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Reserve determination study for selected Surface Water, Groundwater, Estuaries and Wetlands in the F60 and G30 Catchment within the Berg-Olifants Water Management Area

PSC Meeting on MS Teams 23 November 2022

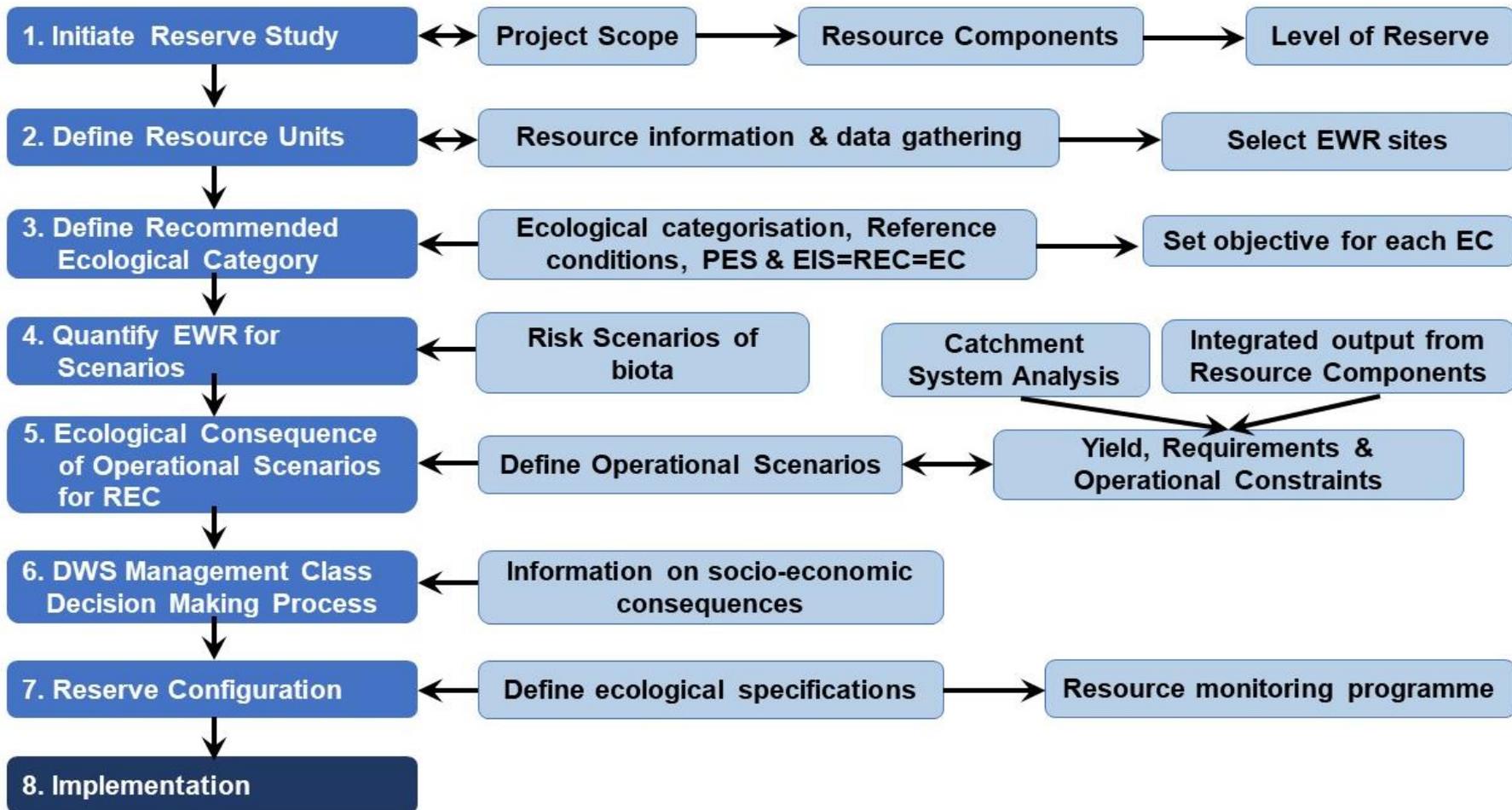


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Project Progress

- Finalised Surface and Groundwater Delineation Reports
- Drafted EcoClassification Report
- Cross-section surveys
- Hydraulic modelling
- Hydrological modelling
- Wet season survey in September
- Draft EWR Report

