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# Determining Water Resources Classes and Resource Quality Objectives in the Breede-Gouritz WMA

## Project Steering Committee Meeting 1

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# **Overview of study objectives & tasks**



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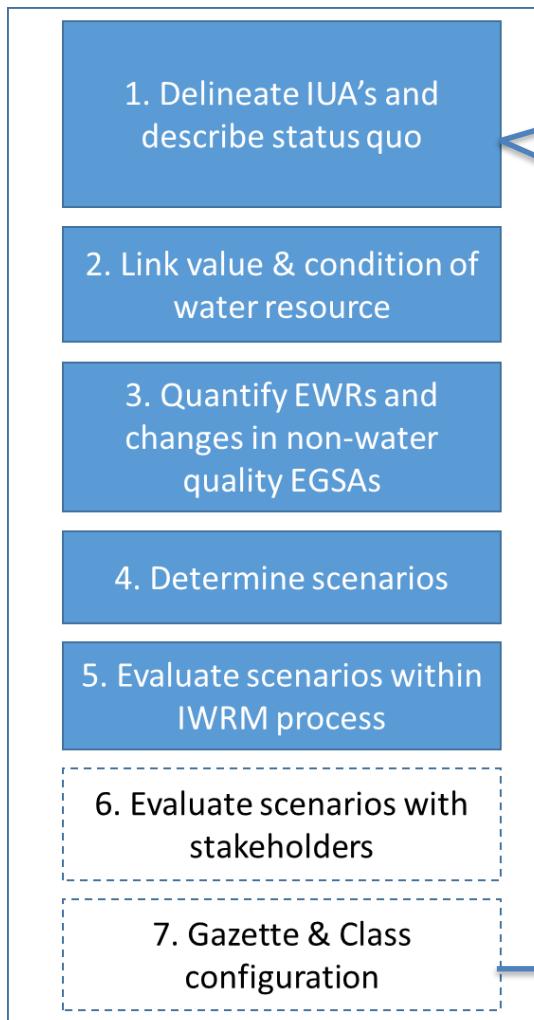
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Co-ordinate implementation of the Water Resources Classification System (WRCS)

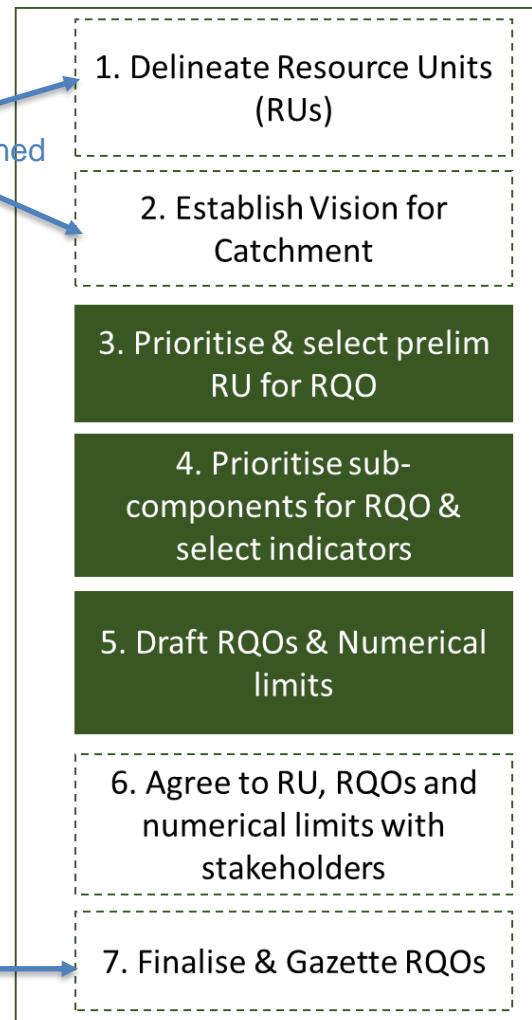
- **Determine Water Resource Classes (WRCs)**
- **Determine Resource Quality Objectives (RQOs)**
- **Support Gazetting of Recommended Water Resources Classes and RQOs**

# Classification and RQOs Steps

## 7-step process to determine WRCs

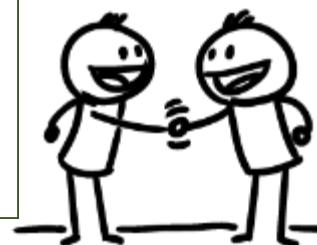


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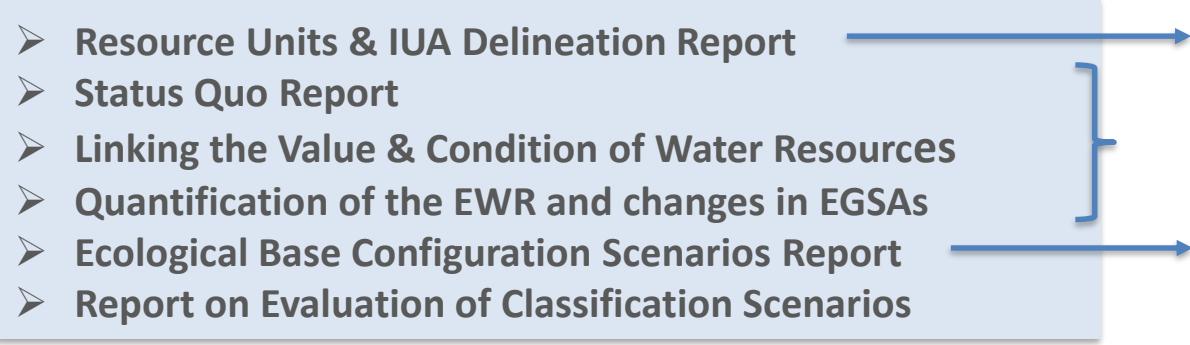
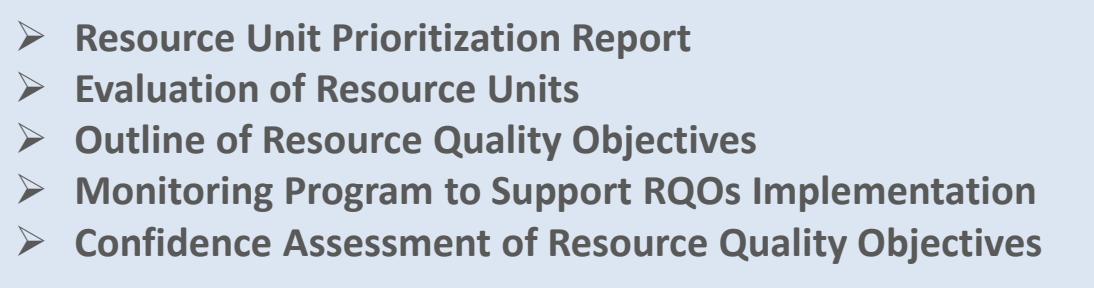


Gazette WRC & RQO

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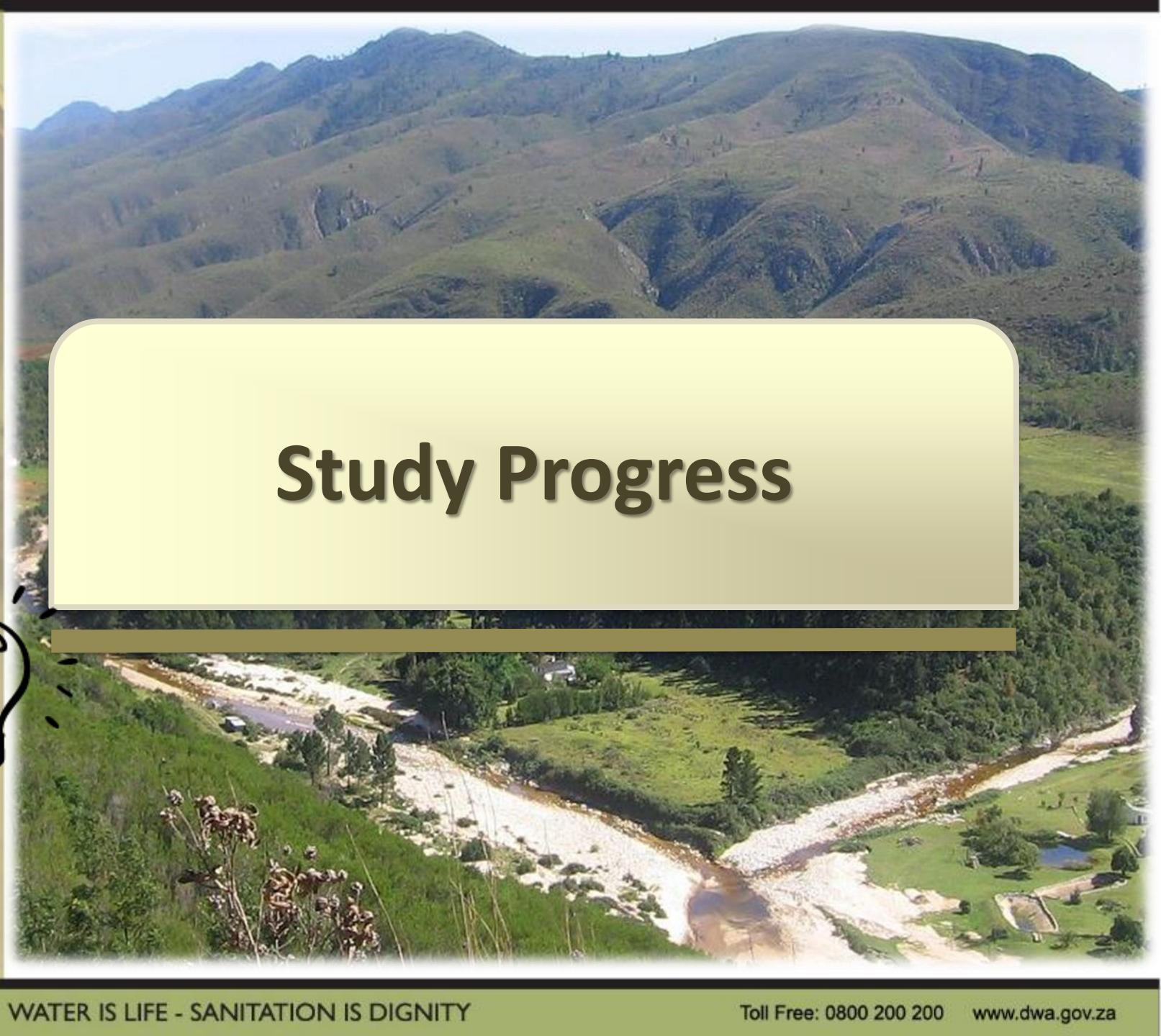


# Main study tasks (stakeholder engagement throughout)

- **Task 1: Inception**  Completed
  - Inception Report
  - Stakeholder Identification and Mapping Report
- **Task 2: Information gathering**  Completed
  - Water Resources Information and Gap Analysis
- **Task 3: Determine Water Resource Classes** 
  - Resource Units & IUA Delineation Report  Completed
  - Status Quo Report
  - Linking the Value & Condition of Water Resources
  - Quantification of the EWR and changes in EGSAs
  - Ecological Base Configuration Scenarios Report  in progress
  - Report on Evaluation of Classification Scenarios
- **Task 4: Determine Resource Quality Objectives** 
  - Resource Unit Prioritization Report
  - Evaluation of Resource Units
  - Outline of Resource Quality Objectives
  - Monitoring Program to Support RQOs Implementation
  - Confidence Assessment of Resource Quality Objectives
- **Task 5: Support Gazetting done by DWS to legalise** 
  - Final Report and Gazette template



# Study Progress



# Study Status: Classification Steps 1-7 (Stakeholder engagement throughout)

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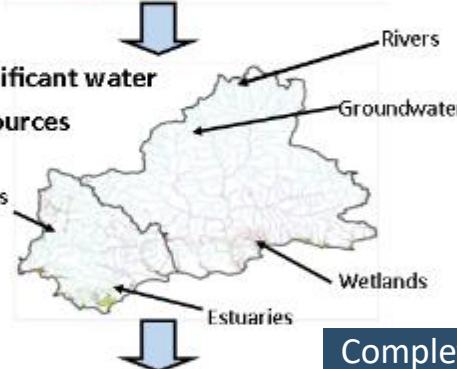
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Complete

