



# UPPER UTHUKELA ECO-CHAMPS 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).

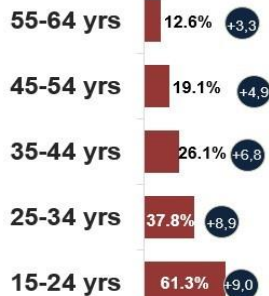
# DEMOGRAPHICS (inclusivity, transformation and redress)

## ■ Employment guided by EPWP – women & youth

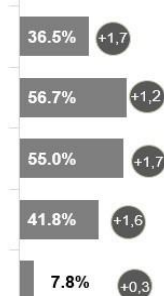
The **unemployment rate** for those aged 15-24 (61,3%) increased by **9,0** percentage points.

Labour market rates by age group, Q3:2020

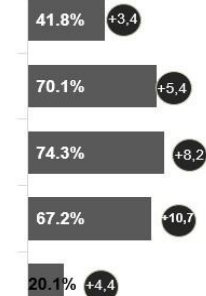
### Unemployment rate



### Absorption rate



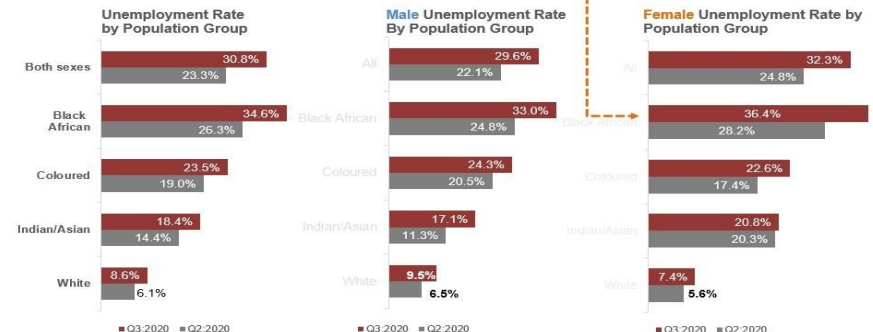
### Participation rate



Change: Percentage points  
Q2:2020 to Q3:2020

**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%

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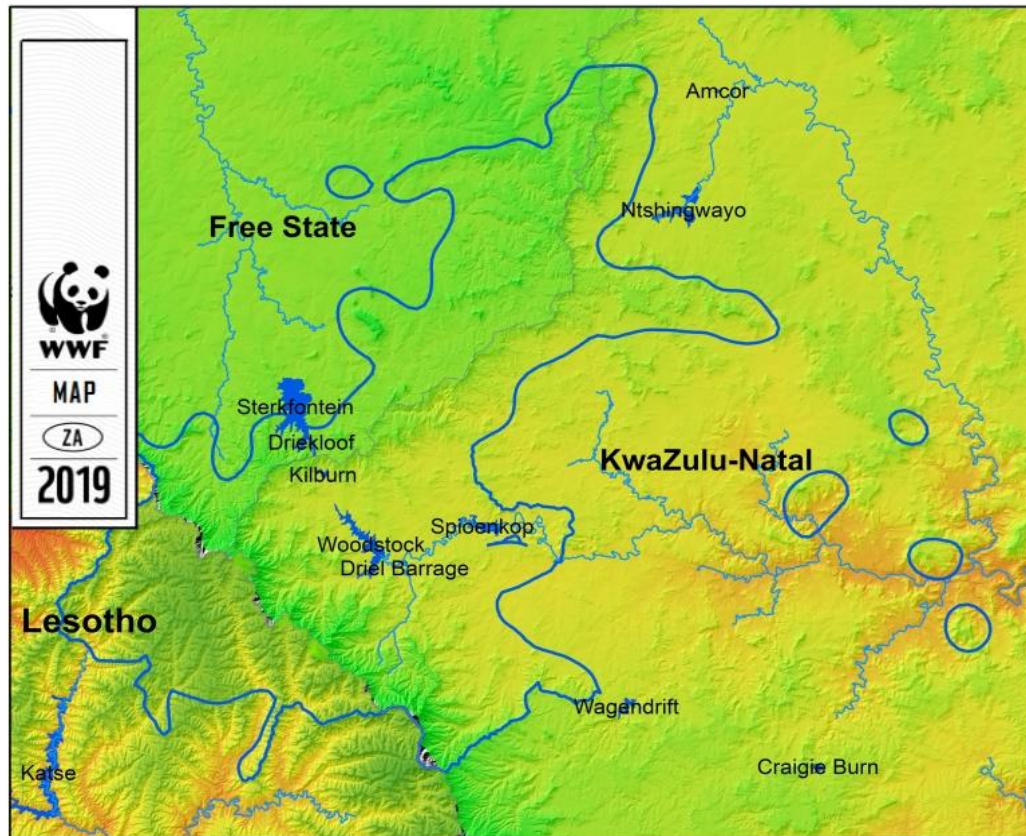
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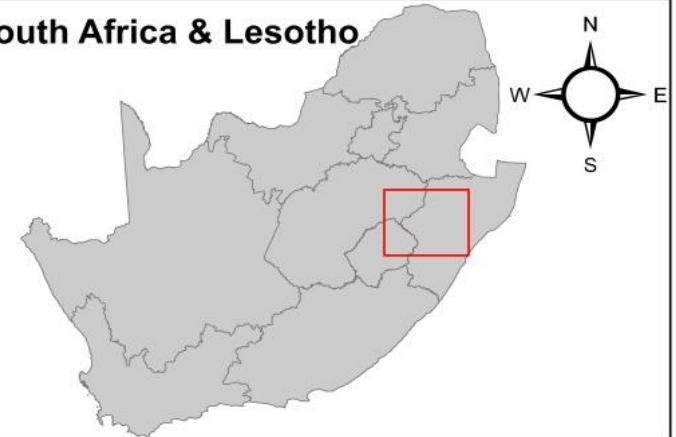
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# GEOGRAPHICAL AREA