The Reserve Determination Process



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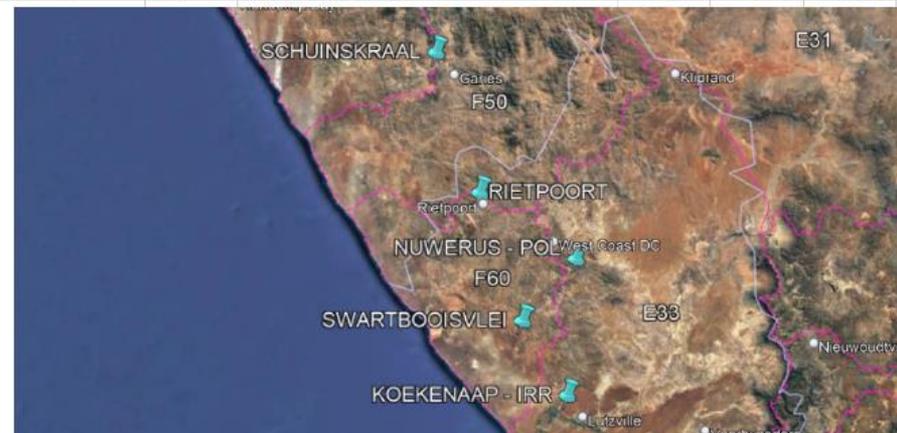


Hydrological Modelling

- Rainfall data ending Sep 2021 sourced from SAWS for selected stations
- Will be used in the rainfall runoff modelling to extend the WR2012 hydrology to 2020/2021

Rainfall Data – WR2012 F60

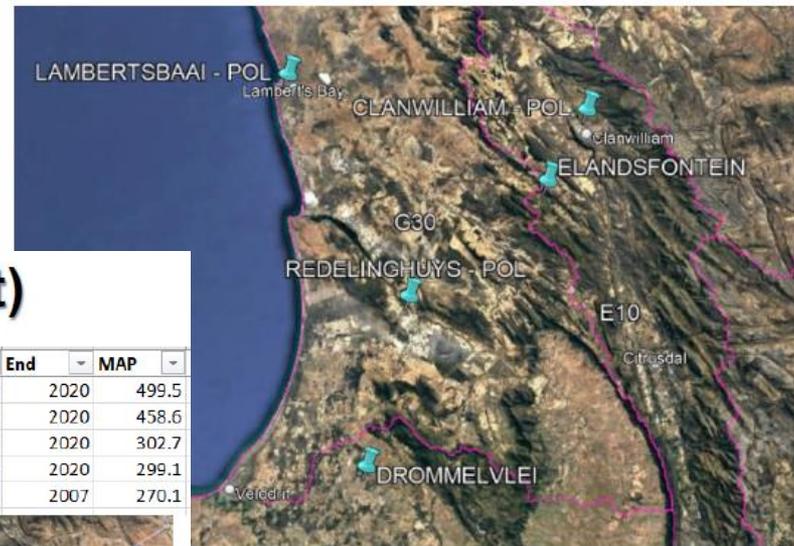
| Number | Name | F60 | Updated in current study | Start | End | MAP |
|-----------|-----------------|-----|--------------------------|-------|------|-------|
| 0157753 W | SCHUINSKRAAL | F6A | Closed | 1920 | 1952 | 172.9 |
| 0131170 W | SWARTBOOISVLEI | F6A | Closed | 1952 | 1974 | 155.7 |
| 0131639 W | NUWERUS - POL | F6A | Extended 2010-2020 | 1925 | 2020 | 155.7 |
| 0158087 W | RIETPOORT | F6A | Closed | 1951 | 2010 | 134.7 |
| 0106512 W | KOEKENAAP - IRR | F6A | Extended 2010-2020 | 1920 | 2020 | 130.5 |