### Significant water resources



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STATUS QUO: Draft

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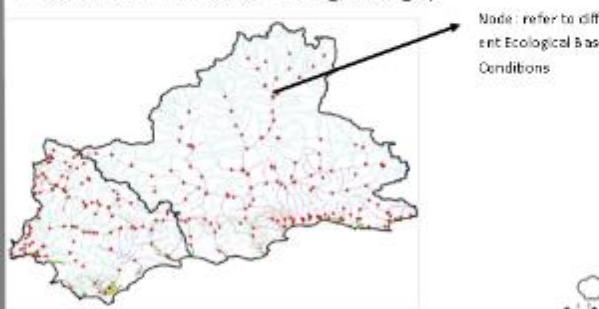
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In progress

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## Water Resource Classification Procedure



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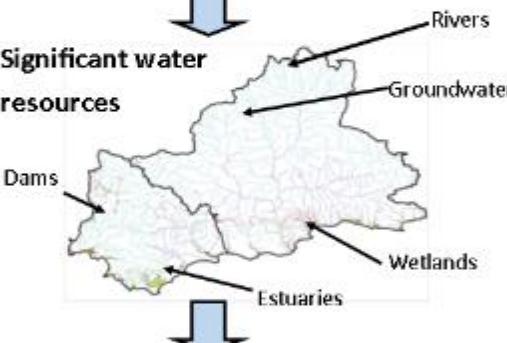
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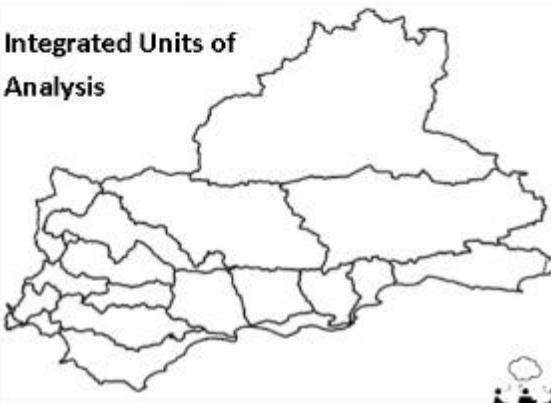
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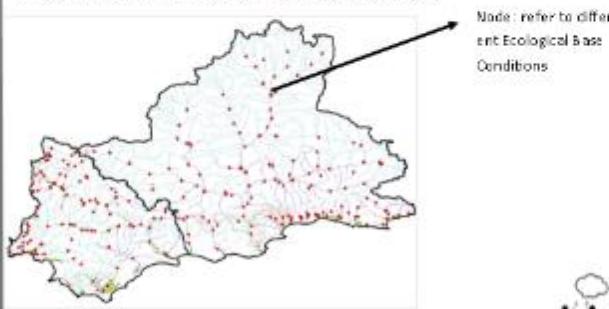
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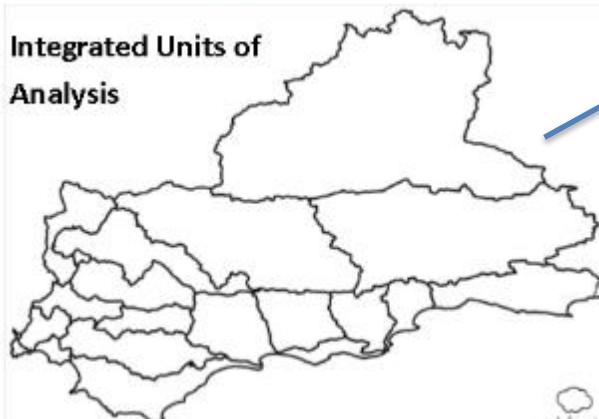
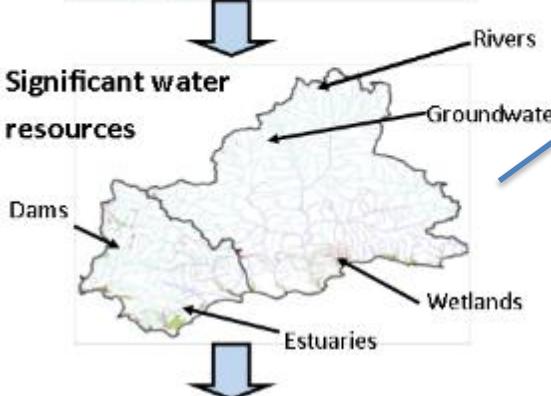
- What are **significant resources**?
  - Based on significant Physical, Biological & Socio-economic factors
  - Surface water (rivers, wetlands, estuaries, dams)
  - Groundwater

Each of the 18 IUAs represents an area with similar features, requiring a Water Resource Class

- Why do we need these?
  - These are broad-scale units to assess socio-economic implications of scenarios (*possible future situations*)
  - Report on ecological conditions at a sub-catchment scale
  - Set Water Resource Classes for different parts of the WMA or a catchment



Outcome: Integrated Units of Analysis with nested sub-units (nodes) and overview of status quo of Water Management Area (WMA) concerning all aspects of water resources.



## 1. Socio-economic zones

**Objective:** To predict & report implications of scenarios on social wellbeing, economic prosperity & ecosystem health

**Breede-Gouritz:** 8 Socio-economic zones

## 2. Resource Units

**Objective:**

- an identified network of significant resources (rivers, estuaries, wetlands, dams, aquifers)
- describe water resource infrastructure & water user allocations

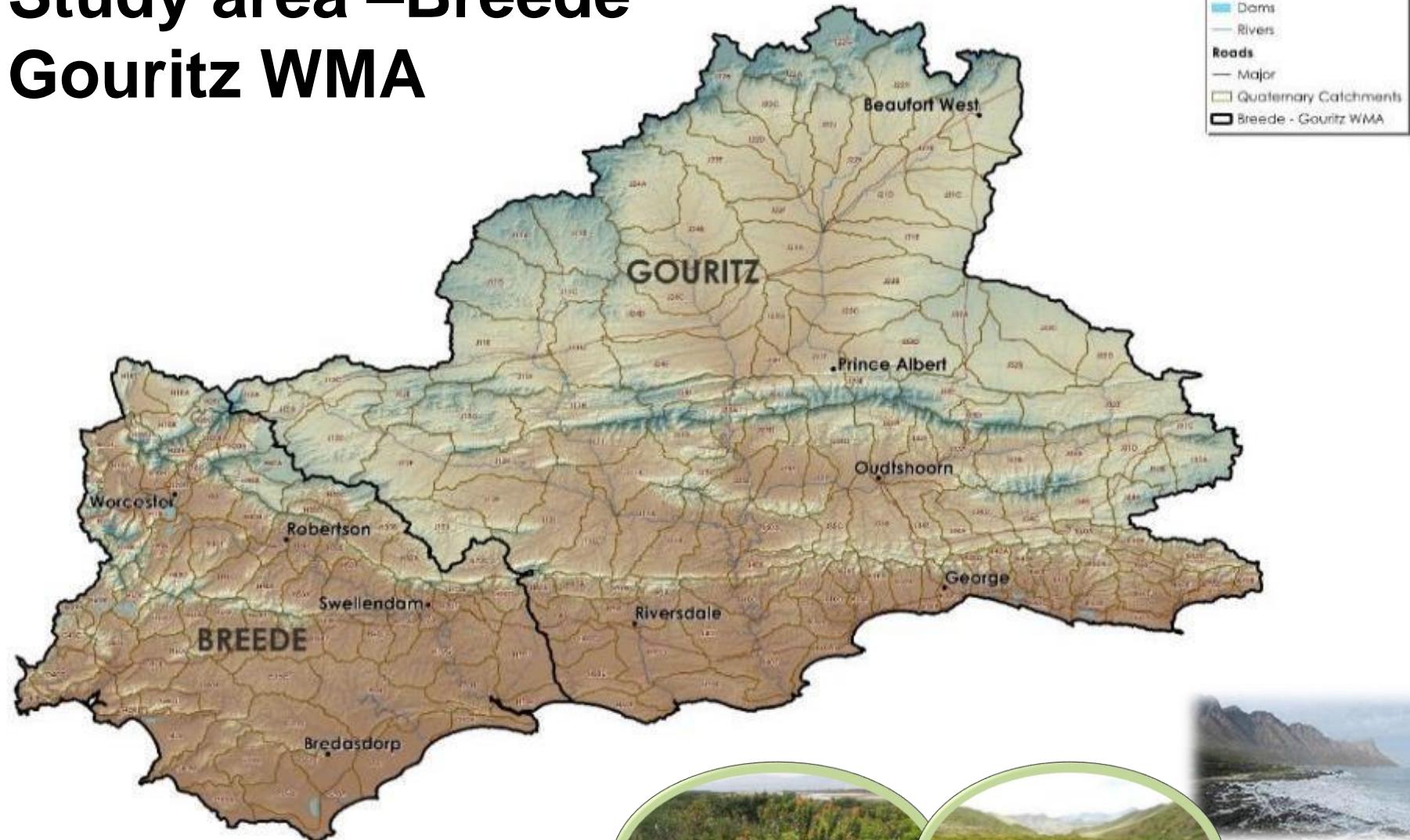
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# Study area –Breede Gouritz WMA



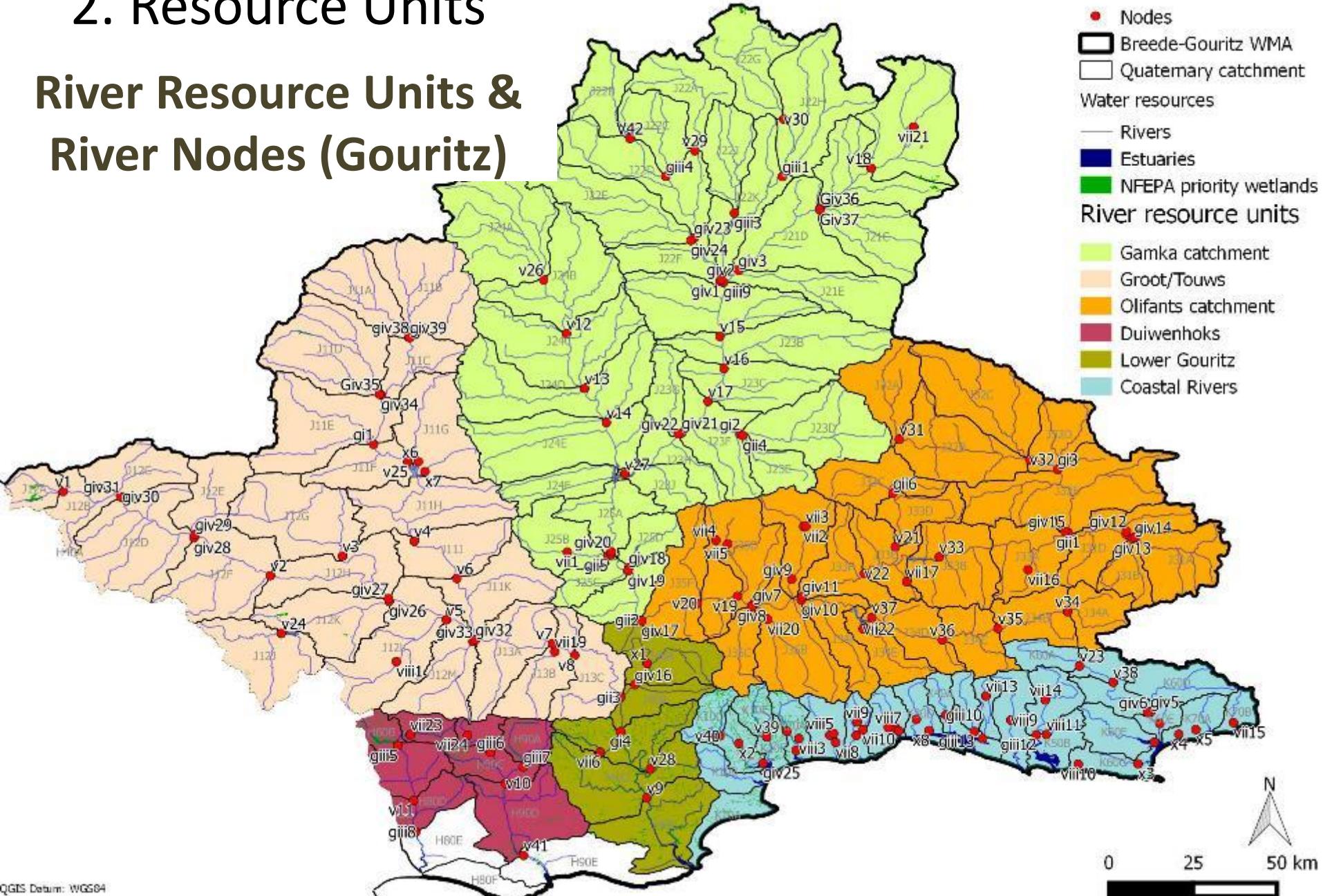
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# 1. Socio-economic zones



