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CONSEQUENCES OF SCENARIOS & RECOMMEND MANAGEMENT CLASSES: CROCODILE (X₂) RIVER

- **Ecology**
- **Water quality**
- **Ecosystem Services**
- **Economics**
- **Management classes**

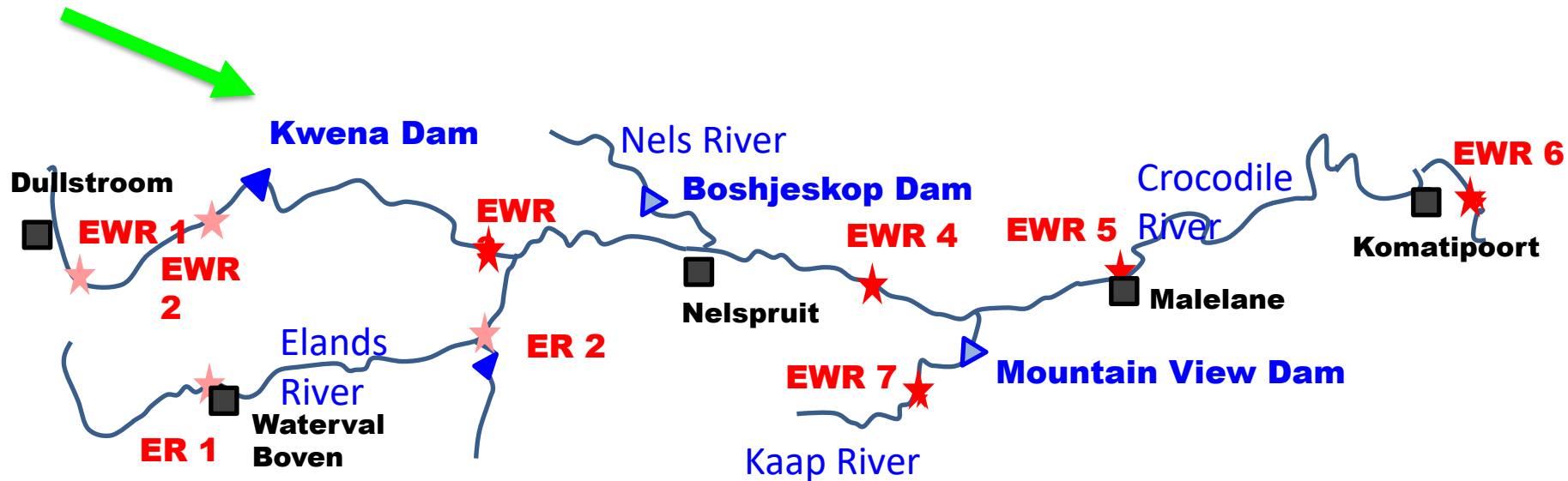
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SCENARIOS ONLY IMPACT ON SITES DOWNSTREAM OF KWENA DAM, I.E.:

- EWR C3 (DS of Kwena dam and US of Elands confluence)
- EWR C4 (Kanyamazane DS of Nelspruit)
- EWR C5 (Malelane)
- EWR C6 (Most DS point of river US of Komati confluence)
- EWR C7 (Lower Kaap River), but to a small degree

