

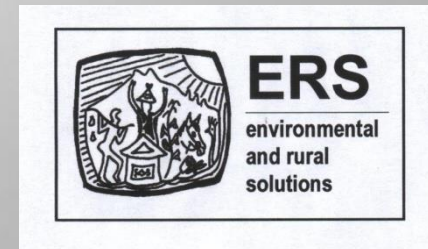
# FRF UPDATE

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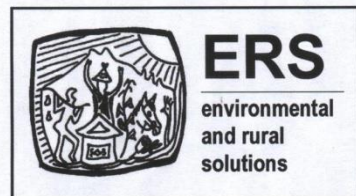
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# Introduction

- ▶ WWF and ERS are collaborating as co-hosts for 40 interns per year, over 3 years, in the rural Eastern Cape. The focus of the co-hosting is on providing exposure to and skills for fostering careers rooted in the rural green economy and water security sphere, as part of an Ecofutures programme.
- ▶ The 40 WWF-ERS Ecofutures interns were contracted on 1 April after an intense 3 week recruitment period, sourced from two very rural traditional authority areas, Sibi and Makhoba, near Matatiele. The Chief's councils from both areas were actively involved in the candidate recruitment process. The group includes 22 ladies and 18 men between the ages of 19 and 33 years.
- ▶ The interns have undergone seven active weeks of orientation, starting with HR (by MediaWorks) and environmental induction (by ERS, WWF, and Umzimvubu Catchment partners including Conservation SA and Endangered Wildlife Trust).



# TRAININGS

- ▶ Basic Financial Literacy.
- ▶ First Aid Training.
- ▶ Occupational Health and Safety.
- ▶ Computer Literacy.
- ▶ Herbicide Application.
- ▶ Citizen science-based stream health monitoring.
- ▶ Report writing basics.

# EXPOSURES

- ▶ Recycling.
- ▶ Charcoal production.



# Basic Financial Literacy

- Interns have participated in basic financial literacy and management training.



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# Medical screening

- ▶ All interns have undergone a medical screening test to establish baseline health status, and have been declared fit for work, with no major issues such as bee sting allergies.

# First Aid Training

- Accredited training in First Aid level 1 and 2 has been completed.





# Occupational Health and Safety Training

- Accredited training in Occupational Health and Safety level 1 and 2 has been completed.



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# Herbicide Applicator Training

One-day non-  
accredited herbicide  
applicator training has  
been completed.



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# Citizen-Science- Based Stream Health Monitoring.

- Interns have participated in a one-day practical training in citizen science based stream health monitoring (MiniSASS) to enable them to start monitoring rivers in their areas as part of the project objective.



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# Charcoal Production

Interns were taken to charcoal production site, where they observed the actual production of charcoal.



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# ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Interns have undertaken door to door surveys with households in their areas to develop an understanding of water and energy use in their areas of influence to help provide for their work.
- ▶ They have also done a livestock ownership and use survey and collated some interesting results to assist with effective livestock support intervention planning to boost how livestock contributes to the local economy.
- ▶ Hands-on training and tools for alien plant clearing have been provided, including safe effective clearing methods. The interns have formed six clearing teams based on geographic groupings (linked with their residential homesteads) and identified clearing areas, obtaining permission from the Chiefs for clearing wattle in these initial target areas. We are exploring biomass value add options such as charcoal and furniture production.



# Activities Cont....

- ▶ Landfill site visit.



- ▶ Recycling Depot.



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# Upcoming Trainings and Exposures

- ▶ Biodiversity and plant ID (basic plant id skills).
- ▶ Food production and safety storage (boosting home garden production and pest control).
- ▶ Livestock husbandry (paravet basics).
- ▶ Fodder production from alien plant biomass (learn how to make fodder).
- ▶ Furniture making.
- ▶ Beekeeping and honey production.
- ▶ Ecotourism basics.





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# Thank You



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