## 2. Resource Units

### River Resource Units & River Nodes (Gouritz)



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## 2. Resource Units

# River Resource Units & River Nodes (Breede-Overberg)

### Legend

- Nodes
- Breede-Gouritz WMA
- Quaternary catchment

### Water Resources

- River
- Dams
- Estuaries
- NFEPA priority wetlands

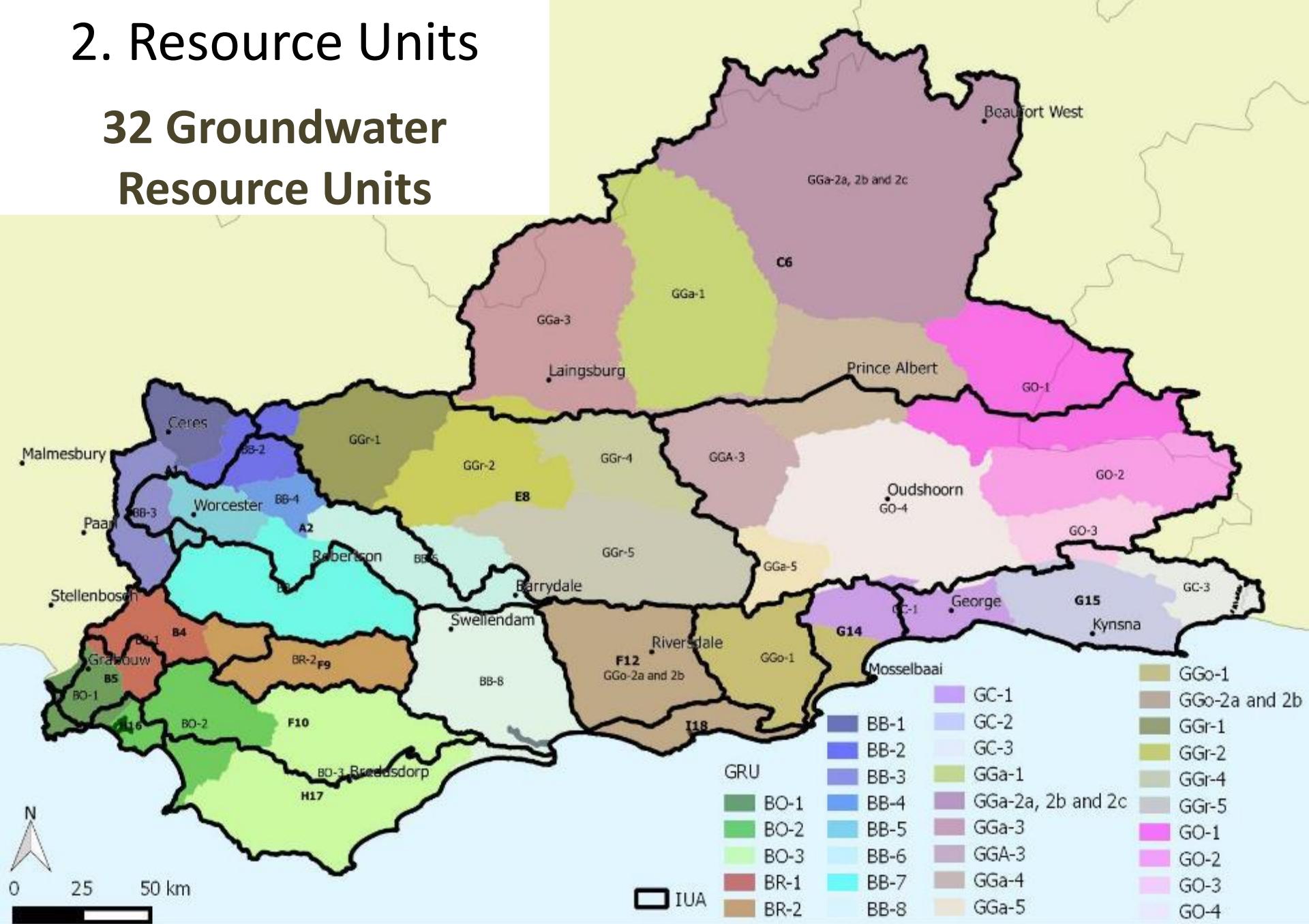
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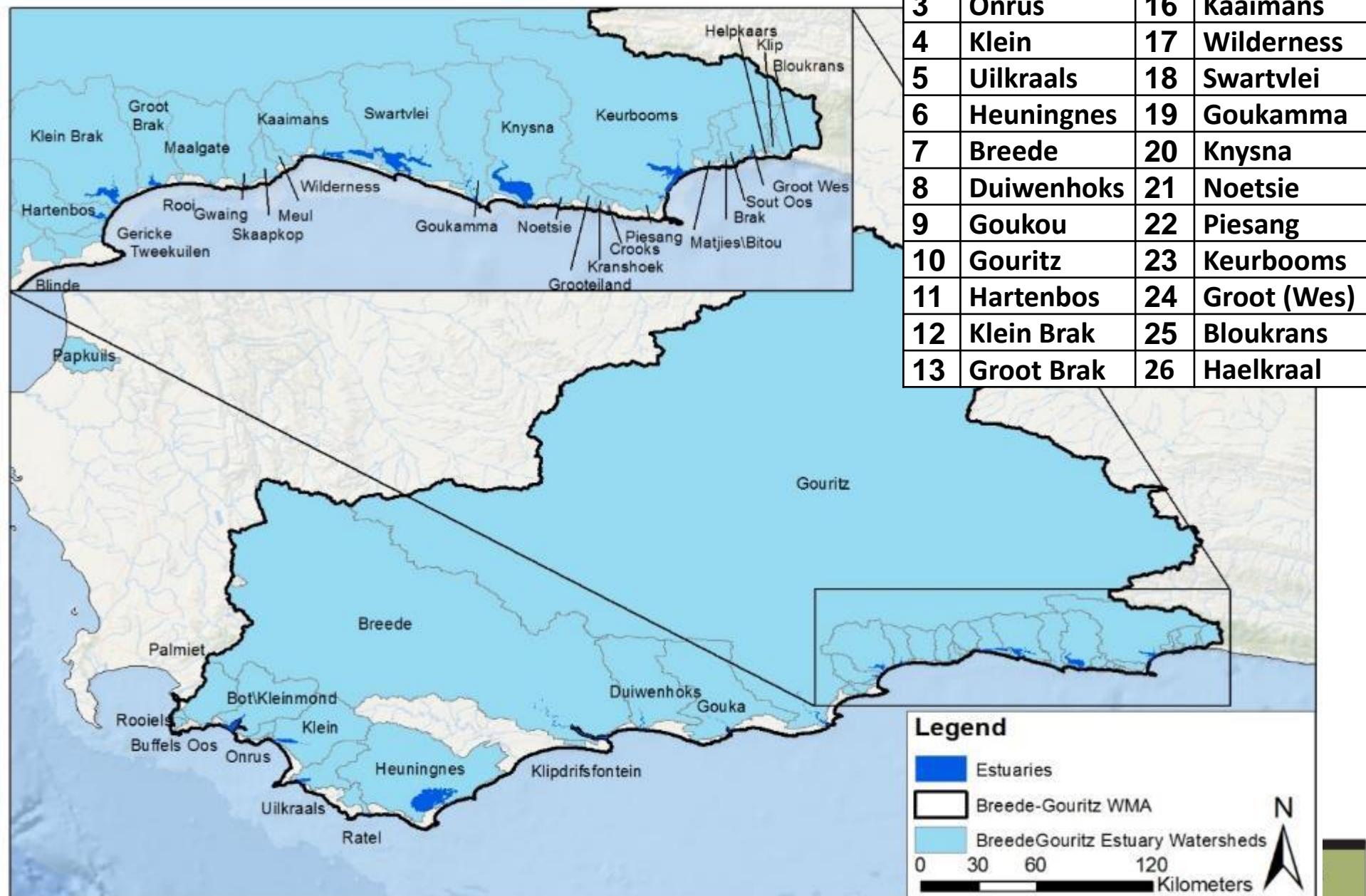


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### 32 Groundwater Resource Units

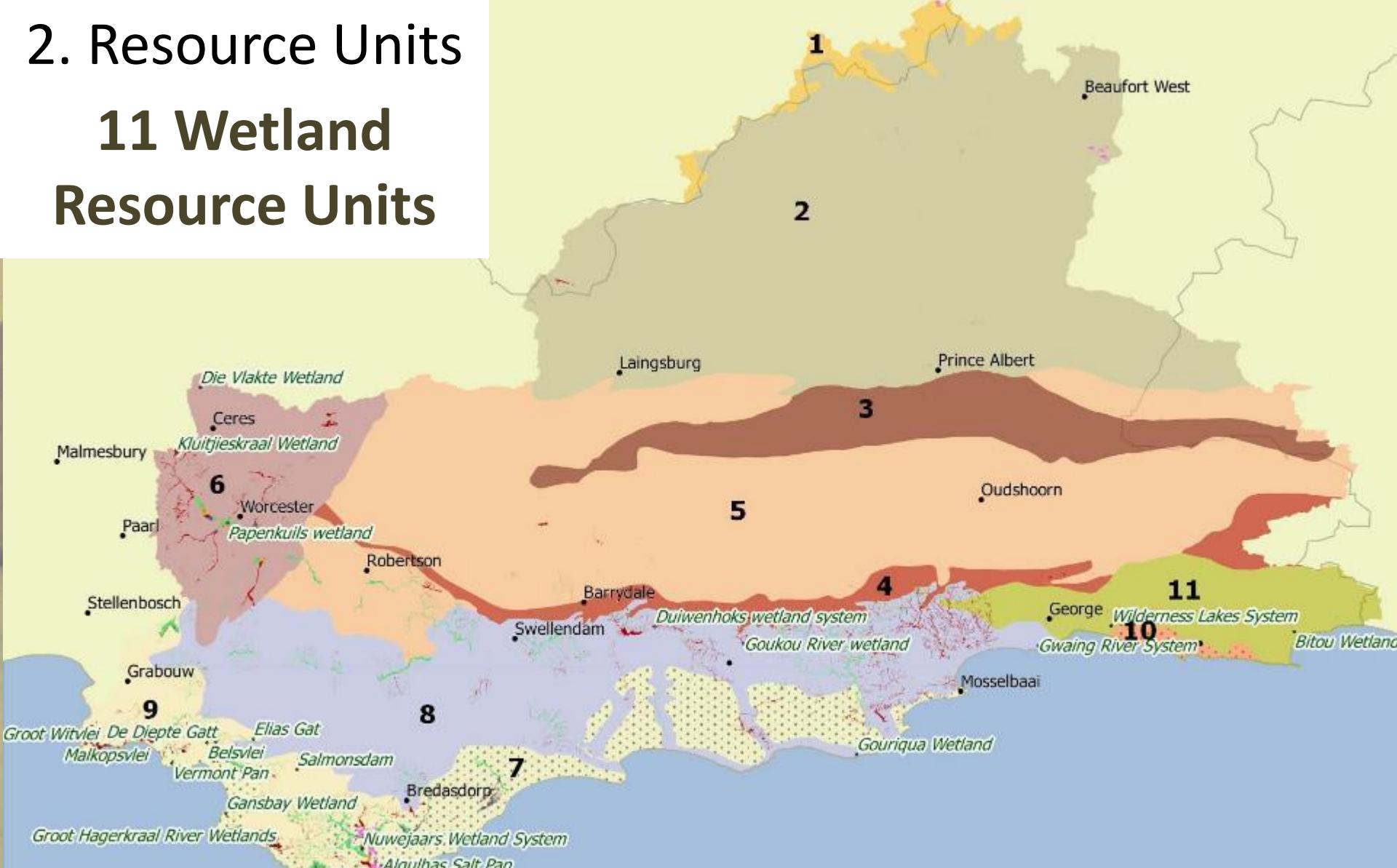


## 2. Resource Units 26 Significant Estuaries



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### 11 Wetland Resource Units



|   |                           |   |                              |    |                                   |
|---|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Nama-Karoo                | 5 | Southern Fold Mountains      | 9  | Coastal Southern Folded Mountains |
| 2 | Great Karoo               | 6 | Western Folded Mountains     | 10 | Sedimentary Coastal Lakes         |
| 3 | Cape Fold (Swartberg)     | 7 | Coastal Sedimentary Deposits | 11 | South Eastern Coastal Belt        |
| 4 | South Cape Fold Mountains | 8 | Southern Coastal Belt        |    |                                   |

