## OVERVIEW OF THE OLIFANTS DOORN WMA

- Located in West Coast District Municipality

- The district includes:
  - Five local municipalities: Matzikama, Cederberg, Bergriver, Saldanha Bay and Swartland,
  - Four District Management Areas of Bitterfontein, the Cederberg Wilderness Area, West Coast National Park and Hexberg

- Relevant local municipalities are Matzikama, Cederberg and Bergriver

### MATZIKAMA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

**Population**
Total: 58 840, which represents 18,3 per cent of the district's population.
Made up of 74% Coloured, 19 % White and 7 % Black African.

**Key Economic Sectors**
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (27 % of GRDP), Wholesale & Retail Trade, Catering & Accommodation (26% of GRDP), Manufacturing (13% of GRDP).

**Employment and Income**
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (42,5 %), Manufacturing (11.5%), Community, Social & Personal Wholesale & Retail Trade (10%). In terms of income, 6,6 % of households have no income, 26,4 % earn between R1 and R800 per month and 42,9 per cent between R801 and R3 200.

**General**
Growing unemployment. The most significant sector contributor to employment, agriculture, hunting, forestry & fishing, grew at a very slow pace. In addition, area is characterised by low household income and inadequate access to basic services, which translates into a low quality of life for households.

### CEDERBERG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

**Population**
Total: 39 563, which represents 14 per cent of the district's population.
Made up of 77% Coloured, 12% White and 10% Black African.

**Key Economic Sectors**
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (27.7% of GRDP), Wholesale & Retail Trade, Catering & Accommodation (23% of GRDP), Manufacturing (12.4% of GRDP).

**Employment and Income**
Forestry & Fishing (57.2 %), Community, Social & Personal Wholesale & Retail Trade (17%). the majority (69,4%) of households earn a monthly income of between R400 and R3 200, while 10,8 % earned R0 to R400 a month.

**General**
The local municipality is characterised by unemployment, increasing crime rates, low household income and poor development indicators. Sectors with high labour absorption capabilities (excluding agriculture) are relatively small.

### BERGRIVER LOCAL MUNICIPALITY

**Population**
Total: 55 568, which represents 19 per cent of the district's population.
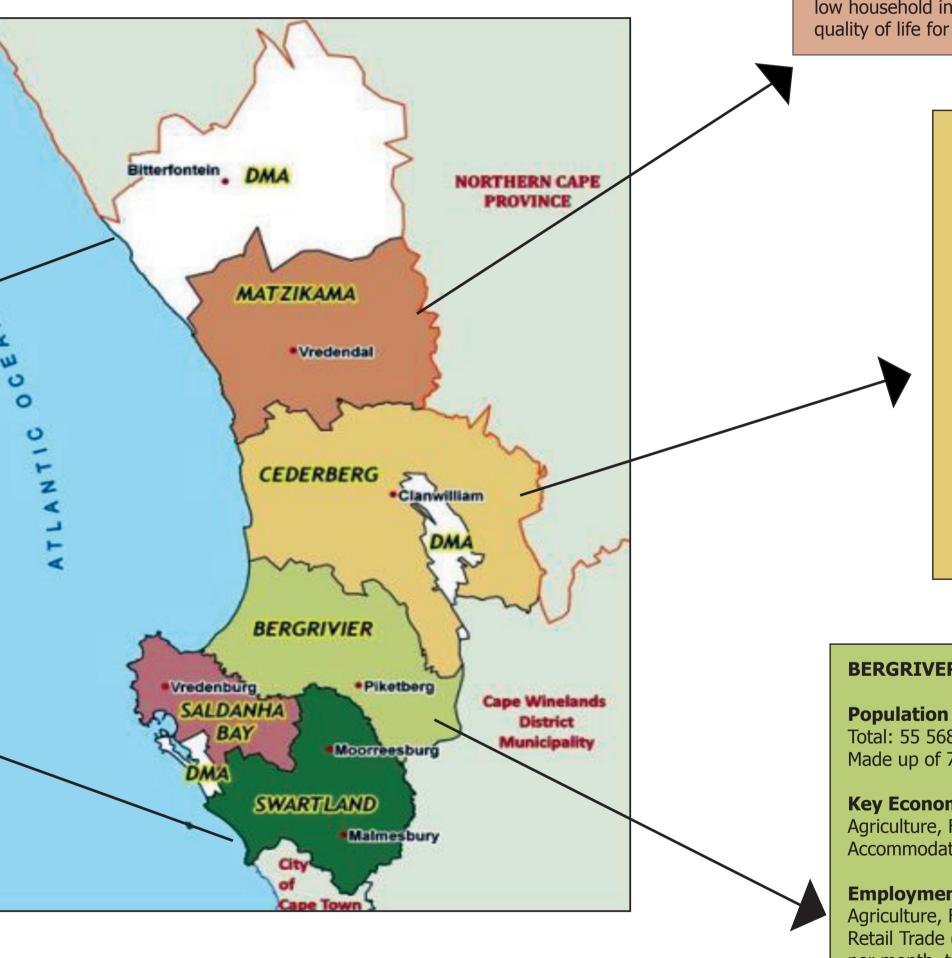Made up of 74% Coloured, 19% White and 6% Black African.

**Key Economic Sectors**
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (33.4% of GRDP), Wholesale & Retail Trade, Catering & Accommodation (15.2% of GRDP) and Manufacturing (12% of GRDP).

**Employment and Income**
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (53.3 %), Community, Social & Personal Wholesale & Retail Trade (23%) and Manufacturing (7%). 28,6 % of households earn R800 or less per month, this includes 3,7% of all households that have no income. An additional 45,1% of households earn between R800 and R3 200.

**General**
The local municipality is characterised by unemployment, low growth and low incomes, inadequate access to basic services and high illiteracy. In addition there is slow growth in labour absorptive sectors and the over-dependence on agriculture.

### WEST COAST DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY

**Population:**
Total: 285 323 (2006)
71% Coloured, 17 % White and 12 % Black African.

**Key Economic Sectors**
Manufacturing (20.6% of GRDP), Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (19,4% of GRDP), Wholesale & Retail Trade, Catering & Accommodation (16,1% of GRDP).

**Employment**
Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing (40,5 %), Community, Social & Personal Services (12,2%), Wholesale & Retail Trade (10,7%) and Manufacturing (10,2%). 71 % of employed have incomplete secondary education or less, which is an indication of the district's economic orientation due to the dominance of agriculture, forestry & fishing and manufacturing sectors for job creation prospects.

**General**
West Coast is a water scarce region that faces water shortages and supply limitations. With almost 20 % of the district's GRDP (Gross Regional Domestic Product) in 2004 coming from the agriculture, forestry & fishing sector, this could act as a inhibitor to economic growth.



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