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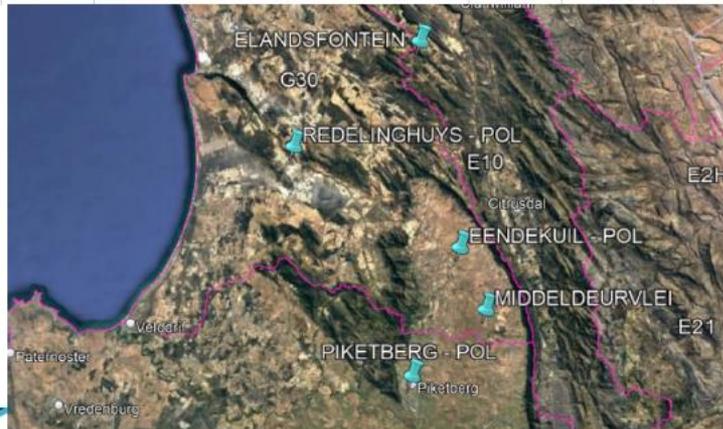
Rainfall Data – WR2012 G30 (dry)

| Number | Name | G30AEF | Updated in current study | Start | End | MAP |
|-----------|--------------------|--------|--|-------|------|-------|
| 0084558 W | ELANDSFONTEIN | G3B | Extended 2010-2020 | 1900 | 2020 | 499.5 |
| 0061766 W | DROMMELVLEI | G3B | Extension data 2009-2010, retain WR2012 MP file, consider patching 2010 values | 1900 | 2009 | 314.2 |
| 0084059 W | REDELINGHUYS - POL | G3B | Not extended - closed? | 1900 | 2007 | 270.1 |
| 0084701 W | CLANWILLIAM - POL | G3B | Not updated - closed. 0084671 close by but data no good. Use E1E004 | 1920 | 2001 | 210.1 |
| 0106880AW | VREDENDAL | G3B | Extended 2010-2020 | 1958 | 2020 | 149.5 |
| 0083515 W | LAMBERTSBAAI - POL | G3B | Extended 2010-2020 | 1900 | 2020 | 137.5 |



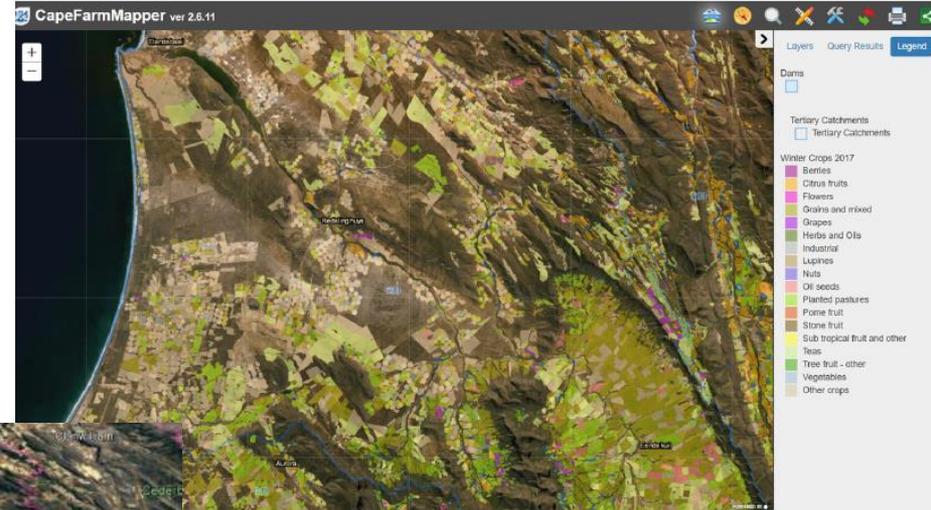
Rainfall Data –WR2012 G30 (wet)

| Number | Name | G30BCC | Updated in current study | Start | End | MAP |
|-----------|--------------------|--------|--------------------------|-------|------|-------|
| 0084558 W | ELANDSFONTEIN | G3A | Extended 2010-2020 | 1900 | 2020 | 499.5 |
| 0062444 W | PIKETBERG - POL | G3A | Extended 2010-2020 | 1900 | 2020 | 458.6 |
| 0062671 W | EENDEKUIL - POL | G3A | Extended 2010-2020 | 1900 | 2020 | 302.7 |
| 0062768 W | MIDDELDEURVLEI | G3A | Extended 2010-2020 | 1900 | 2020 | 299.1 |
| 0084059 W | REDELINGHUYS - POL | G3A | Not extended - closed? | 1900 | 2007 | 270.1 |