### 3. Integrated Units of Analysis (Gouritz)

8 IUAs

IUA

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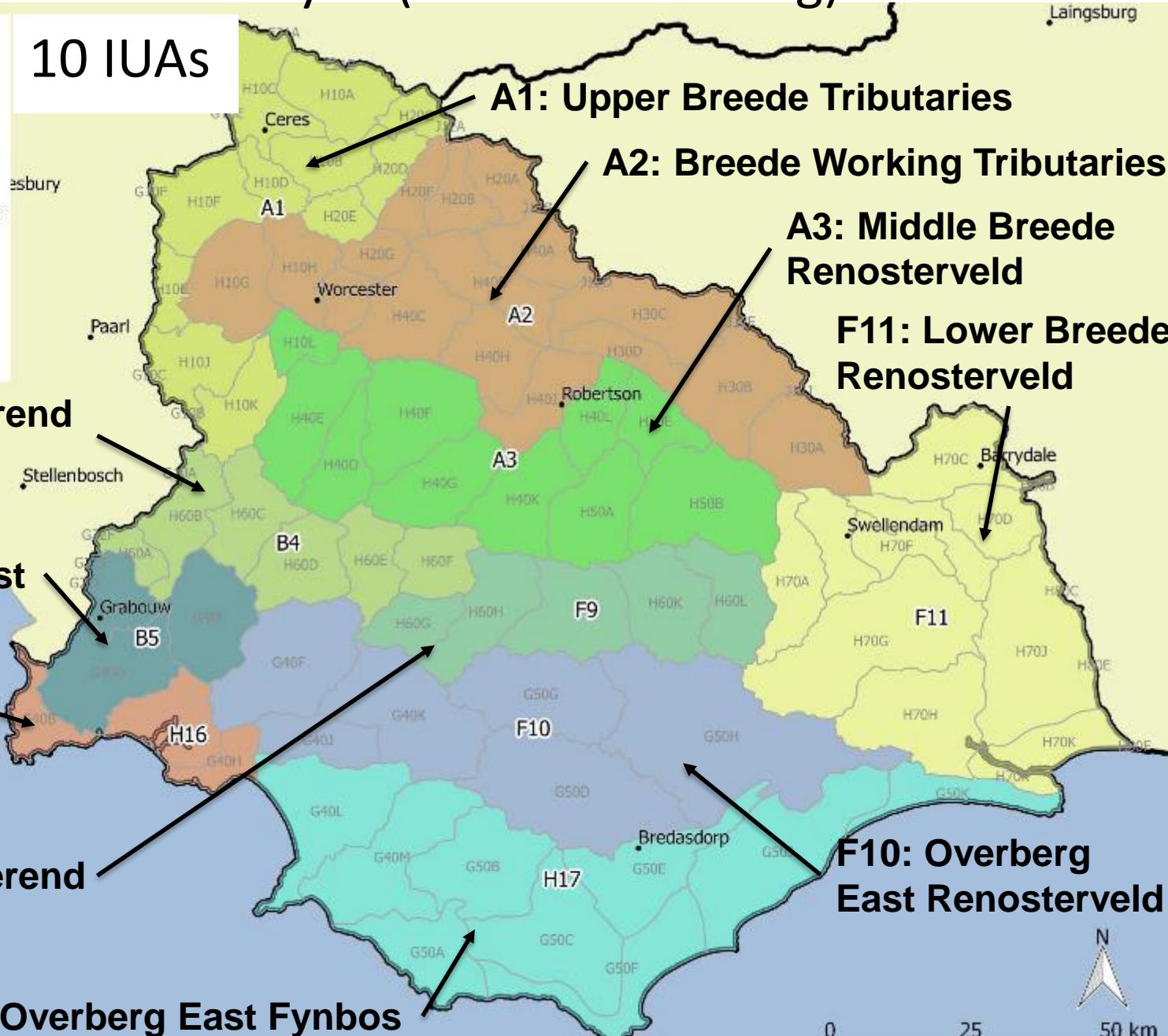
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10 IUAs



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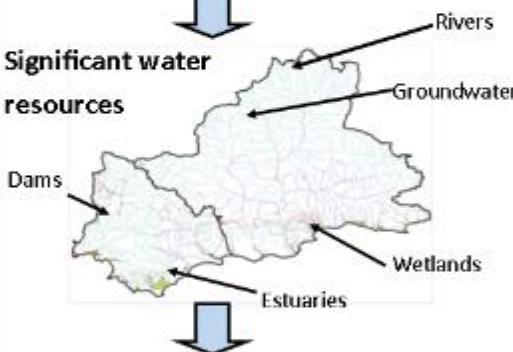
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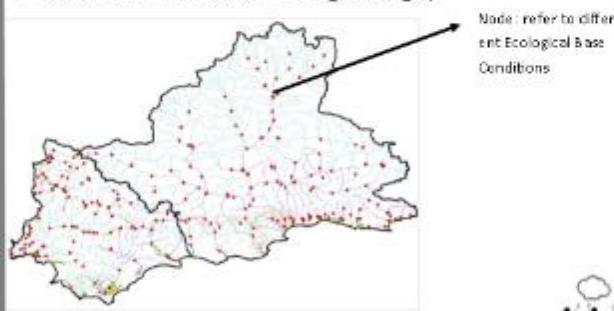
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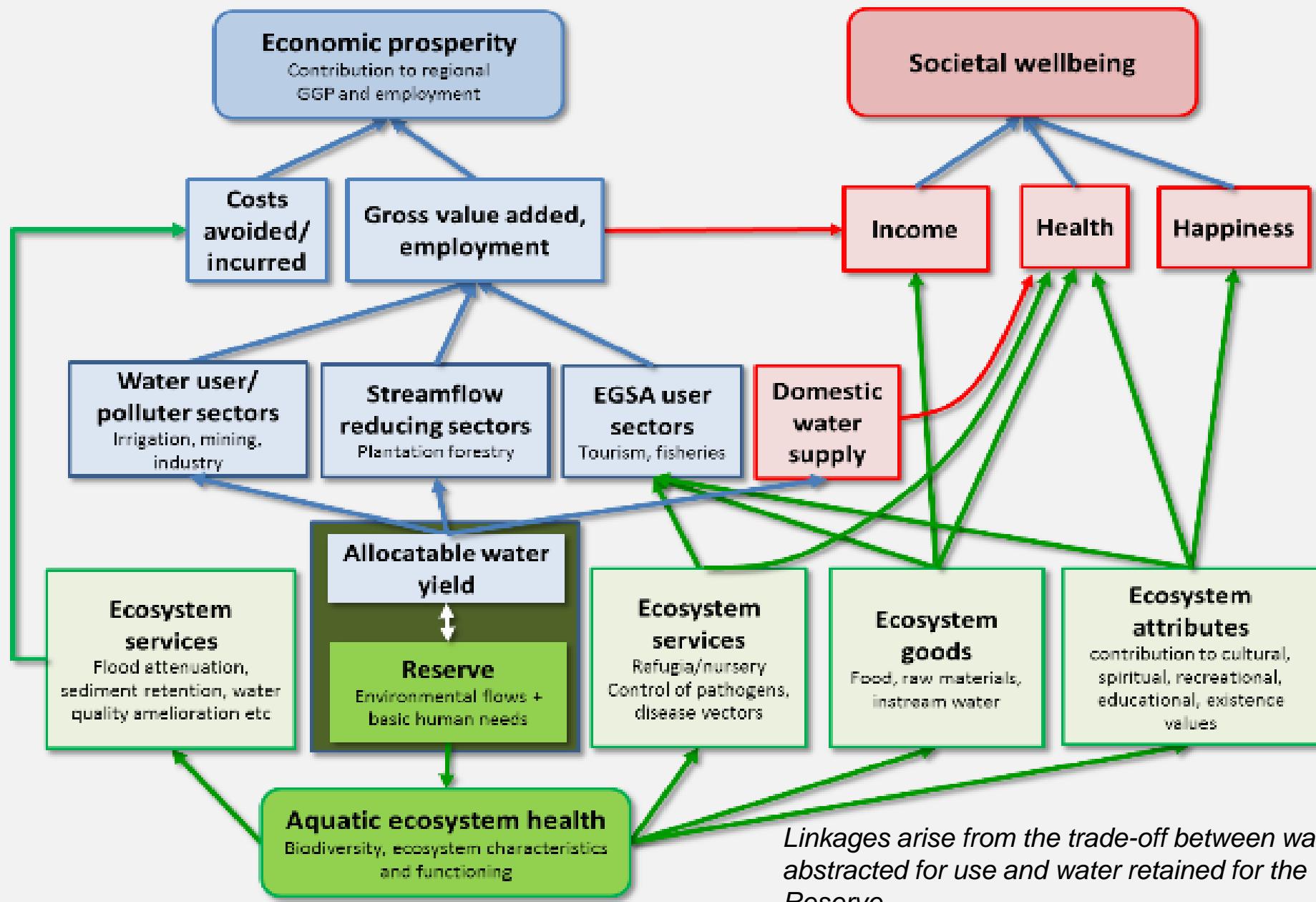
- How to link Value & Condition of the Water Resource?
  - Value:
    - Social
    - Economic
  - Condition:
    - State of the water resource
    - Water quantity & quality
    - Aquatic ecosystem



Need to estimate the relationships between water use and economic outputs as a result of production in water user sectors, stream flow reducing sectors & sectors relying on ecosystem services

- What are EGSAs?
  - Ecosystem Goods, Services and Attributes
  - Ecosystems offer a range of goods, services and attributes that contribute to the economy and human wellbeing

# Step 2: Link Value & Condition of Water Resource



## Step 2: Link Value & Condition of Water Resource

### ***The Objectives of Step 2 are:***

- Identification of Classification Scenarios
- Defining qualitative relationships & consequences of:
  - Water quality
  - River (ecological) at key biophysical nodes:
    - *evaluating and determining the impact on the Ecological Category (EC) and capacity to supply ecosystem services*
  - Economic:
    - *determining sectoral impacts of scenarios on yield and ecosystem services*
  - Socio-economic:
    - *determining impacts of any water allocation changes*
- Describe how to integrate and evaluate the consequences to provide preliminary Water Resources Classes for stakeholder evaluation