Crocodile River with key points for scenario evaluation

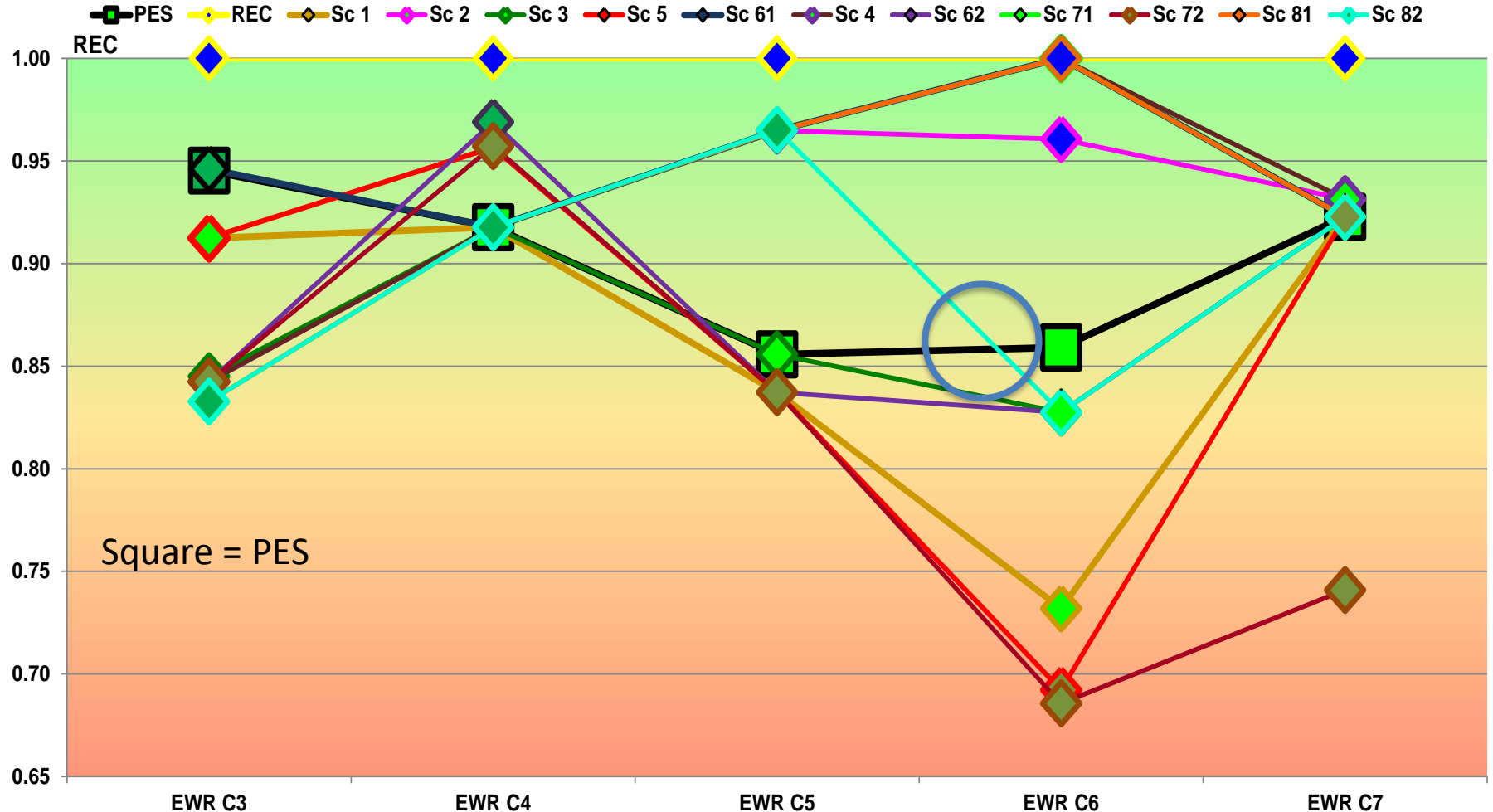
- Existing dam
- Proposed dam
- EWR site impacted on by scenarios
- EWR site not impacted on by scenarios
- Town





ECOLOGICAL CONSEQUENCES (RIVERS)

