



# UPPER UTHUKELA ECO-CHAMPS

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## RESTHAVEN GUEST HOUSE

MATATIELE, EASTERN CAPE

18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020



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## **BACKGROUND**

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- **Employment of 15 Eco-Champs in the Tugela River Catchment in response to the Government stimulus fund aimed at stimulating the economy and job creation in response to COVID-19.**
- **15 Eco-Champs are from AmaNgwane & AmaZizi Traditional Authority.**
- **Could be appointing 7 more in the December round (3 women (43%) and 4 males).**



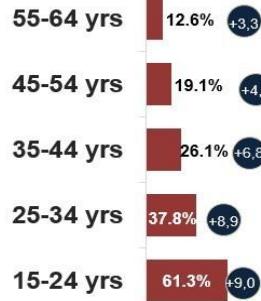
# DEMOGRAPHICS (inclusivity, transformation and redress)

## ■ Employment guided by EPWP – women & youth

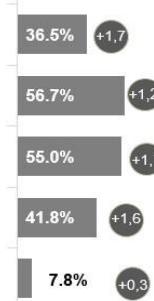
The unemployment rate for those aged 15-24 (61,3%) increased by 9,0 percentage points.

Labour market rates by age group, Q3:2020

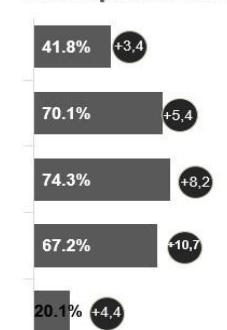
### Unemployment rate



### Absorption rate

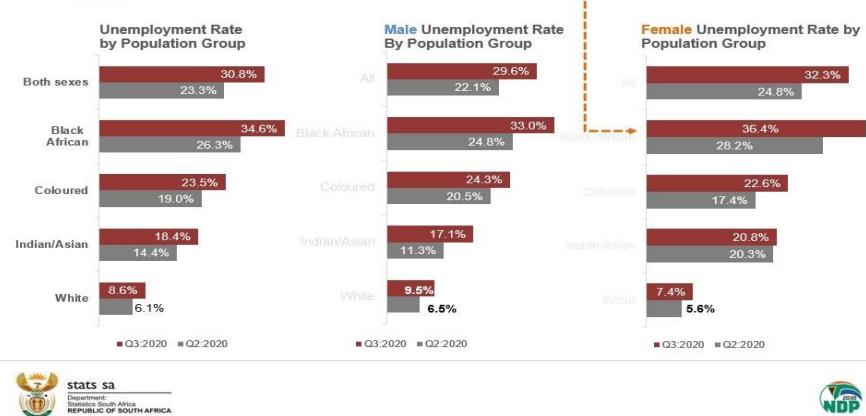


### Participation rate



Black African women are the most vulnerable with an unemployment rate above 36,0%.