Hydrological Modelling

Land use data



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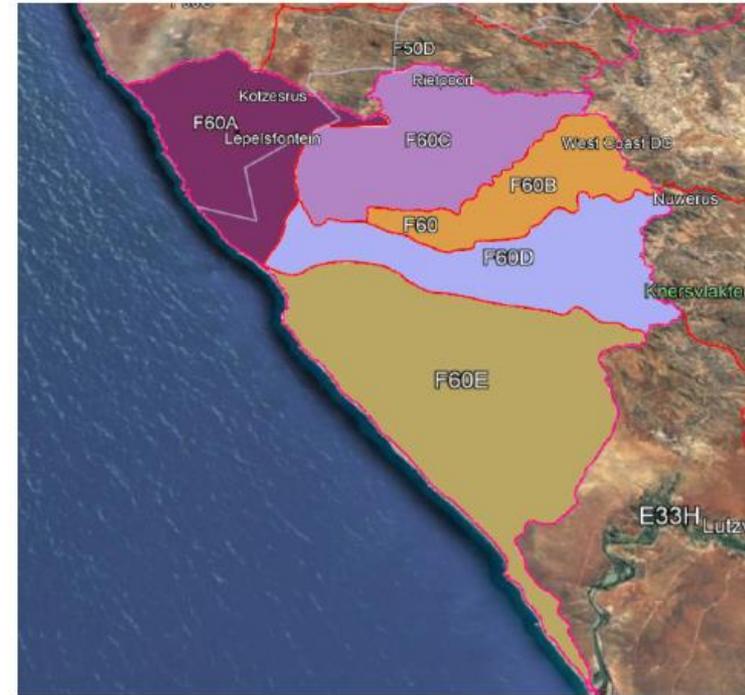
- Registered dams (DWS, 2019)

| Quaternary catchment | Combined capacity (million m3) | Combined surface area (km2) | Number of registered dams (DWS, 2019) |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| G30A | - | - | - |
| G30B | 5.11 | 1.05 | 22 |
| G30C | 0.44 | 0.10 | 2 |
| G30D | 1.41 | 0.26 | 9 |
| G30E | 0.06 | 0.02 | 2 |
| G30F | - | - | - |
| G30G | - | - | - |
| G30H | - | - | - |
| Total G30 (km2) | 7.03 | 1.43 | 35 |

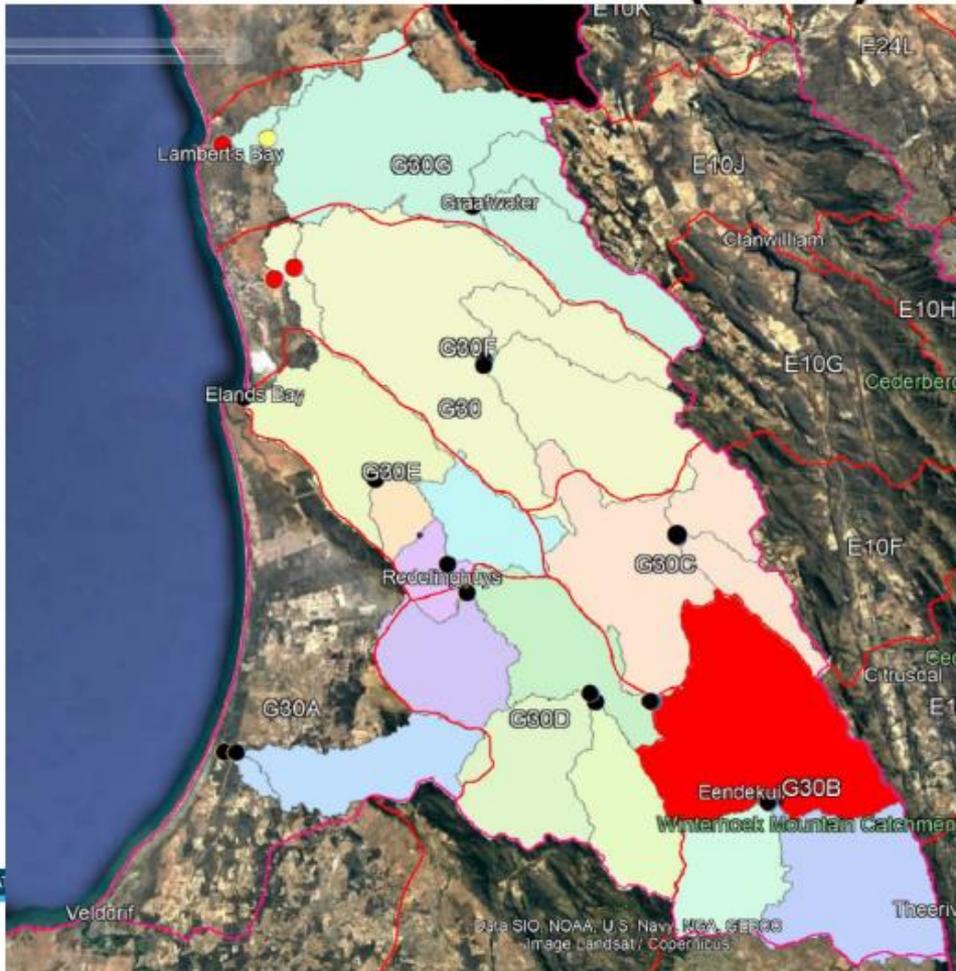
| Quaternary catchment | Irrigated crop areas (km2) |
|------------------------|----------------------------|
| G30A | 10.3 |
| G30B | 9.3 |
| G30C | 15.0 |
| G30D | 18.3 |
| G30E | 5.6 |
| G30F | 26.0 |
| G30G | 7.8 |
| G30H | 3.3 |
| Total G30 (km2) | 95.7 |