CROCODILE RIVER: INTEGRATED CONSEQUENCES



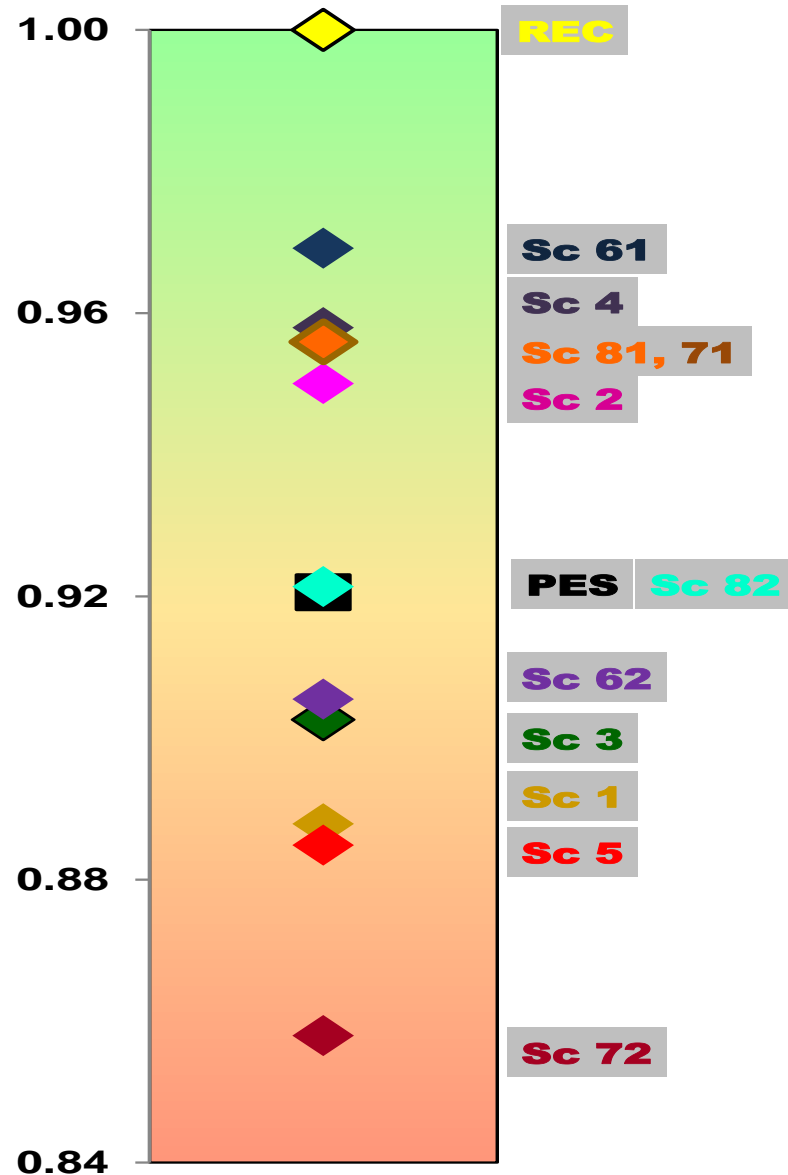
Where lines cross, the ranking order is different between EWR sites. Weights are therefore necessary as most important site ranking must play bigger role than ranking at other sites.

CROCODILE RIVER: SITE WEIGHTING

EWR site	PES	EIS	Conf	Locality in protected areas	Normalised Weight
EWR C6	C	Very High	4	5	0.20
EWR C7	C	High	1	1	0.10

CROCODILE RIVER: INTEGRATED RANKING

INTEGRATED ECOLOGICAL RANKING



- Sc 72 & C 5 are the worst.
- Current operation rule (C1), also degrades river – but maintain PES at EWR 6.
- Best options are those that include the REC – potential serious economic consequences.
- Sc 3 and 82 possible best compromise options.

A photograph of two young children playing in a river. The child on the left is shirtless and has their arms outstretched, splashing water. The child on the right is wearing blue patterned shorts and is also splashing water. The background shows a riverbank with dense green vegetation. The text 'USER WATER QUALITY CONSEQUENCES (RIVERS)' is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font at the bottom of the image.

USER WATER QUALITY CONSEQUENCES (RIVERS)

CROCODILE RIVER (1)



- All Sc

- CS

Site location

MRU Croc B, incl
EWR C3 on the
Crocodile River

Primary role players

Irrigation, esp. citrus

Primary wq drivers

Nutrients, salts, toxics

Site location

MRU Croc C, incl
EWR C4 on
the **Crocodile River**

Primary role players

KaNyamanzane
urban + industrial
area

Primary wq drivers

Nutrients, salts, toxics,
E. coli / coliforms



- All Sc

- CS

CROCODILE RIVER (2)