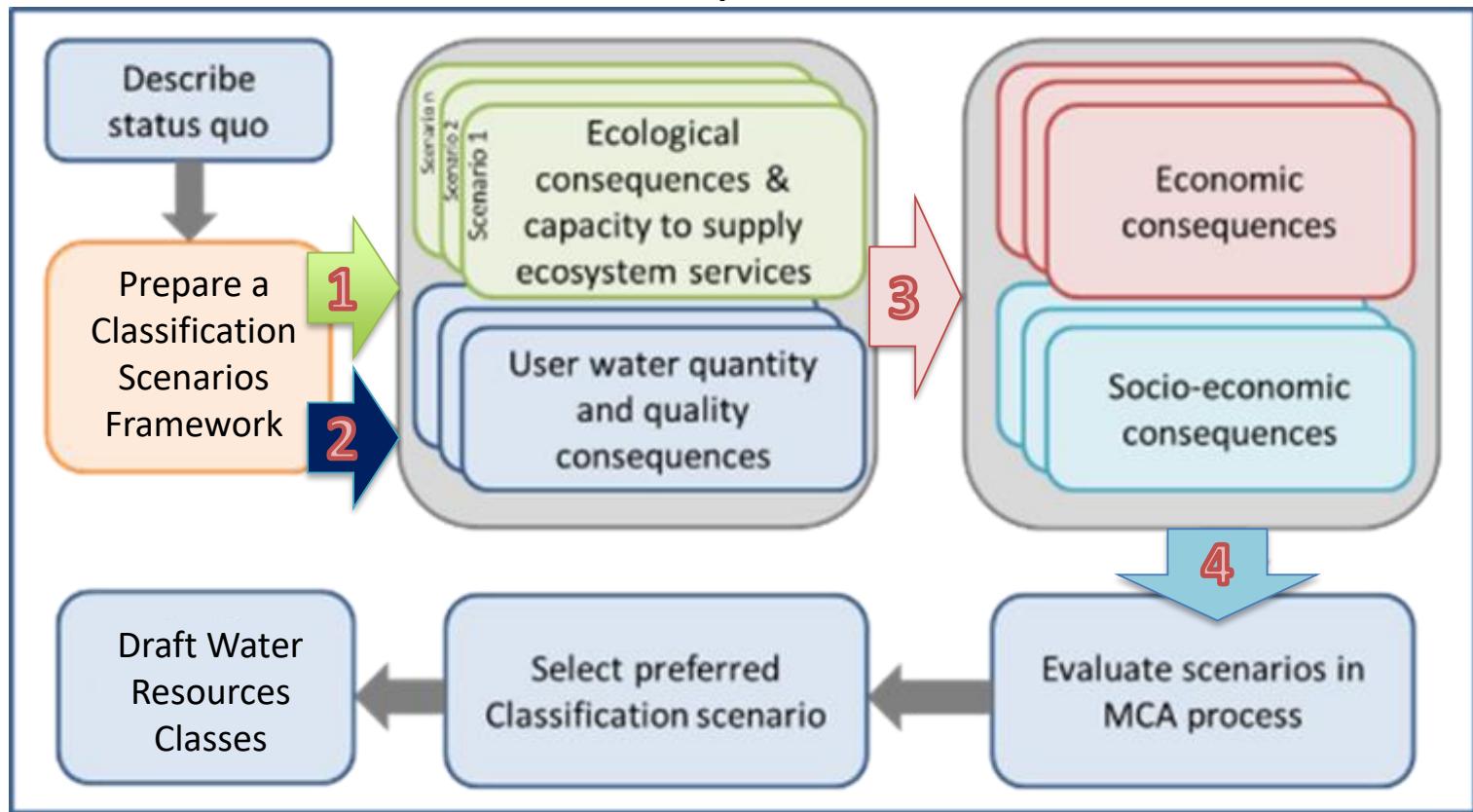
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*Variables considered in linking the value and condition of the Water Resource:*

| Variable                | Components   |
|-------------------------|--|
| Ecological              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overall state of aquatic ecosystem health</li><li>• % of freshwater conservation targets met</li><li>• % of estuary conservation targets met</li></ul> |
| Water Quality for Users | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Empirical impacts on salinity and nutrient enrichment</li><li>• Qualitative impacts on constituents of concern in a particular IUA</li></ul>           |
| Economic                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Losses / gains in Total Value Added + Costs saved/incurred</li><li>• Losses/gains in Total Employment</li></ul>  |
| Society                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Impact on livelihoods,</li><li>• Income to poor households</li><li>• Intangible benefits to society</li></ul>  |

# Step 2: Link Value & Condition of Water Resource

## Broad Conceptual Process



**1**

Relationships and thresholds between flows and ecosystem condition and EGSA (EWR analysis)

**2**

Operational assumptions, yield modelling and allocation rules

**3**

Linking ecosystem condition (Class), economic outputs and human wellbeing (models, assumptions and measures)

**4**

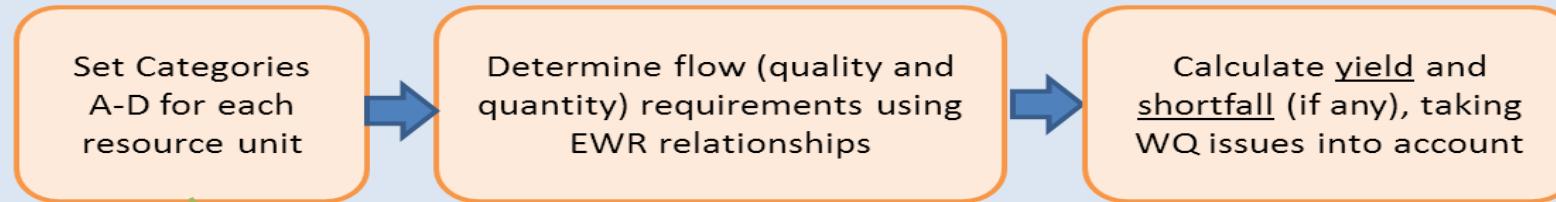
Multi-criteria analysis framework and methods

**EGSA:** Ecosystem Goods, Services and Attributes    **MCA:** Multi-criteria analysis  
**EWR:** Ecological Water Requirements

# Step 2: Link Value & Condition of Water Resource

*The technical processes for assessment of the classification scenario framework involve both ecology-driven and development-driven scenarios*

Ecology-driven scenarios, including the “bottom line” scenarios



*Output; Costs of water supply*

Economic costs and benefits

Ecological consequences, conservation outcomes & capacity to supply ecosystem services

Socio-economic consequences

*Output*

*Costs of water supply*

Estimate demands

Determine residual flow (if > bottom line) or shortfall (after bottom line is met)

Determine water quality

Determine A-F for each resource unit using EWR relationships

Development-driven scenarios

## Step 2: Link Value & Condition of Water Resource

### Draft CMS Vision for the WMA

| How should WMA water resource be used?  | How should WMA water resources be looked after?  | Who should be responsible for WMA water resource management?  |
|---|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sustainability</li><li>• Education/awareness</li><li>• Monitoring/maintenance</li><li>• Planning</li><li>• Laws/regulation</li><li>• Technology</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuous awareness</li><li>• Monitoring</li><li>• Bottom up approach</li><li>• Penalties for non-compliance</li><li>• Transparency in IWRM</li><li>• Effective usage of water</li><li>• Providing incentives</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Everyone is responsible</li><li>• CMA should facilitate</li><li>• Sharing of resources between departments/agencies</li><li>• Cooperative governance</li><li>• Ubuntu principle</li></ul> |

## Step 2: Link Value & Condition of Water Resource

### Draft WMA Vision from CMS

***Forms part of Step 2 – Linking economic & Social Value, to help guide the formulation of the scenarios***

**“Working together for responsible, equitable and efficient water use through Ubuntu and innovation”**

OR

**“Through ubuntu, efficiency and innovation we manage our water together, for all, forever”**



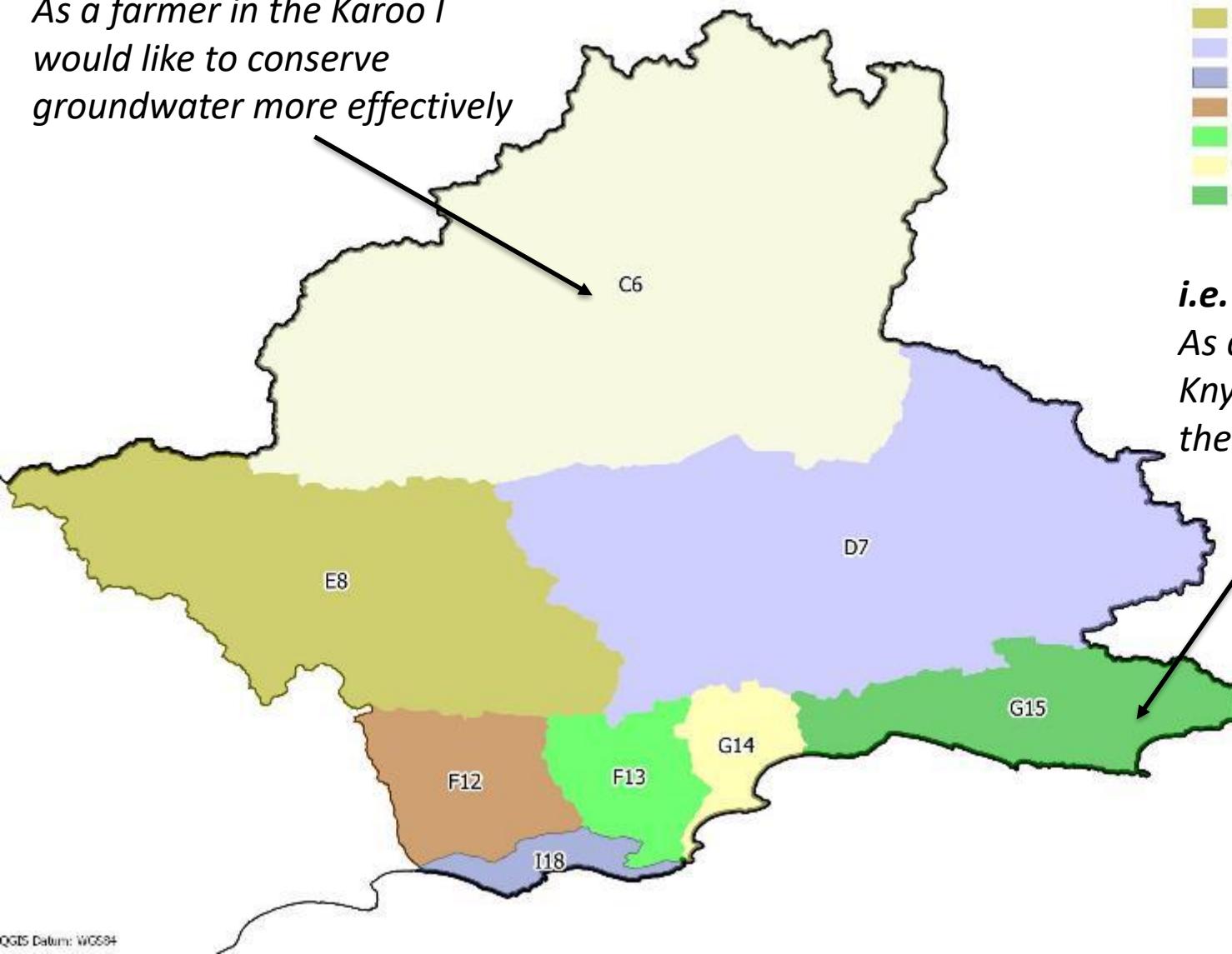
**Scenarios: PSC vision for each IUA**

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### Example IUA Visions

i.e. IUA C6: Gamka-Buffels:

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would like to conserve  
groundwater more effectively