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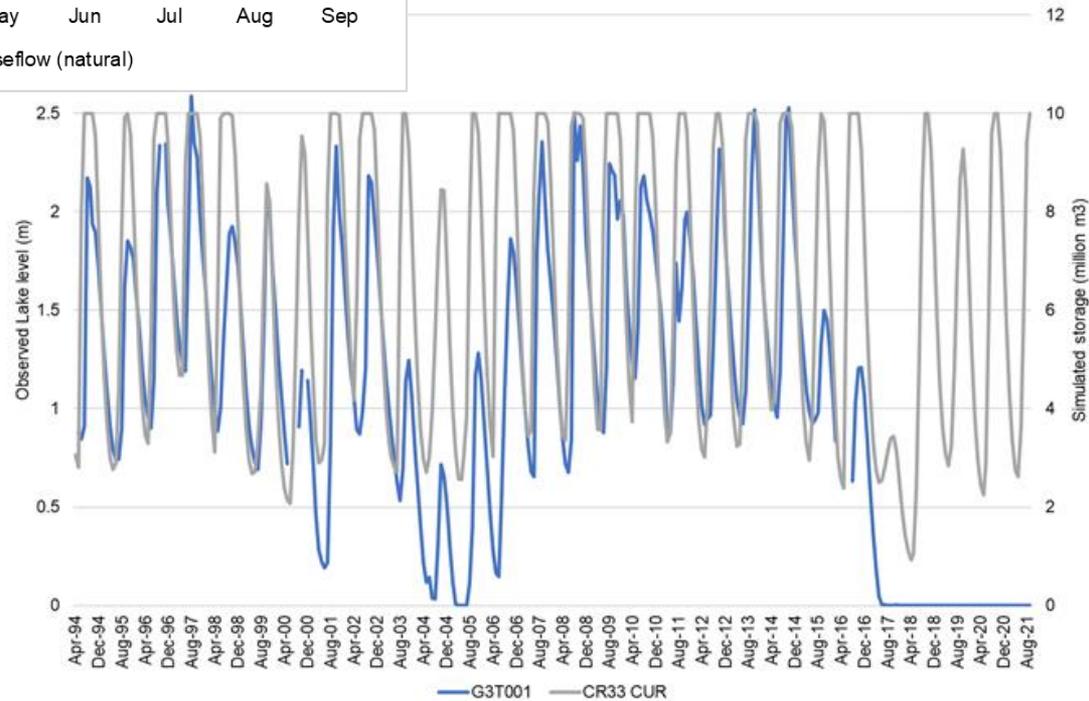
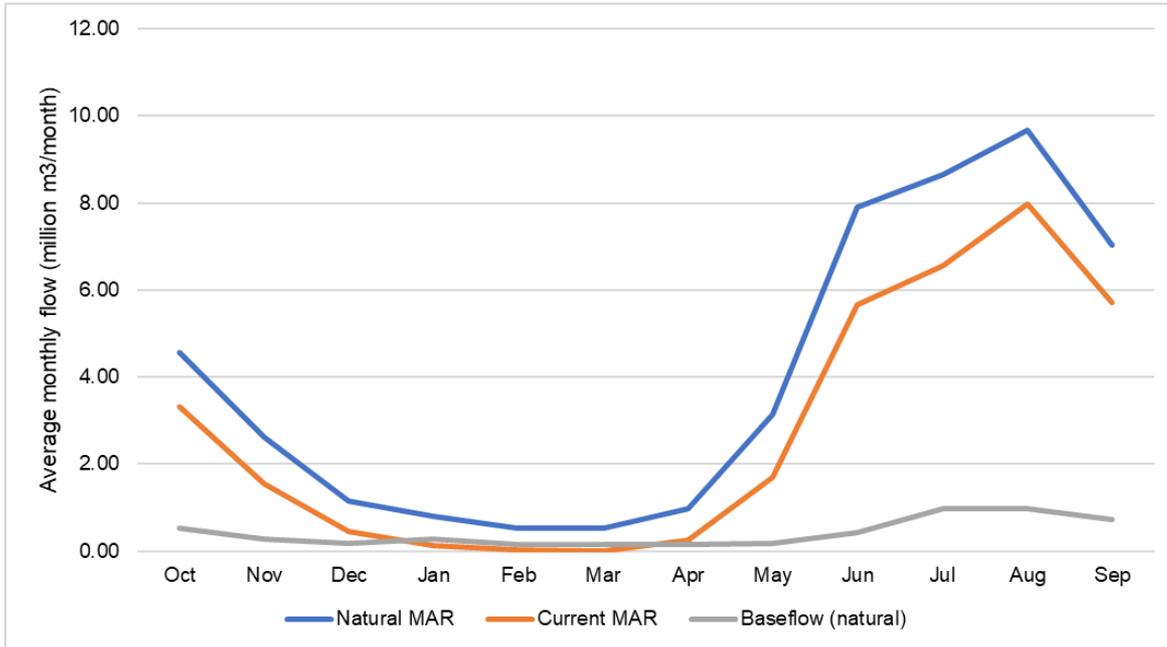
Catchment delineation (F60)