## South Africa & Lesotho

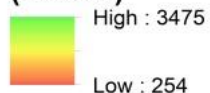


## Legend

-  Northern Drakensberg Water Source Area
-  Dams
-  Main River

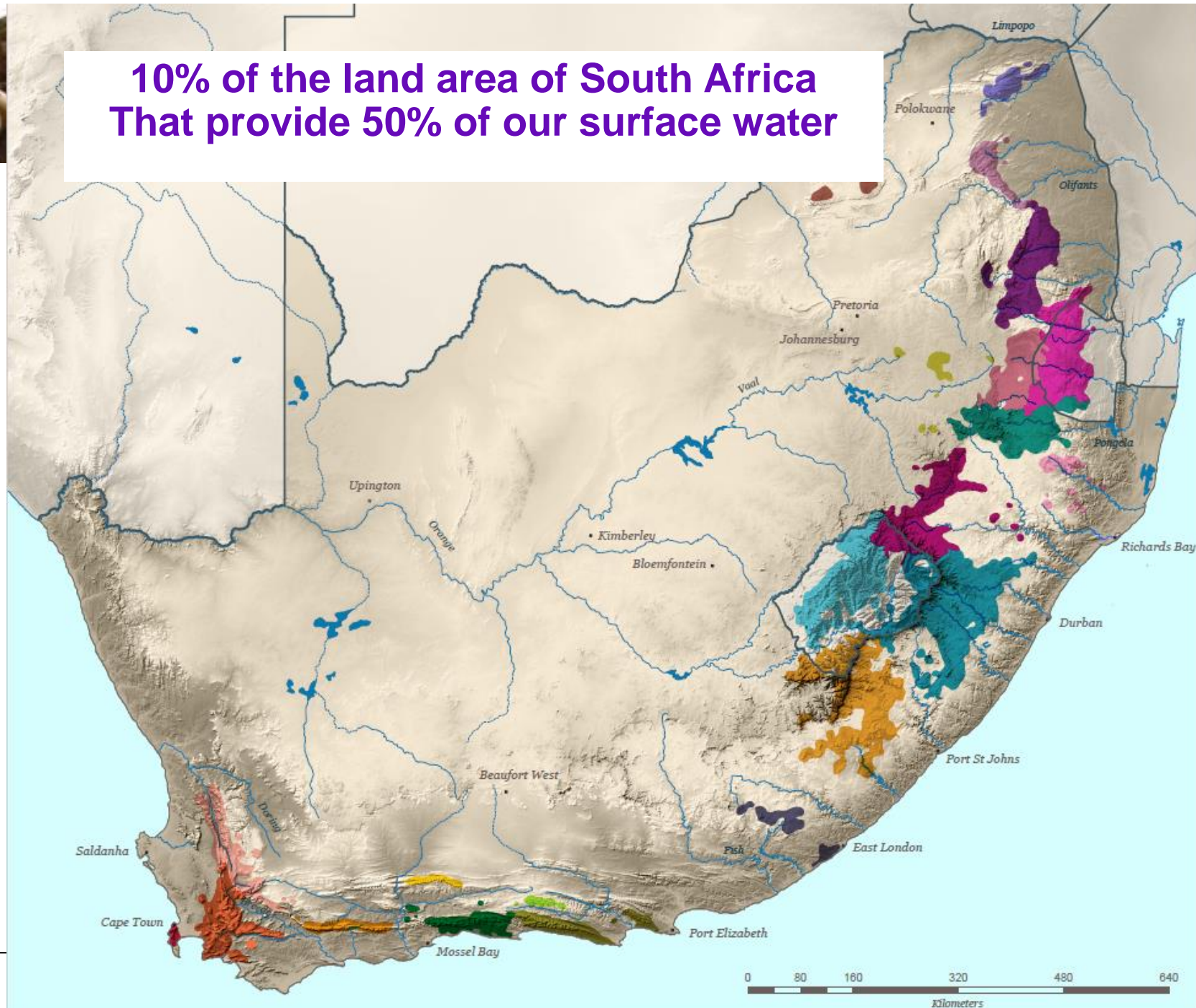
## Digital Elevation Model

(m.a.s.l)