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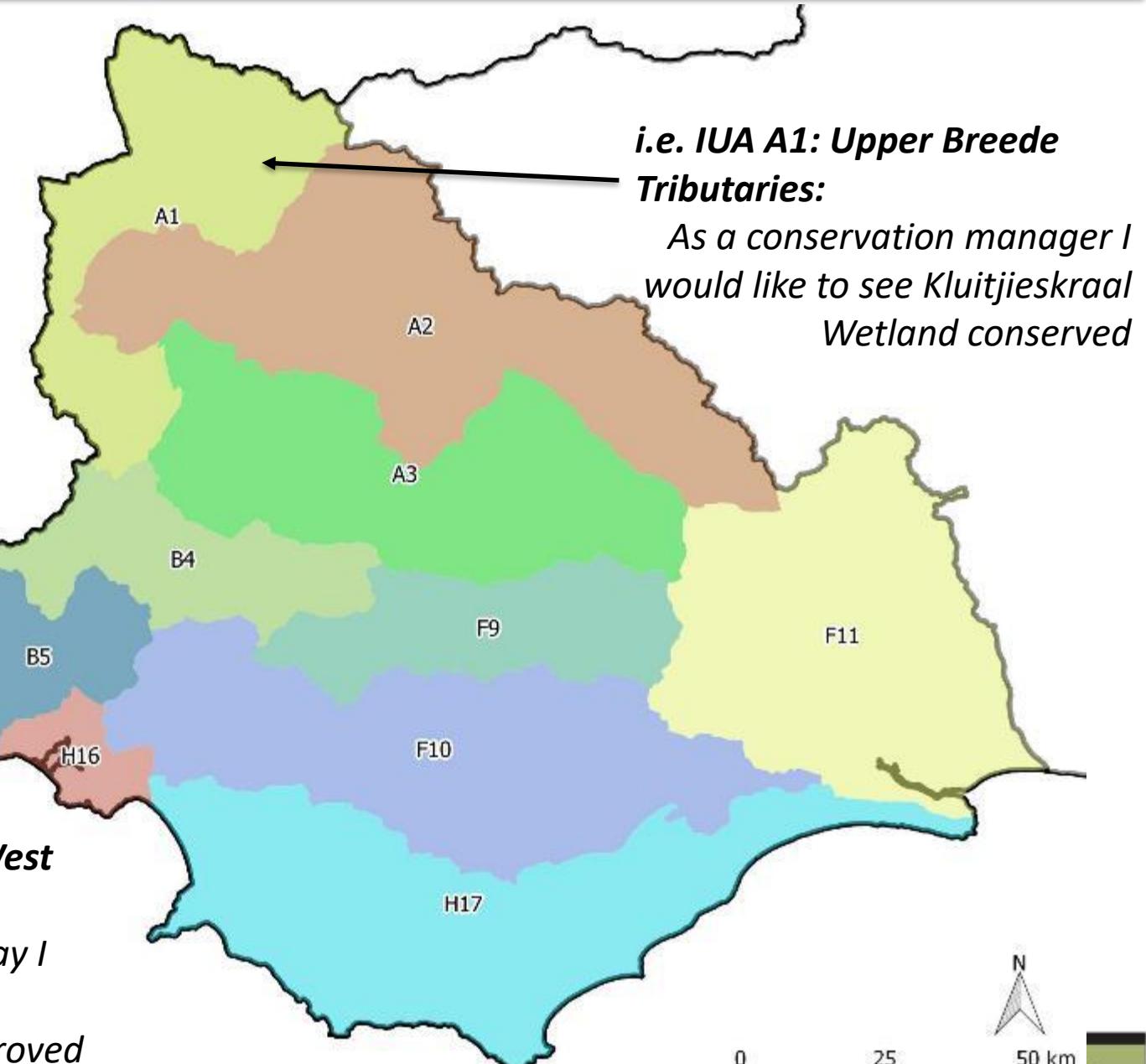
i.e. IUA G15: Coastal:

As a guest house of  
Knysna I would like to see  
the estuary conserved

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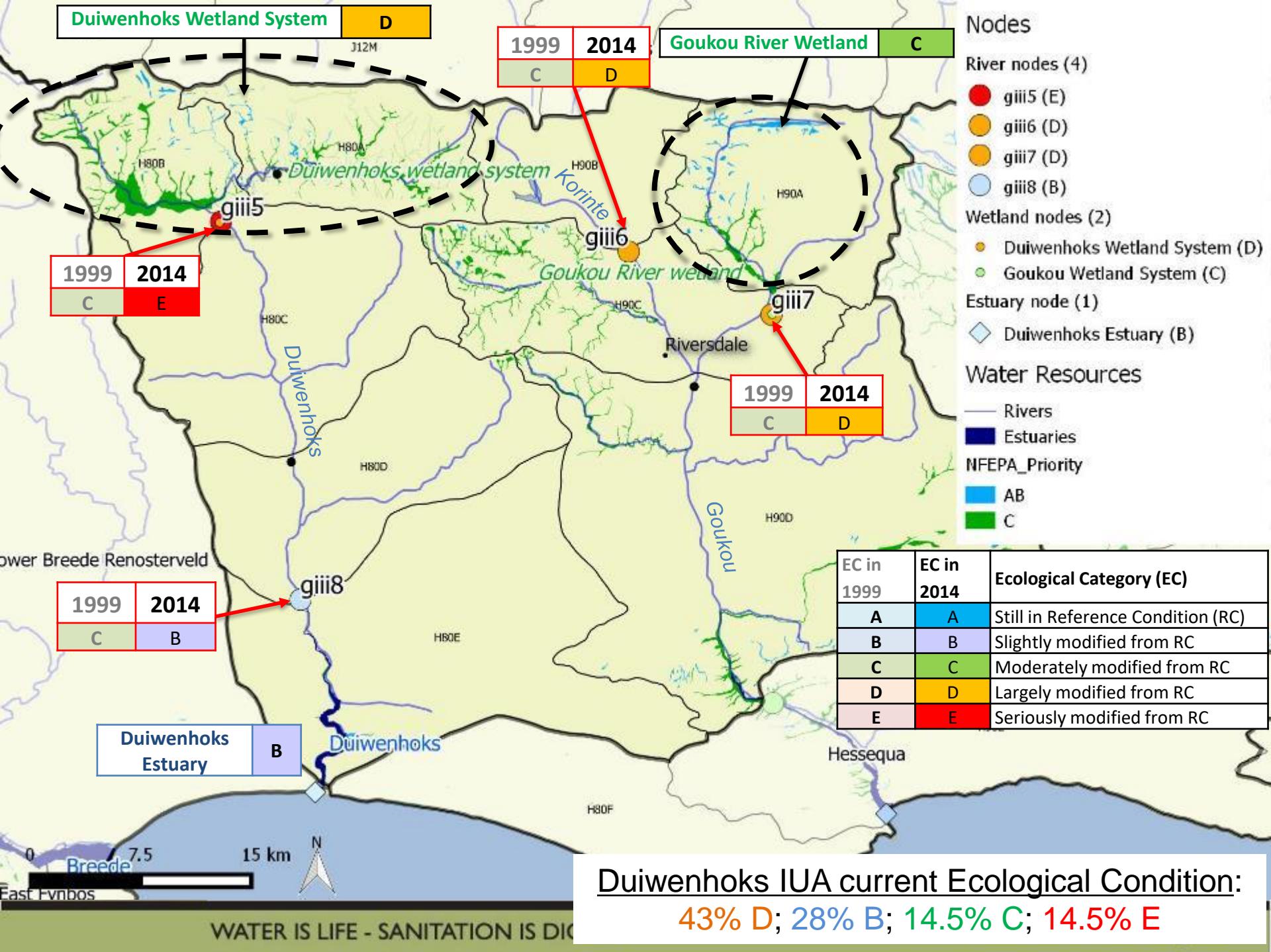
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### *Classification Scenarios Framework*

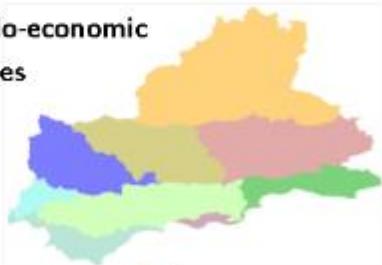
| # | Scenario  | Description   |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1A <b>Maintain PES + low growth (=Baseline)</b> | River, wetland and estuary systems are maintained in their present condition.   |
|   | 1B <b>Maintain PES + high growth</b>            |   |
| 2 | 2A <b>Bottom line + low growth</b>              | The maximum volume of water is made available for abstraction from the system for economic activities, with the proviso that all water resources are just maintained in a D class (the ecological “bottom line”). |
|   | 2B <b>Bottom line + high growth</b>             |   |
| 3 | 3A <b>RECs + low growth</b>                     | The RECs determined for rivers, wetlands and estuaries based on present health and conservation importance (but without any consideration of socio-economic effects) are applied in these scenarios.              |
|   | 3B <b>RECs + high growth</b>                    |   |
| 4 | 4A <b>Targeted cons+ low growth</b>             | High ECs are given to areas of high conservation importance, but for other areas, the ECs can be below REC. It may end up that this scenario set is similar to the above.   |
|   | 4B <b>Targeted cons+ high growth</b>            |   |
| 5 | 5A <b>High conservation + low growth</b>        | This scenario represents the situation where conservation targets are met, with an emphasis on a tourism-based economy, with most resources in a good condition and a significant proportion in EC A or B.        |
|   | 5B <b>High conservation + high growth</b>       |   |



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Dams

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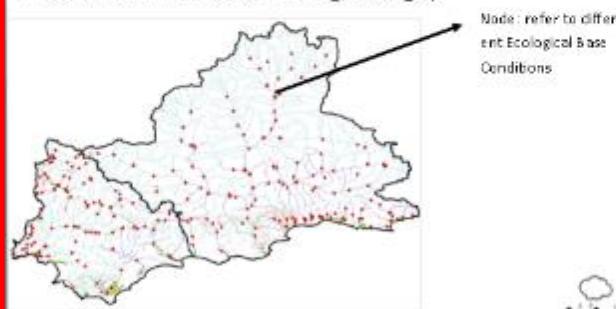
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### STEP 3: QUANTIFY THE ECOLOGICAL WATER REQUIREMENTS & CHANGES IN EGSA<sup>s</sup>

Outcome: Quantification of the Ecological Water Requirements (EWRs) and description of changes in non-water quality EGSA<sup>s</sup>. Provide a table of EWRs for each node at various levels of ecological integrity.



### STEP 4: SET AN ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE BASE SCENARIO & ESTABLISH STARTER SCENARIOS

Outcome: Provide a ESB<sup>C</sup> and establish starter catchment configuration scenarios. This scenario will give lowest feasible level of protection required for sustainable use of entire catchment.

## Water Resource Classification Procedure



## STEP 5: EVALUATE SCENARIOS WITHIN INTEGRATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Outcome: Evaluate scenarios within IWRM process so that subset of catchment configuration scenarios can be put forward for stakeholder evaluation



## STEP 6: EVALUATE SCENARIOS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Outcome: Evaluate scenarios with stakeholders and decide upon an agreed upon configuration short-list for the Minister's consideration. This is an iterative process between steps 5 and 6.



## STEP 7: GAZETTE WATER RESOURCE CLASS CONFIGURATIONS

Outcome: A Water Resource Class configuration (and associated RQOs) for the entire catchment is published by the Minister in the Government Gazette as required in the National Water Act of 1990.

## Step 3: Quantifying the EWR & changes in EGSA

- Introductory tasks for step 4 & 5 (determining & evaluating scenarios)
- Provides information to be used in later steps of classification procedure, to assess impacts of changes in catchment configuration scenarios:
  - Step 3a: Identify nodes to which existing EWR data can be extrapolated, and extrapolate
  - Step 3b: Develop rule curves, summary tables and modified time series for all nodes for all categories
  - Step 3c: Quantify changes in relevant ecosystem components, functions & attributes for each category for each node

### What is the Ecological Water Requirement (EWR)?

- In terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1998) calculation of the Reserve is a part of the Classification process
- The Reserve refers to the Quantity & Quality of water required to meet certain Ecological State and Basic Human Needs requirements
- EWRs are determined for different ecological categories ranging from A (close to natural) to F (heavily degraded)
- Reserves can have low, medium or high confidence
- Factors influencing *confidence* are:
  - Magnitude of the impact of the proposed use
  - The ecological importance and sensitivity (EIS) of the resource under consideration
  - The present ecological state (PES) of the resource
  - The biodiversity status of the related ecosystems that could be impacted
  - The existing use and potential for conflict amongst users



## Step 3: Quantifying the EWR & changes in EGSA

Step 3 provides information to be used in later steps of classification procedure in order to assess impacts of changes in catchment configuration scenarios

- To be followed by Steps 4 & 5:
  - Step 4: Set baseline for ecological sustainability
  - Step 5: Evaluate scenarios within Integrated Water Resource Management framework