Catchment delineation (G30)



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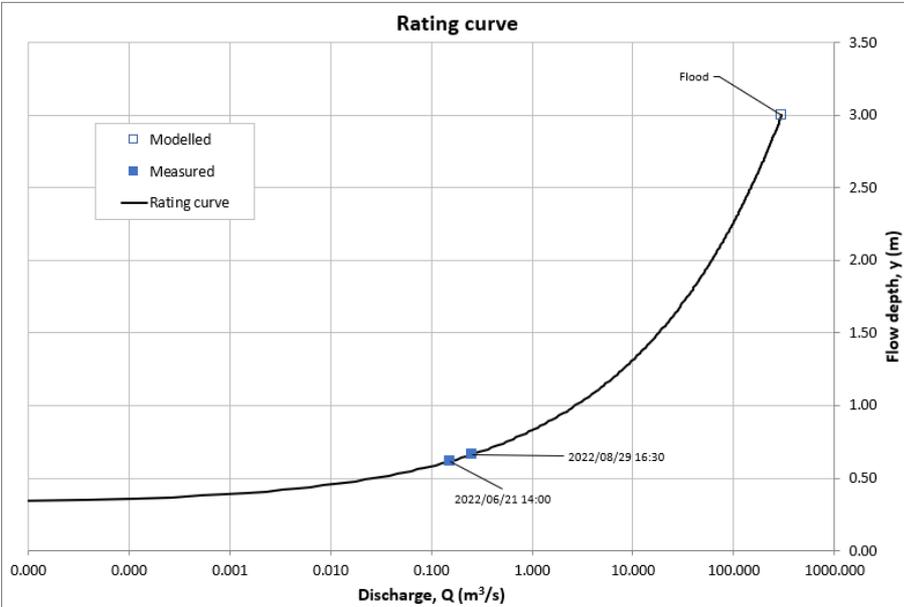
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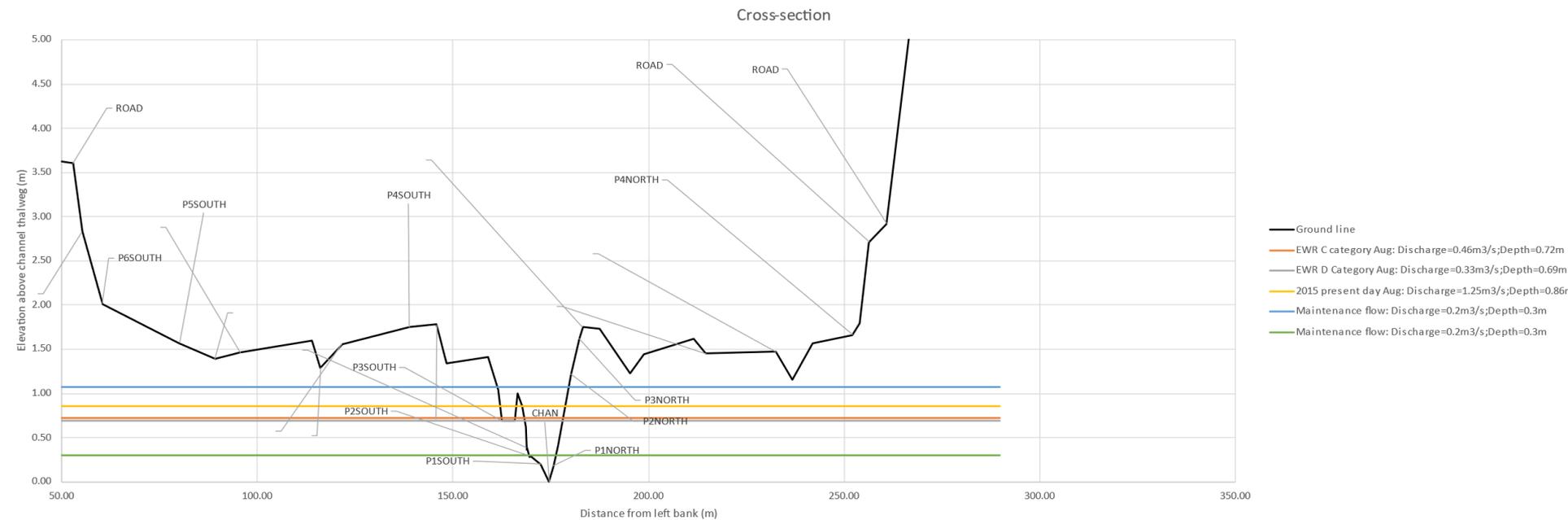
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Cross-Section Surveys & Hydraulic Modelling