OFFICIAL unemployment rate by population group and sex



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**JOBS  
CREATED**

15

%YOUTH  
87%

% WOMEN  
33%

**ESTIMATE  
D WORK&  
DAYS**

100

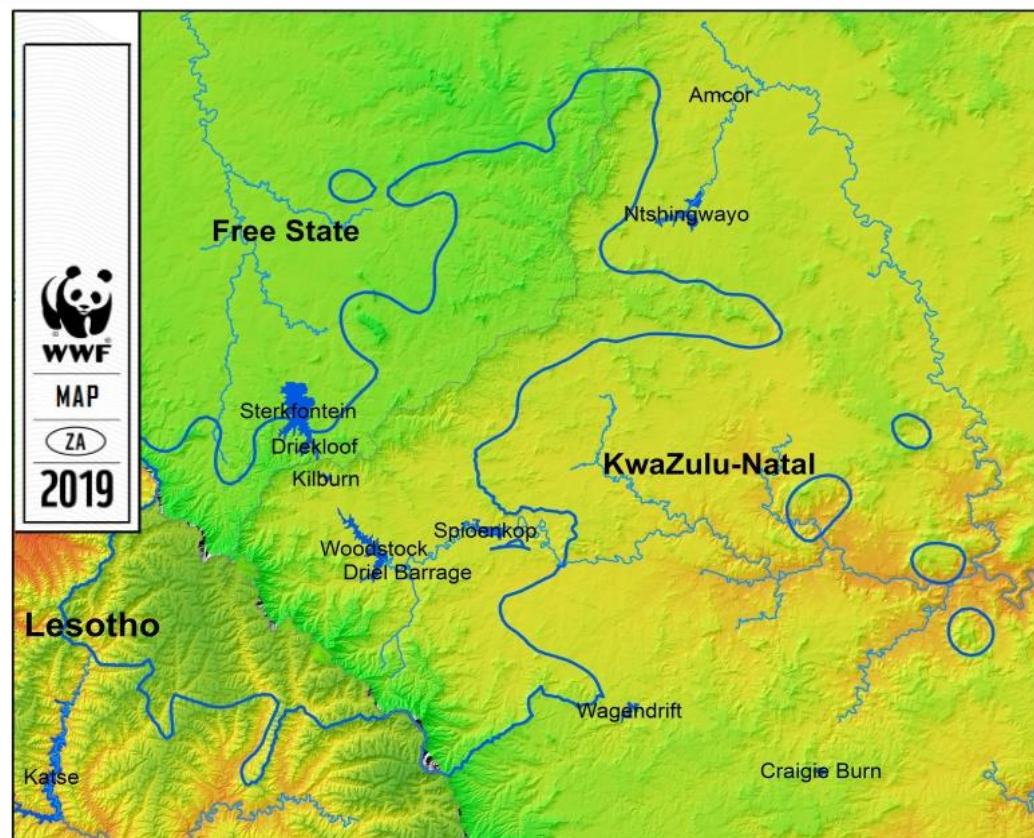
**ESTIMATE  
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1500

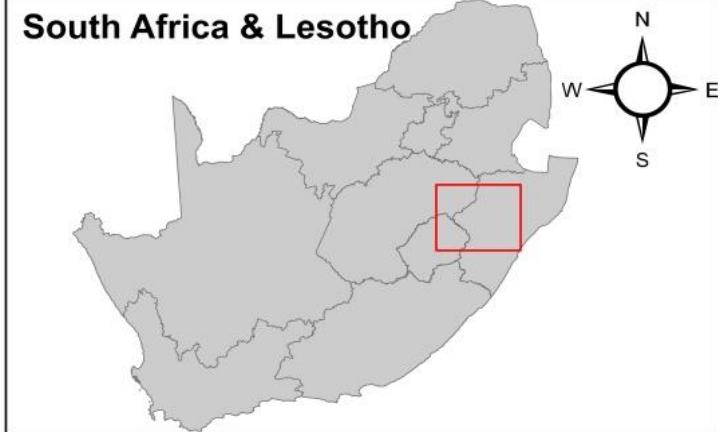


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# GEOGRAPHICAL AREA



## South Africa & Lesotho



## Digital Elevation Model

(m.a.s.l)