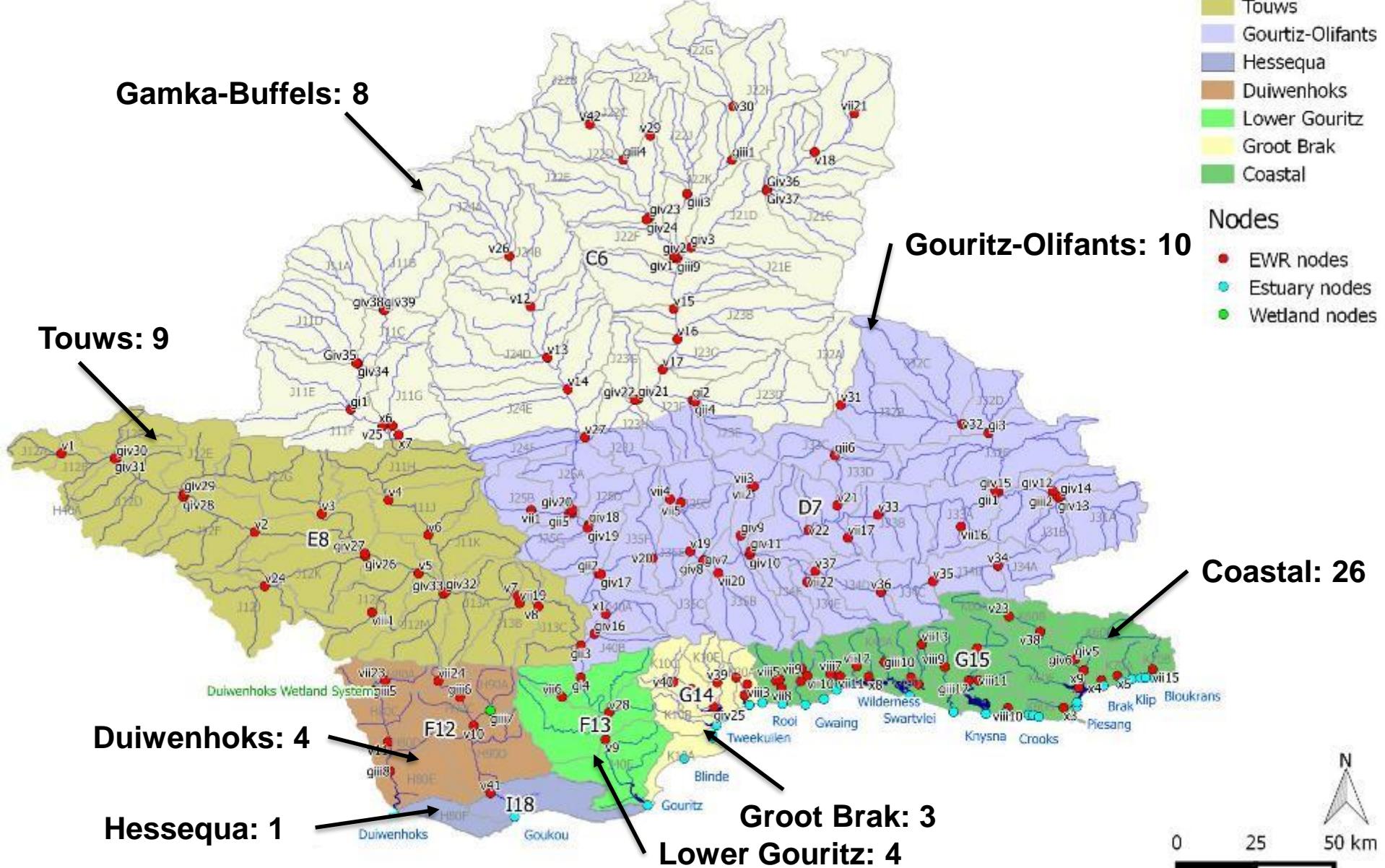
## Step 3: Quantifying the EWR & changes in EGSA

- Data on Ecological Water Requirements and changes in the non-water quality Ecosystem Goods, Services and Attributes are used to determine:
  - Flow requirements at individual nodes based on the recommended EC
  - Impact of alternative development scenarios on the ecological condition of individual nodes
- Associated impact in terms of changes in Ecosystem Goods, Services and Attributes will then be used to evaluate the impacts of alternative scenarios
- The general approach to the scenario analysis has been described in STEP 2 and will be further developed as part of STEP 4 (Baseline)

The development of current and future development scenarios and the analysis of the potential impact of these scenarios is the next step

# EWR Nodes: Gouritz (65)

IUA



# EWR Nodes: Breede (76)

IUA

- Upper Breede Tributaries
- Breede Working Tributaries
- Lower Breede Renosterveld
- Riviersonderend Theewaters
- Middle Breede Renosterveld
- Lower Riviersonderend
- Overberg West
- Overberg East Renosterveld
- Overberg East Fynbos
- Overberg West Coastal

Nodes

- EWR nodes
- Estuary nodes
- Wetland nodes

**Middle Breede  
Renosterveld: 9**

**Riviersonderend  
Theewaters: 5**

**Overberg West: 9**

**Overberg West Coastal: 2**

**Upper Breede Tributaries: 12**

**Breede Working Tributaries: 16**

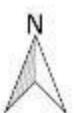
**Lower  
Riviersonderend: 6**

**Lower Breede  
Renosterveld: 5**



**Overberg East  
Renosterveld: 6**

**Overberg East  
Fynbos: 6**



0 25 50 km

| IUA             | CODE    | RIVER      | nMAR  | 1999EC | 2014EC | EWR % | EWR MAR |  |  | EWR MAR |
|-----------------|---------|------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|---------|--|--|---------|
| Duiwen-hoks     | giii5   | Duiwenhoks | 62.5  | C      | E      | 26.7  | 16.7    |  |  |         |
|                 | giii8   | Duiwenhoks | 83.2  | C      | B      | 40.3  | 33.6    |  |  |         |
|                 | giii6   | Korinte    | 34.1  | C      | D      | 18.2  | 6.2     |  |  |         |
|                 | giii7   | Goukou     | 50.9  | C      | D      | 18.0  | 9.2     |  |  |         |
| Hessequa        | gv41    | Goukou     | 105.0 | C      | C      | 33.2  | 34.8    |  |  |         |
| Groot Brak      | gvii7   | Groot-Brak | 27.0  | C      | BC     | 25.4  | 6.9     |  |  |         |
|                 | gviii2  | Groot-Brak | 15.3  | C      | BC     | 25.4  | 3.9     |  |  |         |
|                 | gviii3  | Varing     | 6.6   | C      | D      | 25.1  | 1.7     |  |  |         |
| Coastal         | gviii4  | Maalgate   | 15.3  | C      | B      | 47.5  | 7.3     |  |  |         |
|                 | gvii8   | Maalgate   | 30.1  | C      | B      | 47.5  | 14.3    |  |  |         |
|                 | gvii9   | Malgas     | 17.3  | C      | B      | 47.5  | 8.2     |  |  |         |
|                 | gviii6  | Gwaing     | 34.1  | C      | C      | 35.7  | 12.2    |  |  |         |
|                 | gviii7  | Swart      | 16.1  | B      | D      | 14.1  | 2.3     |  |  |         |
|                 | gvii11  | Kaaimans   | 18.6  | B      | B      | 50.2  | 9.4     |  |  |         |
|                 | gviii8  | Silver     | 14.9  | B      | B      | 50.2  | 7.5     |  |  |         |
|                 | gvii12  | Touws      | 16.7  | B      | B      | 30.3  | 5.1     |  |  |         |
|                 |         | Klein      |       |        |        |       |         |  |  |         |
|                 | gx8     | Keurbooms  | 2.5   | B      | D      | 14.1  | 0.4     |  |  |         |
|                 | giii10  | Diep       | 12.4  | B      | B      | 30.3  | 3.9     |  |  |         |
|                 | giii13  | Hoekraal   | 27.9  | B      | B      | 30.3  | 8.5     |  |  |         |
|                 | gvii13  | Karatara   | 11.2  | B      | AB     | 40.2  | 4.5     |  |  |         |
|                 | giii11  | Karatara   | 33.8  | B      | AB     | 40.2  | 13.6    |  |  |         |
|                 | gviii9  | Goukou     | 30.4  | B      | BC     | 38.5  | 11.7    |  |  |         |
|                 | gvii14  | Knysna     | 26.5  | B      | B      | 32.1  | 8.5     |  |  |         |
|                 | giii12  | Knysna     | 16.7  | B      | B      | 34.1  | 5.7     |  |  |         |
|                 | gviii11 | Gouna      | 27.6  | B      | AB     | 53.4  | 14.8    |  |  |         |
|                 | gvii10  | Noetzie    | 4.8   | B      | B      | 52.8  | 2.5     |  |  |         |
|                 | gx3     | Piesang    | 7.3   | B      | D      | 28.5  | 2.07    |  |  |         |
|                 | giv4    | Bitou      | 23.6  | B      | C      | 54.5  | 12.9    |  |  |         |
|                 | giv6    | Keurbooms  | 46.1  | B      | C      | 34.9  | 16.1    |  |  |         |
|                 | giv5    | Palmiet    | 42.1  | B      | A      | 48.3  | 20.3    |  |  |         |
|                 | gx9     | Keurbooms  | 91.3  | B      | C      | 34.9  | 31.9    |  |  |         |
|                 | gx4     | Buffels    | 1.8   | B      | B      | 34.3  | 0.6     |  |  |         |
|                 | gx5     | Sout       | 3.8   | B      | B      | 34.3  | 1.3     |  |  |         |
|                 | gvii15  | Bloukrans  | 31.2  | B      | B      | 33.9  | 10.6    |  |  |         |
| Touws           | giv28   | Touws      | 16.4  | C      | D      | 11.2  | 1.8     |  |  |         |
|                 | giv27   | Touws      | 26.4  | C      | B      | 26.5  | 7.0     |  |  |         |
|                 | giv26   | Brak       | 2.9   | C      | C      | 17.7  | 0.5     |  |  |         |
|                 | gviii1  | Doring     | 2.9   | C      | D      | 11.5  | 0.3     |  |  |         |
|                 | gv5     | Touws      | 33.5  | C      | D      | 11.4  | 3.8     |  |  |         |
|                 | gv4     | Groot      | 27.4  | D      | D      | 11.4  | 3.1     |  |  |         |
|                 | giv32   | Groot      | 30.5  | C      | D      | 11.4  | 3.5     |  |  |         |
|                 | gv7     | Groot      | 72.7  | C      | C      | 16.6  | 12.0    |  |  |         |
| Gamka-Buffels   | gii3    | Groot      | 78.1  | C      | B      | 22.5  | 17.6    |  |  |         |
|                 | giv34   | Buffels    | 13.1  | C      | B      | 26.5  | 3.5     |  |  |         |
|                 | gv25    | Buffels    | 24.2  | C      | C      | 22.9  | 5.6     |  |  |         |
|                 | giv3    | Gamka      | 31.9  | C      | B      | 27.1  | 8.7     |  |  |         |
|                 | giv1    | Koekemoers | 7.4   | C      | C      | 17.9  | 1.3     |  |  |         |
|                 | giv2    | Leeu       | 17.1  | C      | C      | 17.9  | 3.1     |  |  |         |
|                 | gv17    | Gamka      | 58.1  | C      | B      | 22.5  | 13.1    |  |  |         |
|                 | gv27    | Gamka      | 69.6  | C      | C      | 18.3  | 12.7    |  |  |         |
| Lower Gouritz   | gv14    | Dwyka      | 4.0   | C      | A      | 39.1  | 1.6     |  |  |         |
|                 | giv20   | Gamka      | 79.8  | C      | C      | 18.4  | 14.7    |  |  |         |
|                 | gii2    | Gamka      | 111.8 | D      | C      | 12.1  | 13.5    |  |  |         |
|                 | gi4     | Gouritz    | 489.1 | C      | C      | 14.8  | 72.5    |  |  |         |
| Gouritz-Oliants | gv9     | Gouritz    | 571.8 | C      | C      | 14.8  | 84.9    |  |  |         |
|                 | giii2   | Olifants   | 11.8  | C      | C      | 14.4  | 1.7     |  |  |         |
|                 | giv15   | Traka      | 2.7   | C      | C      | 14.5  | 0.4     |  |  |         |
|                 | gv33    | Olifants   | 25.0  | D      | D      | 11.9  | 3.0     |  |  |         |
|                 | gv21    | Meirings   | 21.4  | D      | C      | 12.3  | 2.6     |  |  |         |
|                 | giv11   | Olifants   | 80.0  | D      | E      | 12.4  | 9.9     |  |  |         |
|                 |         | Kammanassi |       |        |        |       |         |  |  |         |
|                 | gv36    | e          | 41.2  | D      | C      | 23.2  | 9.5     |  |  |         |
|                 | giv10   | Leeu       | 59.2  | D      | E      | 15.2  | 9.0     |  |  |         |
| Gouritz-Oliants | gv19    | Olifants   | 224.5 | D      | E      | 16.3  | 36.5    |  |  |         |
|                 | giv17   | Olifants   | 253.4 | D      | D      | 16.2  | 41.1    |  |  |         |