Site location

MRU Croc E, incl
EWR C5 on the
Crocodile River

Primary role players

Urban, incl sugar mill,
fruit processing,
WWTW;
+ KNP (one bank)

Primary wq drivers

Nutrients, salts,
toxics, temp.
E. coli / coliforms,

Site location

MRU Croc E, incl
EWR C6 on the
Crocodile River

Primary role players

Urban impacts,
WWTW;
International
agreements + KNP

Primary wq drivers

Nutrients, salts, toxics,
E. coli / coliforms,
international
obligations

- Sc2, 82
- CS; Sc1,5

- Sc 2
- CS; Sc1,82
- Sc 5,72

CROCODILE RIVER (3)

Site location

MRU Kaap A, incl
EWR C7 on
the **Kaap River**

Primary role players

Some irrigation;
Gold mines


Primary wq drivers

Nutrients, salts, toxics (As,
Cn)



● CS; Sc2;4; 62

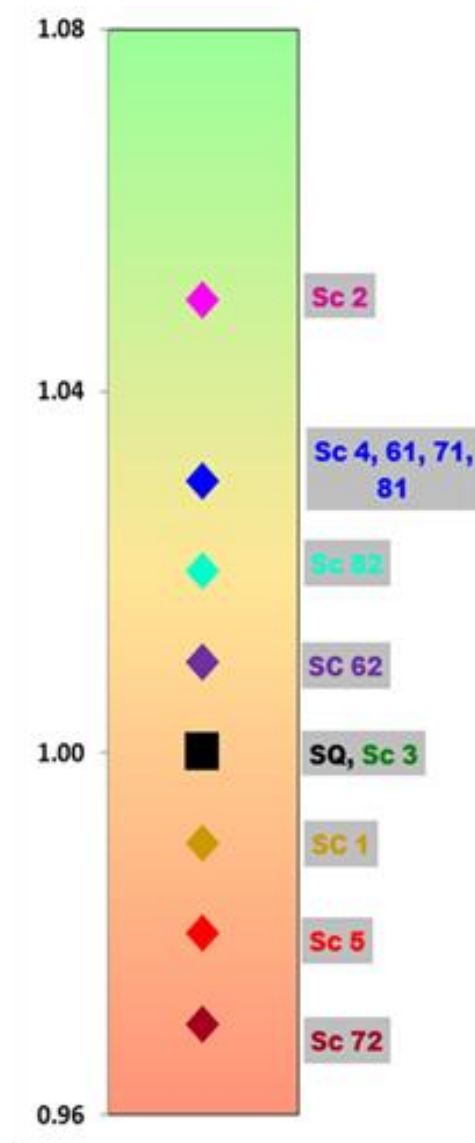
● All Sc



ECOSYSTEM SERVICES CONSEQUENCES



CONSEQUENCES -Crocodile



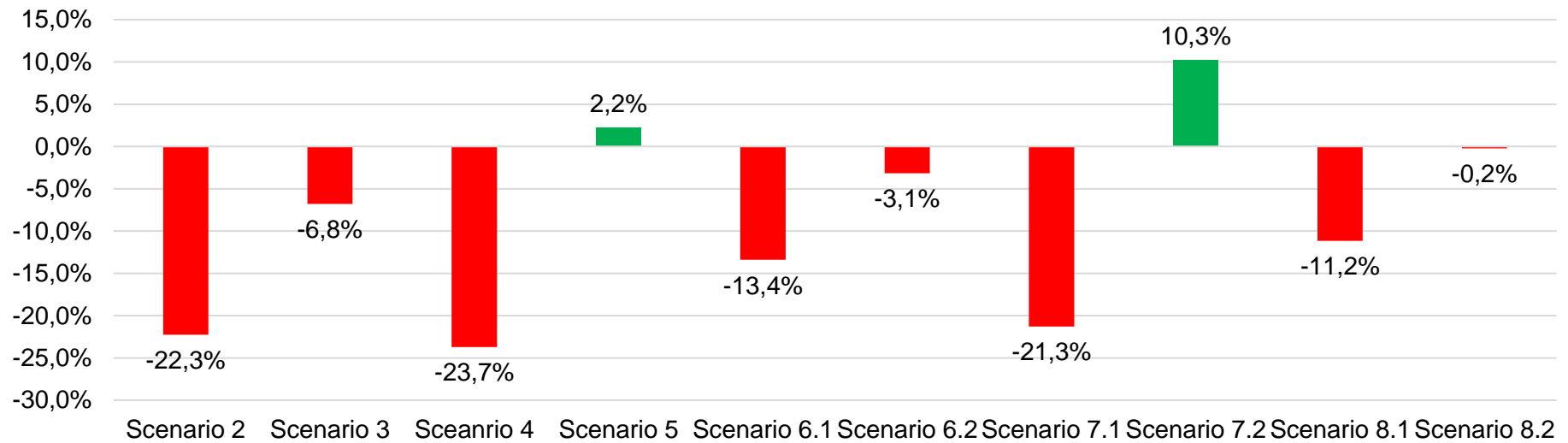
- Overall Sc C1, C5, and C72 were deemed to be marginally negative. The remaining scenarios were either neutral or marginally positive.
- Sc 72 was deemed overall to perform in most -ve manner.
- Water quality impacts were the primary driver for -ve aspect of Sc 72.
- Remaining aspects were mostly neutral.



