

Implementation of the Water Resources Classification System and Determination of the Resource Quality Objectives for Significant Water Resources in the Letaba Catchment

Item 8: Visioning

Project Steering Committee

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Purpose of Visioning

- “ Visioning is a future-building process.
- “ Means to articulate aspirations for the future state and benefits to be derived from the water resources & aquatic ecosystem services.
- “ Process where by the Project Steering Committee members are afforded the opportunity to express their vision for each Integrated Unit of Analysis.



Why is visioning important?

- “ The process generates dialogue for shared awareness and understanding by users.
 - “ Encourage people to adjust their individual utilisation of the resource in the broader interests of sustainability and co-operative management.
 - “ The aim: promote equity and shared understanding of the costs and benefits of different resource use options.
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What are we developing a vision for?

- “ The water resource includes:
 - . Watercourses, surface water, estuary or aquifer, groundwater.
 - . A watercourse includes:
 - . Rivers, springs, the channels in which water flows regularly or intermittently
 - . Wetlands, lakes and dams
 - . Where relevant the bed and banks of the system
 - “ The quality of these components need to be defined
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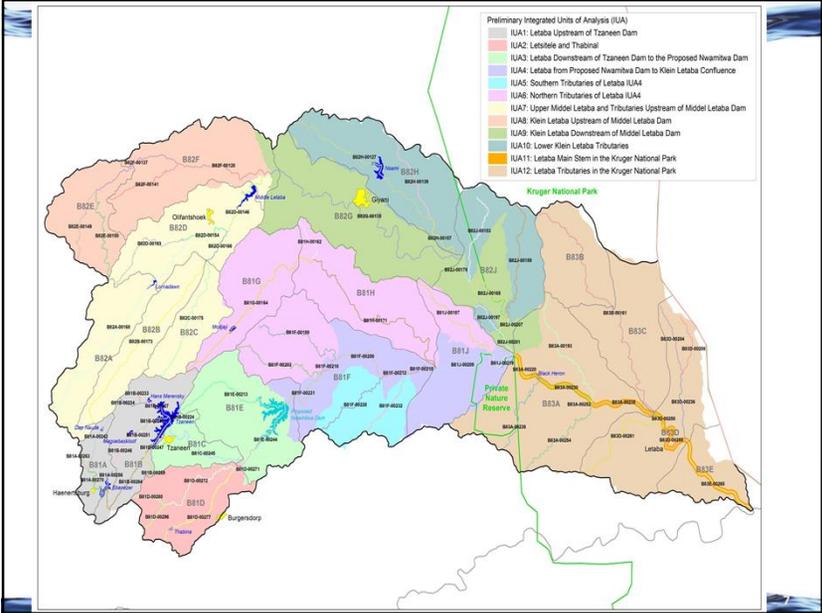
Quality of the resource is define by:

- “ Fluxes in flow (temporal and geographic)
- “ Expressed by:
 - . Physical, chemical and biological characteristics of the water.
 - . Character and condition of the in-stream and riparian habitat.
 - . Composition, condition and distribution of the aquatic biota.
 - . Risk of none-avialability or assurance of supply



Visioning approach

- “ Different groups to address the IUAs of concern.
- “ These groups will be led by a facilitator.
- “ The questions that need to be addressed to establish a vision are:
 - . Is the current situation in the IUA acceptable?
 - . If not, what should be changed?
 - . Why do you need it to be changed?
 - . What are the possible consequences of the changes?



Thank You

Questions for clarification?