|                            | NODE   | RIVER          | nMAR   | 1999EC | 2014EC | EWR % | EWR MAR |                            | Nvii10 | Du Toits         | 87.8   | C | B | 47.3 | 41.5  |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|---------|----------------------------|--------|------------------|--------|---|---|------|-------|
| Upper Breede Tributaries   | Niv2   | Dwars          | 74.9   | D      | C      | 22.0  | 16.5    | Riversonderend Theewaters  | Nv7    | Riviersonderend  | 370.2  | C | C | 30.0 | 111.1 |
|                            | Niv1   | Koekedou       | 18.8   | D      | D      | 14.2  | 2.7     |                            | Niv28  | Baviaans         | 7.9    | C | B | 70.9 | 5.6   |
|                            | Niv3   | Titus          | 26.2   | C      | C      | 22.0  | 5.8     |                            | Niv29  | Sersants         | 4.6    | C | D | 29.9 | 1.4   |
|                            | Niv4   | Witels         | 84.3   | C      | A      | 43.3  | 36.6    |                            | Niv30  | Gobos            | 12.4   | C | C | 48.1 | 6.0   |
|                            | Nvi3   | Breede         | 252.8  | C      | C      | 38.0  | 96.0    |                            | Niv31  | Kwartel          | 10.7   | C | D | 13.4 | 1.4   |
|                            | Nvii16 | Witte          | 42.6   | A      | A      | 46.6  | 19.8    | Lower Riversonderend       | Niv33  | Soetmelksvlei    | 4.0    | C | D | 29.9 | 1.2   |
|                            | Niv5   | Witte          | 141.7  | D      | A      | 47.2  | 66.9    |                            | Niv34  | Slang            | 2.1    | C | D | 29.9 | 0.6   |
|                            | Niv6   | Wabooms        | 7.4    | D      | D      | 14.4  | 1.1     |                            | Nv10   | Riviersonderend  | 442.9  | D | D | 24.5 | 108.5 |
|                            | Nvii1  | Breede         | 434.9  | D      | C      | 31.3  | 136.0   |                            | Niv35  | Kwassadie        | 5.9    | D | E | 17.3 | 1.0   |
|                            | Niv7   | Slanghoek      | 32.6   | D      | D      | 14.5  | 4.7     |                            | Ni3    | Riviersonderend  | 483.8  | D | D | 24.5 | 118.5 |
| Breede Working Tributaries | Nii1   | Breede         | 497.6  | C      | D      | 38.0  | 189.0   | Lower Breede               | Niv24  | Leeu             | 5.8    | C | E | 12.6 | 0.7   |
|                            | Niv40  | Elands         | 58.1   | C      | B      | 42.4  | 24.7    |                            | Nii3   | Tradouw          | 19.4   | C | B | 29.9 | 5.8   |
|                            | Niv41  | Krom           | 9.0    | C      | B      | 42.4  | 3.8     |                            | Niv25  | Buffeljags       | 119.4  | C | E | 14.1 | 16.9  |
|                            | Nvii2  | Molenaars      | 105.6  | C      | C      | 34.3  | 36.2    |                            | Nii4   | Breede           | 1832.7 | C | B | 40.1 | 735.5 |
|                            | Niv42  | Smalblaar      | 191.2  | C      | E      | 18.6  | 35.5    |                            | Niv26  | Slang            | 10.0   | C | E | 14.2 | 1.4   |
|                            | Niv8   | Jan du Toit    | 17.9   | C      | D      | 14.4  | 2.6     |                            | Piii1  | Palmiet          | 39.9   | D | D | 19.1 | 7.6   |
|                            | Nvii6  | Hartbees       | 4.0    | C      | D      | 14.4  | 0.6     | Overberg West              | Piv10  | Witklippieskloof | 15.1   | D | D | 21.5 | 3.2   |
|                            | Niv9   | Hartbees       | 10.2   | C      | D      | 14.4  | 1.5     |                            | Piv9   | Palmiet          | 78.8   | D | D | 21.5 | 16.9  |
|                            | Niv12  | Holsloot       | 474.5  | C      | C      | 34.8  | 165.1   |                            | Piv8   | Klipdrif         | 13.6   | D | D | 21.5 | 2.9   |
|                            | Nv3    | Breede         | 850.9  | C      | C      | 31.3  | 266.1   |                            | Piv4   | Klein-Palmiet    | 13.7   | C | D | 21.5 | 3.0   |
|                            | Nvii7  | Hex            | 102.8  | D      | D      | 22.9  | 23.5    |                            | Piv7   | Krom/Ribbok      | 27.5   | C | D | 21.5 | 5.9   |
|                            | Niv10  | Hex            | 107.1  | D      | D      | 22.8  | 24.5    |                            | Piii2  | Palmiet          | 206.6  | C | C | 31.2 | 64.5  |
|                            | Nii1   | Breede         | 958.0  | C      | C      | 22.0  | 210.3   |                            | Piv12  | Dwars/Louws      | 25.2   | C | C | 100  | 25.2  |
|                            | Nvii5  | Koo            | 0.9    | C      | D      | 13.1  | 0.2     |                            | Piii3  | Palmiet          | 250.4  | C | C | 34.5 | 86.3  |
|                            | Niv11  | Nuy            | 29.4   | C      | E      | 13.2  | 3.9     | Overberg West Coastal      | Nii5   | Bot              | 31.9   | D | C | 21.3 | 6.8   |
|                            | Niv20  | Pietersfontein | 17.3   | C      | D      | 12.0  | 2.1     |                            | Nx6    | Onrus            | 5.1    | C | E | 13.4 | 0.7   |
|                            | Nvii9  | Keisie         | 21.5   | C      | D      | 11.9  | 2.5     |                            | Niv43  | Swart            | 42.1   | D | E | 13.3 | 5.6   |
|                            | Niv18  | Kingna         | 27.1   | C      | D      | 12.3  | 3.3     |                            | Niv45  | Steenbok         | 10.8   | C | E | 12.2 | 1.3   |
| Middle Breede              | Niv13  | Doring         | 47.4   | C      | E      | 12.9  | 6.1     | Overberg East Renosterveld | Nii4   | Hartbees         | 18.4   | C | D | 12.5 | 2.3   |
|                            | Nvii8  | Breede         | 1042.8 | D      | B      | 45.5  | 474.7   |                            | Nv23   | Klein            | 43.0   | C | C | 19.3 | 8.3   |
|                            | Nvii11 | Poesnels       | 16.1   | D      | D      | 12.8  | 2.1     |                            | Nii6   | Sout             | 4.2    | D | D | 12.6 | 0.5   |
|                            | Niv15  | Vink           | 15.6   | D      | D      | 12.4  | 1.9     |                            | Nii7   | DeHoopVlei       | 27.1   | D | B | 30.0 | 8.1   |
|                            | Nvii19 | Breede         | 1082.0 | D      | B      | 45.5  | 492.6   |                            | Nx8    | Uilkraal         | 2.4    | C | C | 19.2 | 0.5   |
|                            | Niv14  | Keisers        | 12.6   | D      | D      | 12.5  | 1.6     |                            | Ni4    | Nuwejaar         | 12.5   | C | C | 13.0 | 1.6   |
|                            | Nii2   | Kogmanskloof   | 52.0   | D      | D      | 18.9  | 9.8     |                            | Nvii15 | Heuningnes       | 17.8   | C | D | 13.1 | 2.3   |
|                            | Ni2    | Breede         | 1170.1 | C      | D      | 17.3  | 202.2   |                            | Niv44  | Heuningnes       | 18.8   | C | D | 13.1 | 2.5   |
|                            | Nv2    | Breede         | 1701.4 | C      | C      | 26.4  | 449.8   |                            | Nv24   | Kars             | 15.4   | C | E | 13.3 | 2.1   |
|                            |        |                |        |        |        |       |         |                            | Nii5   | Kars             | 21.6   | C | E | 20.4 | 4.4   |

# Estuaries

| Estuary            | PES | Importance | REC      |
|--------------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Knysna             | B   | 100        | B        |
| Bot/Kleinmond      | C   | 97         | B        |
| Klein              | C   | 97         | B        |
| Swartvlei          | B   | 97         | B        |
| Gouritz            | C/D | 88         | B        |
| Keurbooms          | A/B | 88         | A        |
| Breede             | B   | 87         | B/C      |
| Duiwenhoks         | B   | 84         | B        |
| Heuningnes         | D   | 83         | A or BAS |
| Wilderness (Touws) | B   | 83         | A or BAS |
| Goukou             | C   | 80         | B        |
| Groot Brak         | D   | 77         | C        |
| Uilkraals          | D   | 76         | B        |
| Piesang            | C   | 73         | B        |
| Goukamma           | B   | 72         | A        |
| Hartenbos          | D   | 66         | D        |
| Palmiet            | C   | 63         | B        |
| Groot (Wes)        | B   | 63         | A or BAS |
| Onrus              | E   | 59         | B        |
| Klein Brak         | C   | 53         | C        |
| Bloukrans          | A   | 51         | A or BAS |
| Maalgate           | B   | 38         | B        |
| Kaaimans           | B   | 28         | B        |
| Noetsie            | B   | 28         | B        |
| Gwaing             | B   | 10         | B        |
| Haelkraal          | C   | Not rated  | B        |

- Present ecological status (PES)
- Conservation importance (scale of 1-100)
- Recommended future ecological class (REC)

# Wetlands

## Ecological importance and sensitivity (EIS) Present ecological status (PES)

| IUA code | IUA                        | Important Wetlands        | EIS                | PES |
|----------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-----|
| C6       | Gamka-Buffels              | N/A                       | Mod                | B   |
| D7       | Gouritz-Olifants           | N/A                       | Low                | C   |
| E8       | Touws                      | N/A                       | Low                | C   |
| F12      | Duiwenhoks                 | Duiwenhoks Wetland System | Mod                | D   |
|          |                            | Goukou River Wetland      | 7.1                |     |
| F13      | Lower Gouritz              | N/A                       | Mod                | C/D |
| G14      | Groot Brak                 | N/A                       | Mod                | C   |
| G15      | Coastal                    | Gwaing River System       |                    |     |
|          |                            | Wilderness Lakes System   | Refer to Estuaries |     |
|          |                            | Bitou Wetland             | Mod                | C   |
| I18      | Hessequa                   | Gouriqua Wetland          | 5                  |     |
| A1       | Upper Breede Tributaries   | Die Vlakte Wetland        | 5.9                |     |
|          |                            | Kluitjieskraal Wetland    | N/A                |     |
| A2       | Breede Working Tributaries | Papenkuils Wetland        | 8.3                |     |
| F10      | Overberg East Renosterveld | Diepte Gatt               | 5.4                | B   |
|          |                            | Elias Gat                 | 4.1                | C   |
|          |                            | Salmonsdam                | 6.5                | A   |
| H16      | Overberg West Coastal      | Vermont Pan               | 5.3                | B/C |
|          |                            | Groot Witvlei             | 6.2                | B   |
|          |                            | Malkopsvlei               | 6                  | B   |
|          |                            | Hemel-en-Aarde            | 5.6                | B/C |
|          |                            | Belsvlei                  | 5                  | E   |
| H17      | Overberg East Fynbos       | Gansbay Wetland           | 3.8                |     |
|          |                            | Algulhas Salt Pan         | 6.2                | B   |
|          |                            | Soetendalsvlei            | 9.1                |     |
|          |                            | Voelvlei                  | 6.2                |     |
|          |                            | Groot Hagerkraal Wetlands | 7.3                | A/B |



# General Discussion





# PSC Discussion points

- WMA Vision linking to individual IUAs visions
- Scenario Evaluation Process
- Preliminary Classification Scenarios