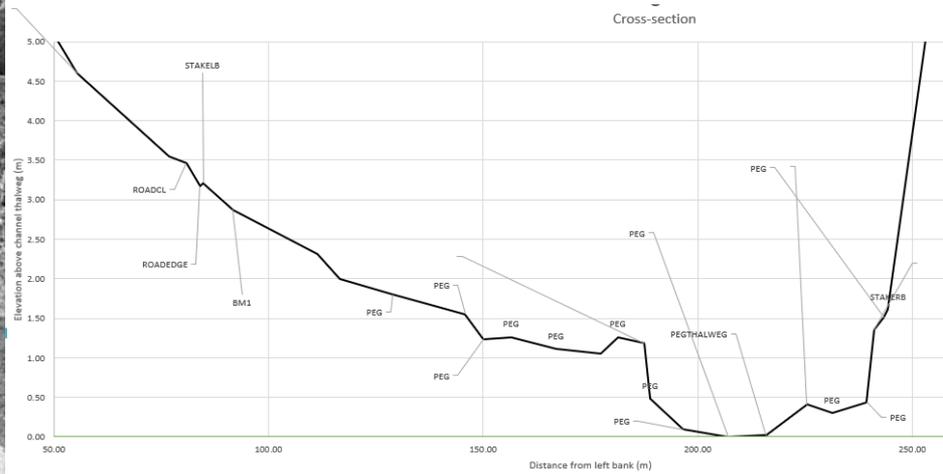
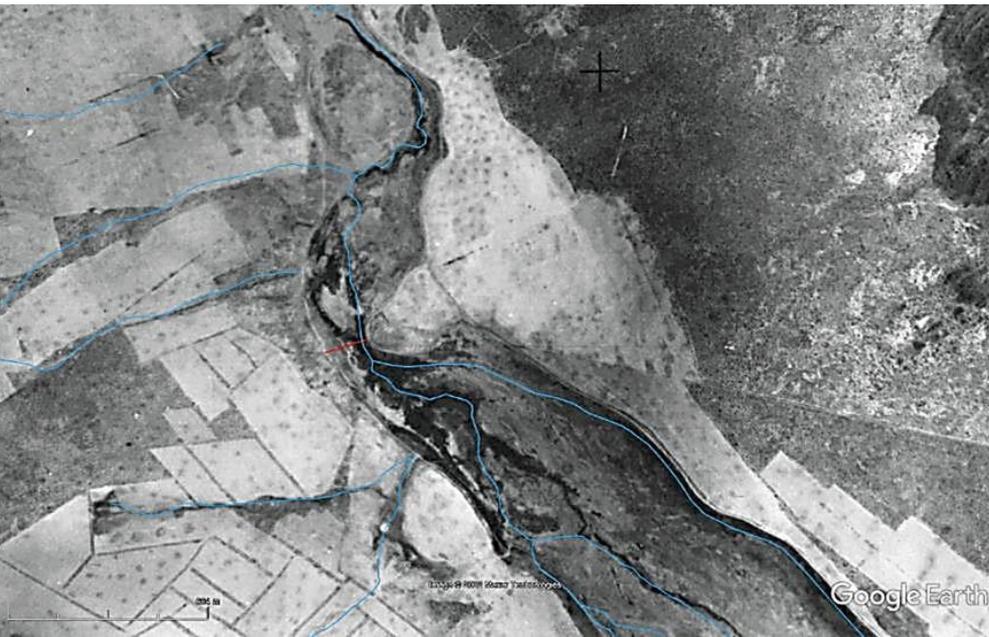