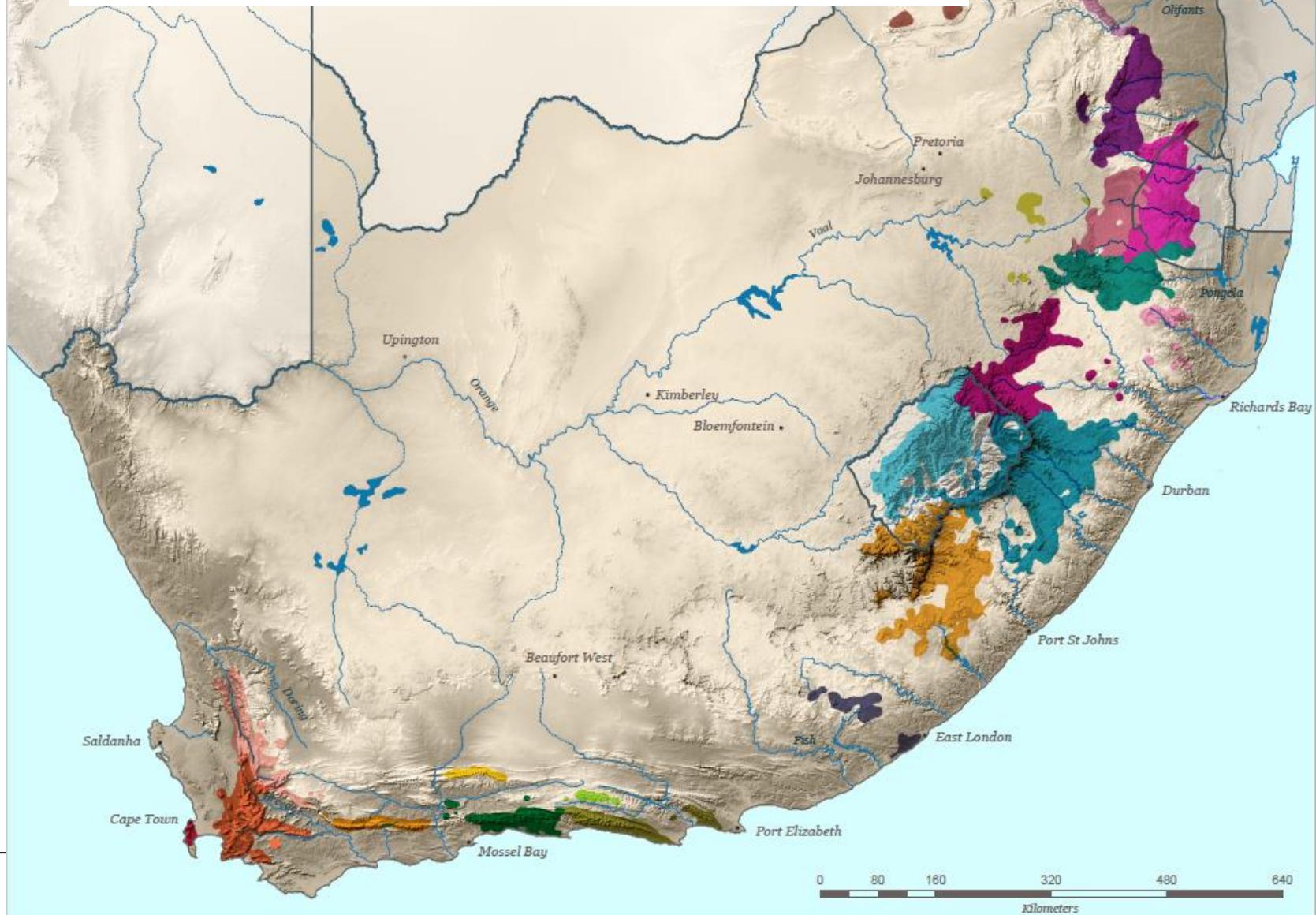
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Low : 254