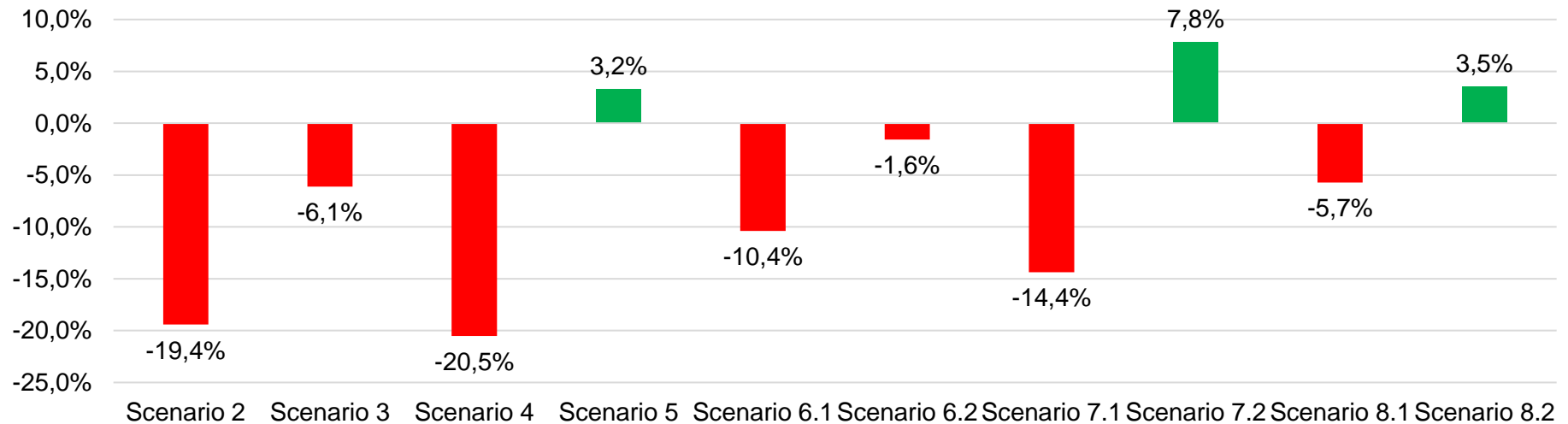
ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES

Scenario Evaluation – Crocodile River System

Crocodile River system - GDP (Percentage Change)



Crocodile River system - Employment (Percentage Change)





