools							
00:12	13:54	Presentation	Megan Simons	Strengthening Environmental Decision-Making: The Role of Spatial Planning and Ecological Infrastructure in EIAs								
00:12	14:06	Presentation	Jeanne Gouws	The PESEIS river, wetlands and estuaries layer update: challenges and trends in the Western Cape								
00:12	14:18	Presentation	AnneLise Schutte-Vlok	Data, data everywhere, but when do these become valuable? The Outeniqua World Heritage Site case study								
00:12	14:30	Presentation	Eugene Hahndiek	Science on the ground: Data-driven conservation in the Nuwejaars Wetlands								
00:12	14:42	Presentation	Ashleigh Smith	Investigating ecosystem degradation in the Cape Floristic Region using hyperspectral imagery from BioSCape								
00:12	14:54	Presentation	Sean Hill	Using Drones & GIS to Monitor Critical Environmental Change in the Garden Route								
00:06	15:06	Presentation - short	Jason Ross	An examination of long-term ecological research and monitoring in South Africa with a particular focus on the Jonkershoek Valley								
00:30	15:12	Tea Break										
02:30	15:42	Workshop 1	Andrew Turner	Best Practices for Integrated Fire and Invasive Alien Clearing across the Cape Floristic Region								

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00:15	08:00	Arrival, registration & coffee													
00:30	08:15	Keynote 3	Rhoda Malgas		Sustainable Resource Use and Traditional Knowledge										
00:12	08:45	Presentation	Sjirk Geerts	Guidelines to limit hybridisation when planting indigenous crops within their native range: South African honeybush as a case study			00:12	08:45	Presentation	Maryam Burger	Fynbos and renosterveld communities’ responses to experimentally altered rainfall	Plant Functional Traits and Climate Resilience			
00:12	08:57	Presentation	Gillian Kathleen McGregor	Is wild honeybush harvesting sustainable			00:12	08:57	Presentation	Justin van Blerk	The Contribution of Hydric Habitats to the Richness of the Fynbos Flora				
00:12	09:09	Presentation	Tafadzwa Makhuza	Aspects of the sustainability of the cultivated honeybush tea industry, South Africa			00:12	09:09	Presentation	Dunja Mac Alister	Renosterbos – a drought adapted specialist?				
00:12	09:21	Presentation	Elzanne Singels	Ranking of Cape geophytes based on proxies for the benefits and costs of harvesting their underground storage organs			00:12	09:21	Presentation	Ashleigh Gouws	Responsive Renosterbos: exploring dynamic water-use in Dicrothamnus rhinocerotis.				
00:12	09:33	Presentation	Cowling RM	Spatial and temporal variation in the diversity, abundance, and energetic returns of underground storage organs on the coastal lowlands of the Cape Floristic Region, South Africa			00:12	09:33	Presentation	Huw Irlam	Doing the Least: The role of Minimum Conductance in drought response in the GCFR				
00:12	09:45	Presentation	Roxanne Joubert	Medicinal Plants of Fynbos			00:12	09:45	Presentation	Matshinga Azwinndini	Wood anatomy of Lobostemon (Boraginaceae): implications for the functions of living fiber-tracheids and narrow vessel elements.				
00:12	09:57	Presentation	Dale Botha	Casabio Citizen Science in Action			00:12	09:57	Presentation	Alexei Oskolski	Wood Structural Diversity Across Mediterranean-Climate Biomes: Comparing Fynbos, Chaparral, and Maquis				
00:30	10:09	Posters													
00:30	10:39	Tea Break													
00:30	11:09	Keynote 4	Domitilla Raimondo	How are Fynbos Plants comparing to plants in other biomes: key messages from south Africa’s plant Red List and National Biodiversity Assessment											