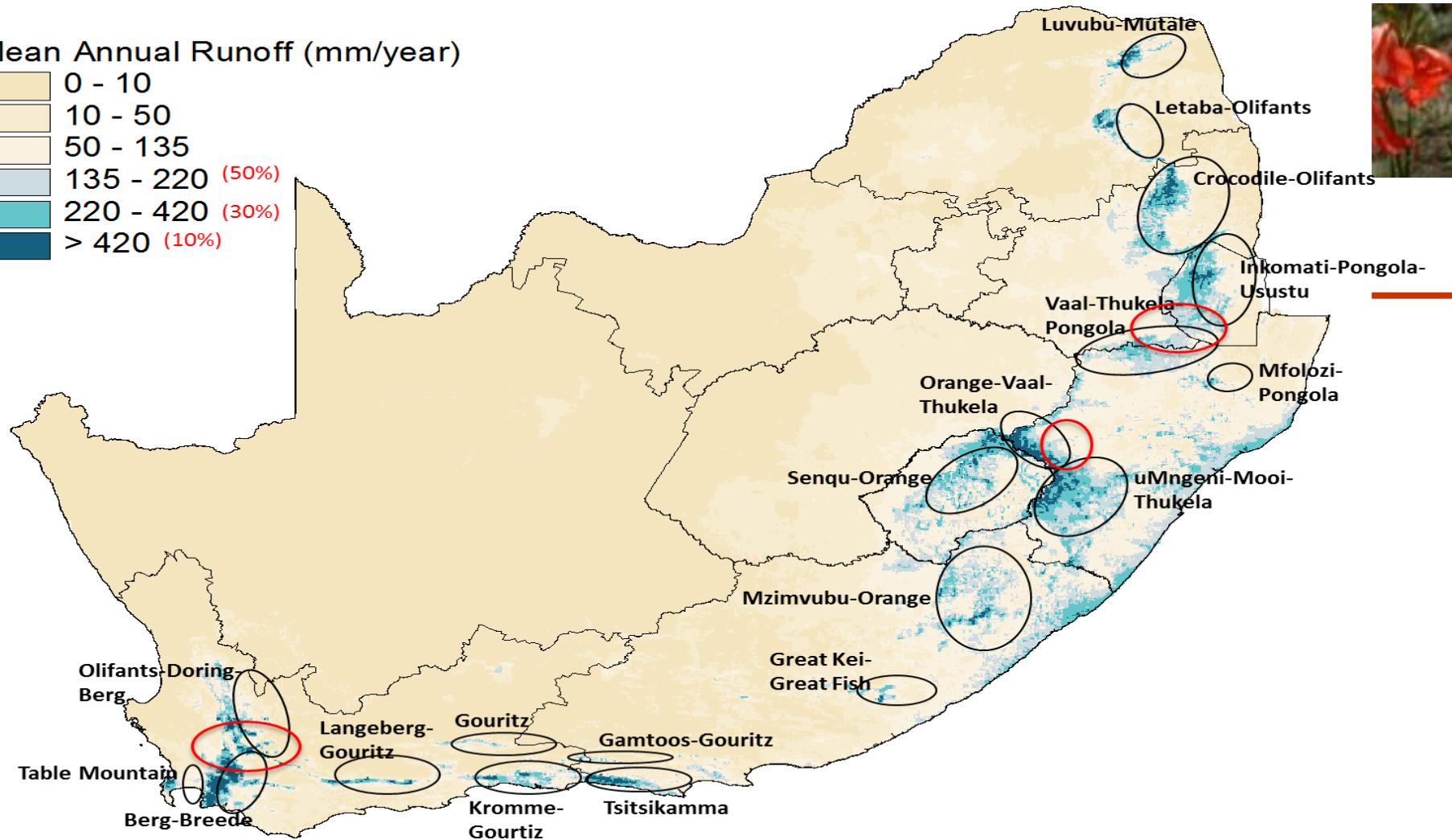
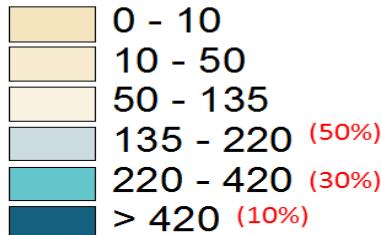
Northern Drakensberg WSA in size = 103 0156 Ha



10% of the land area of South Africa  
That provide 50% of our surface water



## Mean Annual Runoff (mm/year)



- 6/22 SWSAs are in the Drakensberg - Eastern Cape, Enkangala, Mpumalanga, Maloti, Northern and Southern
  - **Drakensberg.**



# ECO-CHAMP KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS

- The implementation approach recognises the SWSA and broadly focuses on some aspects which encapsulate the protection of Water Sources Areas.



KPA 1 – Grazing & Livestock Management



KPA 2 Fire Management



KPA 3 Climate Resilient Agriculture – Food Security



KPA 4 – Invasive Alien plant management



KPA 5 – resilient, sustainable water-based community livelihood projects

ECO-CHAMP KEY PERFORMANCE AREAS



# PROGRESS TO DATE

## ■ INCEPTION MEETINGS – 6 Nov 2020



# PROGRESS TO DATE

## Community Food gardens AmaZizi



# AMANGWANE ECOCHAMPS

## GRAZING AREAS VEGETATION ASSESSMENTS

### TRAINING





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- Traditional Authorities
- Partners – INR, UNDP, Wildlands Conservation Trust.
- Community Project Steering Committees- AmaNgwane & AmaZizi



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