RECOMMENDED SCENARIO AND DRAFT MC



Variable Scores & Weights

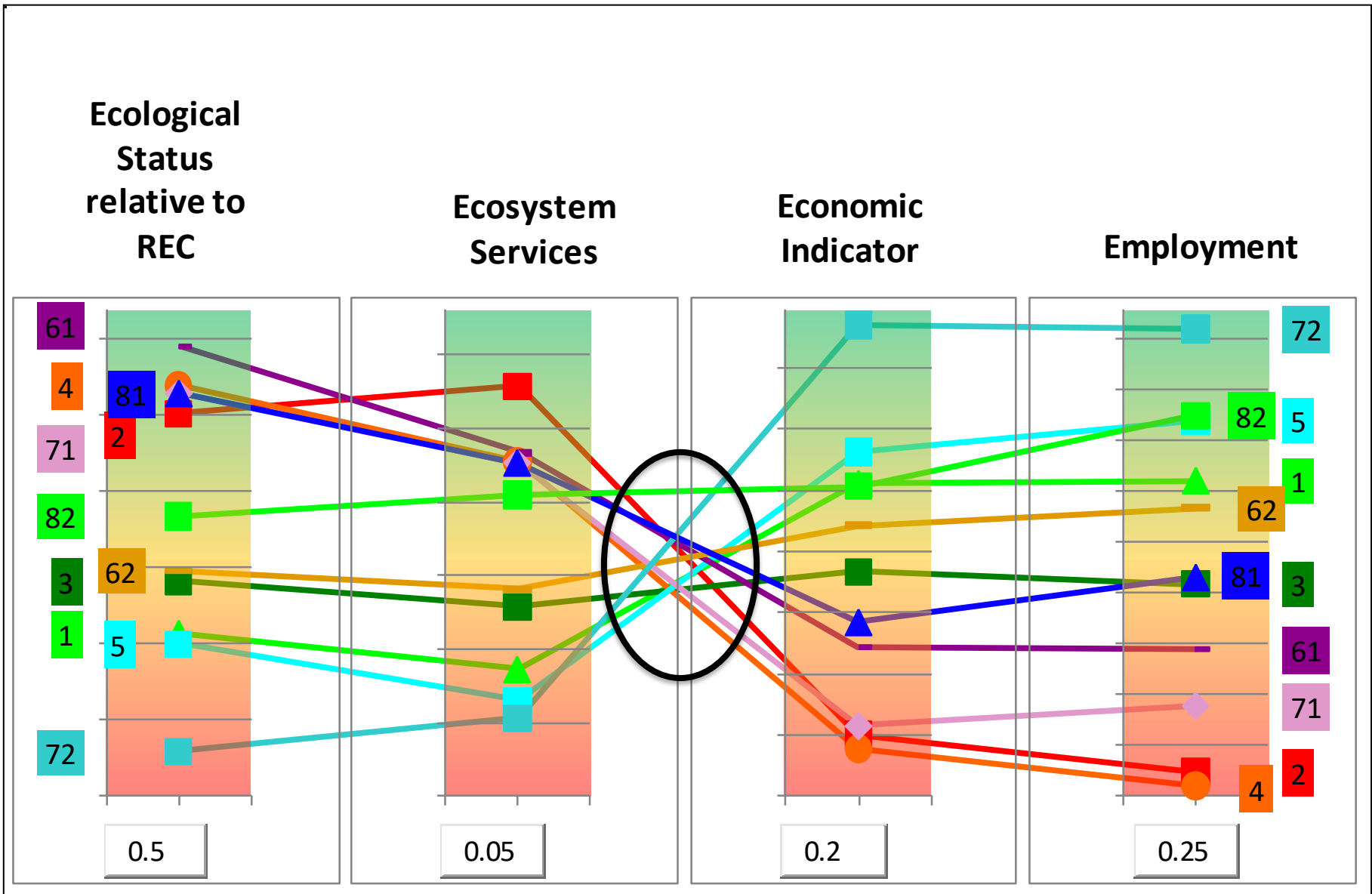
Variables	Scenarios										
	1	2	3	4	5	61	62	71	72	81	82
Ecological Status	0.89	0.95	0.91	0.96	0.89	0.97	0.91	0.96	0.86	0.96	0.92
Ecosystem Services	1.00	1.04	1.01	1.03	0.99	1.03	1.01	1.03	0.99	1.03	1.02
Economic Indicator (GDP) (R Millions)	4 522	3 699	4 235	3 656	4 626	3 988	4 384	3 729	5 041	4 069	4 513
Employment	35 197	29 473	33 167	29 206	36 377	318 88	34 653	30 772	38 167	33 294	36 475