00:12	11:39	Presentation	Nosipho Ndlovu	The effectiveness of South Africa's National Botanical Gardens in supporting ex-situ conservation of threatened species.	Species Conservation and Taxonomy		00:12	11:39	Presentation	Lesley Richardson	Bridging Vision and Action: Insights from the CFRP 2025 Strategy Sessions	Strategy, Reflection, and Science-Policy Bridging
00:06	11:51	Presentation - sh	Christiaan Viljoen	Challenges and successes in developing new Fynbos plantings at the Garden Route Botanic Garden.			00:12	11:51	Presentation	Hendri Coetzee	Bridging the Gap: Aligning Research and Practice in the Cape Floristic Region	
00:12	11:57	Presentation	AJ Rogerson	Methods for the Conservation of Cape Disas and Their Mycorrhizal Symbionts			00:12	12:03	Presentation	Thabang Sibiya	Bridging the knowledge gaps in fynbos: A call for scientific engagement in SANParks	
00:12	12:09	Presentation	Dylan Nutt	The Plight of Clivia mirabilis: A Case Study in Urgent Conservation Action			00:12	12:15	Presentation	Carina Becker - du Toit	Celebrating 20 years of Fynbos Conservation in the Winelands	
00:06	12:21	Presentation - sh	Fadwa Mohammed	Assessing the response of Aspalathus amoena to different disturbance regimes in Breede Alluvium Fynbos agroscares in the Western Cape, South Africa.			00:12	12:27	Presentation	AnneLise Vlok, Natalie	Is the Swartberg Complex World Heritage Site in an upswing or downswing?	
00:06	12:27	Presentation - sh	Rendert D. Hoekstra	An integrative approach to alpha taxonomy in Erica L. (Ericaceae) with three new species from the Western Cape, South Africa			00:12	12:39	Presentation	Z. Wilhelm de Beer	The Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve: a research destination with multiple opportunities	
00:12	12:33	Presentation	Aileen Anderson	A Biodiversity Management Plan for the Tradouw redefin and what this means for incentivising the protection of freshwater ecosystems in the fynbos biome								
00:12	12:45	Presentation	Keir/Alouise Lynch	Fynbos and Butterflies - protecting the Threatened Butterflies of the Western Cape								
00:15	12:57	Collect lunch packs for field trips and depart										
04:00	13:12	Field trips										
00:15	17:12	Arrival back at main venue										
		Disco Evening										

DAY 3							Session A							Session B					
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00:15	08:00	Arrival, registration & coffee																	
00:30	08:15	Keynote 5	Ilian Patterson	The role of biocontrol in future-proofing fynbos	Invasive Species and Chemical Management														
00:12	08:45	Presentation	Debbie Muir	Highly Hazardous Pesticides: The Impact of their use in the Fynbos Biome			00:12	08:45	Presentation	Muneeba Lamera	The role of nectar-rich stepping stones in facilitating bird movement across urban landscapes.	Pollination, Reproduction, and Faunal Interactions							
00:12	08:57	Presentation	Andrew Turner	Strengthening Invasive Alien Animal Management in the Cape Floristic Region: Updates from the Invasive Alien Animal Working Group			00:12	08:57	Presentation	Ruby May Davies	Buzzing Bandits: Unravelling the Effects of Nectar Robbing Bees in Erica discolor speciosa								
00:12	09:09	Presentation	Ruan Veldtman	Why carrying on with status quo of assessing weed biocontrol is a waste of time			00:12	09:09	Presentation	Asekho Mantintsilli	Post-fire flowering enhances pollinator visitation and reduces florivory and nectar robbing in some species of sunbird-pollinated plants								
00:12	09:21	Presentation	Debbie Muir	Latest developments on pesticides: The impacts on the fynbos biome			00:12	09:21	Presentation	Graham van Bergen	Impact of flowering species richness, Shannon diversity index and seasonality on anthophilous insects within the Southern Cape Fynbos								
00:12	09:33	Presentation	Thabang Sibiya	Evaluating Seed Suppression by Biological Control Agents on Invasive Australian Acacias in Garden Route National Park			00:12	09:33	Presentation	Jessica L. Howard	Functional and evolutionary determinants of recruitment differentiation between Fynbos Protea individuals, populations, and species.								
00:12	09:45	Presentation	Deon Rossouw	Quantifying impact and effectiveness of bark spot spray application of herbicide by helicopter on invasive alien pine trees and its collateral damage to indigenous vegetation			00:12	09:45	Presentation	Petro Botha	Sex-Specific Nutritional Traits of Thamnochortus spicigerus Shape Eland Foraging Patterns in Strandveld								
00:06	09:57	Presentation - short	Alan Wood	The Gall Rust Fungus on Stinkbean is now well established and dispersing naturally in South Africa.			00:06	09:57	Presentation - short	Sarah Frances Visser	Diverging Sex Ratios in Dioecious Proteaceae are a Consequence of Anthropogenic Disruptions to the Fire Cycle.								
00:30	10:03	Tea Break																	
02:30	10:33	Workshop 2	Andrew Turner	BioControl - challenges and opportunities for better management				Workshop 3	Corne Brink	Building a community of restoration practitioners									
01:00	13:03	Lunch Break																	
00:30	14:03	Closing & Prizes																	