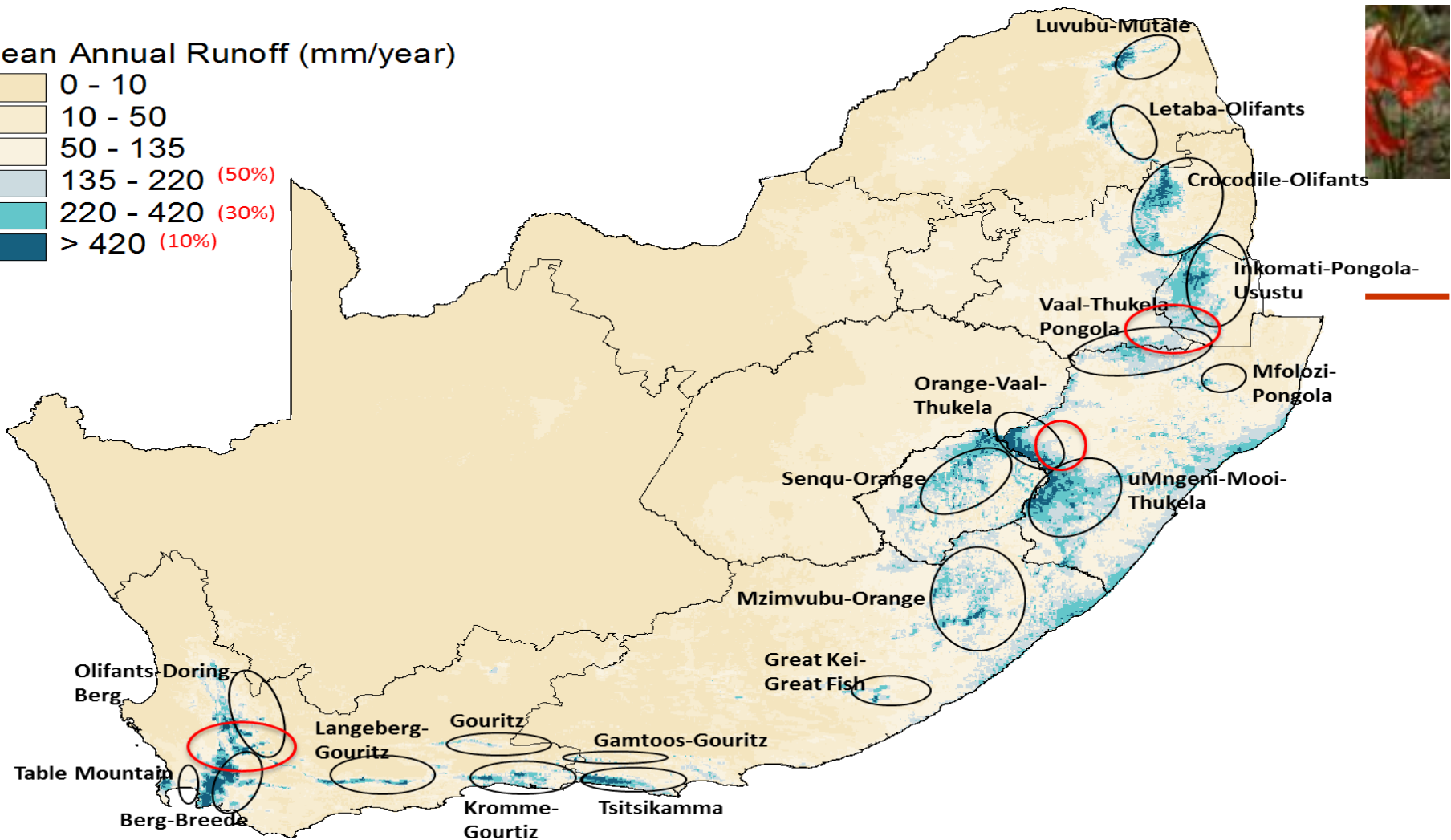
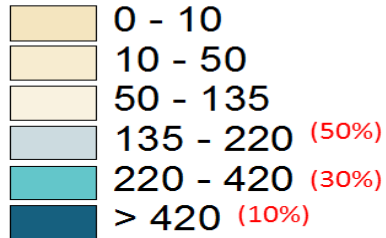
Northern Drakensbuerg WSA in size = 103 0156 Ha

**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 Nov2020





# 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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