Variables	Weights
Ecological Status	0.5
Ecosystem Services	0.05
Economic Indicator	0.2
Employment	0.25

50% Ecology

50% Socio-Economic

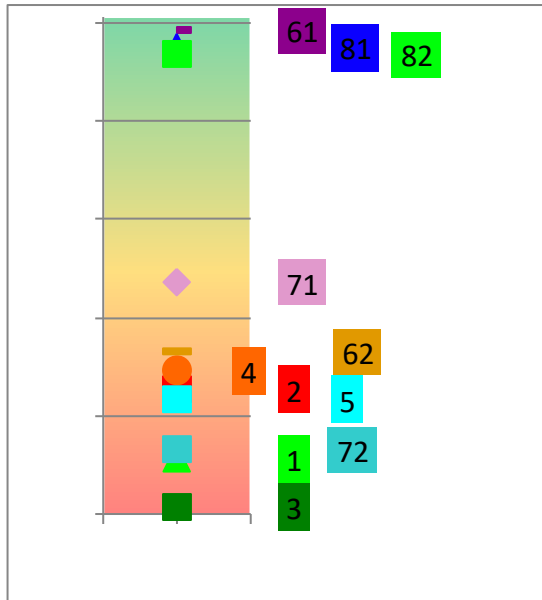
Visualisation of Variables Scores



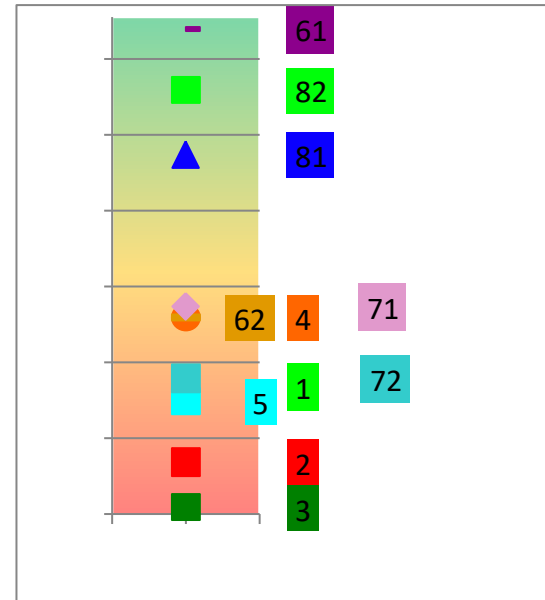
Overall Ranking (Two Rank Methods)

Method	Scenarios										
	1	2	3	4	5	61	62	71	72	81	82
Overall Score (Rank Order method)	5.45	4.95	4.65	5.90	5.35	7.80	5.90	5.98	5.50	6.98	7.40
Rank (1 = best, 8 = worse)	8	10	11	5.5	9	1	5.5	4	7	3	2
Overall Score (Normalisation Method)	0.446	0.481	0.421	0.490	0.476	0.663	0.500	0.535	0.450	0.654	0.651
Rank (1 = best, 8 = worse)	10	7	11	6	8	1	5	4	9	2	3

Overall Ranking
(Normalised Scores)



Overall Ranking
(Rank Order)



Sensitivity analysis and synthesis of

Nr	Alternative Weights:				Scenario and Ranking Order										
	Ecological	Ecosystem Services	Economy (GDP)	Employment	1	2	3	4	5	61	62	71	72	81	82
1	0.15	0.10	0.45	0.30	4	10	8	11	3	7	5	9	1	6	2
2	0.20	0.10	0.40	0.30	4	10	8	11	3	7	5	9	1	6	2
3	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	9	6	11	10	8	3	5	7	4	2	1
4	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	9	6	11	10	8	3	5	7	4	2	1
5	0.30	0.05	0.30	0.35	7	10	8	11	3	6	5	9	2	4	1
6	0.35	0.05	0.25	0.35	7	10	8	11	5	4	6	9	2	3	1
7	0.40	0.05	0.25	0.30	7	10	9	11	5	3	6	8	4	2	1
8	0.45	0.05	0.20	0.30	8	10	11	9	5	3	4	6	7	2	1
9	0.45	0.05	0.22	0.28	8	10	11	9	5	3	4	7	6	2	1
10	0.45	0.05	0.28	0.22	8	10	11	9	6	2	4	7	5	3	1
11	0.45	0.05	0.30	0.20	8	10	11	9	6	2	4	7	5	3	1
12	0.45	0.05	0.32	0.18	8	10	11	9	6	2	5	7	4	3	1
13	0.48	0.05	0.22	0.25	10	9	11	7	6	2	5	4	8	3	1
14	0.48	0.05	0.25	0.22	10	9	11	7	6	2	5	4	8	3	1
15	0.48	0.05	0.30	0.17	10	9	11	7	6	1	5	4	8	3	2
16	0.48	0.05	0.35	0.12	10	9	11	6	7	1	5	4	8	3	2
17	0.50	0.05	0.15	0.30	10	7	11	6	8	1	5	4	9	2	3
18	0.50	0.05	0.20	0.25	10	7	11	6	8	1	5	4	9	2	3
19	0.50	0.05	0.30	0.15	10	7	11	6	8	1	5	4	9	2	3
20	0.50	0.10	0.20	0.20	9	5	10	6	8	1	7	4	11	2	3
21	0.50	0.15	0.15	0.20	10	5	8	6	9	1	7	4	11	2	3

Rank: 1 = best, 11 = worse.

Considerations for scenario selection

- Scenarios 82, 61 and 81 is similar and the following should be considered.
- Large advantage in socio-economic scores for Scenario 82 compared to Scenario 61, while the ecology is maintained at a levels slightly above the Present Ecological State.
- This implies Scenario 82 is an improvement for both the ecology and socio-economics compared to current conditions (Scenario 1) while Scenario 61 only improves the ecology.
- A further aspect to consider is that the ecological score for Scenario 61 is the highest for all the scenarios and as such represents an “extreme” option and not a balanced outcome.

Considerations for scenario selection

- **It is therefore proposed that Scenario 82 be selected as the preferred scenario for the long term future.**
- Scenario 82 incorporates both the future development options (Mountain View and Boschjeskop dams), which have the risk that it will be a long time before both dams are developed.
- **Scenario 62 (includes only Mountain View Dam) is therefore proposed as the scenario to be aimed at over the medium term future since Mountain View Dam has a higher probability of being developed.**

Considerations for scenario selection

- Over the short term the selection is between Scenario 1 and Scenario 3. Scenario 3 includes additional water for Mozambique, makes releases towards improving the current ecological conditions as well as allows for growth in domestic water supply and is therefore proposed for the preferred scenarios for the short term.
- All three the proposed scenarios (Scenarios 3, 62 and 82) are where the “PES” releases are the target EWR and allow improvements in both the ecological health as well as the socio-economic conditions in future.

Derivation of the Water Resource Class for each IUA

Recommended Management Class Criteria Table

		% EC representation at units represented by biophysical nodes in an IUA					Prominent Ecological Categories
		$\geq A/B$	$\geq B$	$\geq C$	$\geq D$	$< D$	
Class I		0	60	80	95	5	A & B
Class II			0	70	90	10	C
Class III	Either			0	80	20	D
	Or				100		

Unit Percentages:

Length of river in a given Ecological Category
divided by the total river length in an IUA .

Resulting IUA Management Classes for all scenarios

IUA	Scenarios and Management Class												
	PES	REC	1	2	3	4	5	61	62	71	72	81	82
1	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II
2	II	I	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II
3	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
4	II	I	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II
5	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
6	II	I	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II
7	II	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I
8	XXX	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II
9	II	I	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II
10	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	III	II	II
11	II	I	II	I	II	I	III	I	II	I	III	I	II
12	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II	II
13	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I	I

“XXX” – Scenario did not achieve Class III criteria