| Monthly average flows in m3/s | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|
| Flows (m3/s) | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Annual |
| Average | 0.570 | 0.234 | 0.041 | 0.003 | 0.001 | 0.002 | 0.053 | 0.353 | 1.152 | 1.169 | 1.506 | 1.104 | 0.518 |
| Max | 2.098 | 1.157 | 0.332 | 0.052 | 0.049 | 0.090 | 1.335 | 4.798 | 13.029 | 13.534 | 8.341 | 5.228 | 2.244 |
| 0.95 | 1.352 | 0.718 | 0.131 | 0.030 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.166 | 2.035 | 5.027 | 4.861 | 6.683 | 2.909 | 1.597 |
| 0.75 | 0.698 | 0.255 | 0.045 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.004 | 0.146 | 0.910 | 1.475 | 1.546 | 1.289 | 0.679 |
| 0.5 | 0.463 | 0.174 | 0.026 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.049 | 0.320 | 0.515 | 0.889 | 0.833 | 0.327 |
| 0.25 | 0.273 | 0.112 | 0.011 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.004 | 0.127 | 0.239 | 0.399 | 0.471 | 0.190 |
| 0.05 | 0.138 | 0.035 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.019 | 0.101 | 0.209 | 0.228 | 0.099 |
| Min | 0.056 | 0.015 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.007 | 0.041 | 0.066 | 0.070 |

| Monthly average depth (m) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Depth (m) | Oct | Nov | Dec | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Annual |
| Average | 0.750 | 0.650 | 0.520 | 0.420 | 0.380 | 0.400 | 0.530 | 0.690 | 0.850 | 0.850 | 0.890 | 0.840 | 0.740 |
| Max | 0.950 | 0.850 | 0.690 | 0.530 | 0.530 | 0.570 | 0.870 | 1.120 | 1.390 | 1.400 | 1.260 | 1.140 | 0.960 |
| 0.95 | 0.870 | 0.780 | 0.600 | 0.500 | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | 0.620 | 0.940 | 1.130 | 1.120 | 1.200 | 1.010 | 0.900 |
| 0.75 | 0.780 | 0.660 | 0.520 | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | 0.420 | 0.610 | 0.810 | 0.890 | 0.890 | 0.860 | 0.770 |
| 0.5 | 0.720 | 0.620 | 0.490 | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | 0.530 | 0.680 | 0.740 | 0.810 | 0.800 | 0.680 |
| 0.25 | 0.670 | 0.590 | 0.460 | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | 0.420 | 0.600 | 0.650 | 0.710 | 0.730 | 0.630 |
| 0.05 | 0.600 | 0.510 | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | Pool/Dry | 0.480 | 0.580 | 0.640 | 0.650 | 0.580 |
| Min | 0.540 | 0.470 | Pool/Dry | 0.440 | 0.520 | 0.550 | 0.550 |



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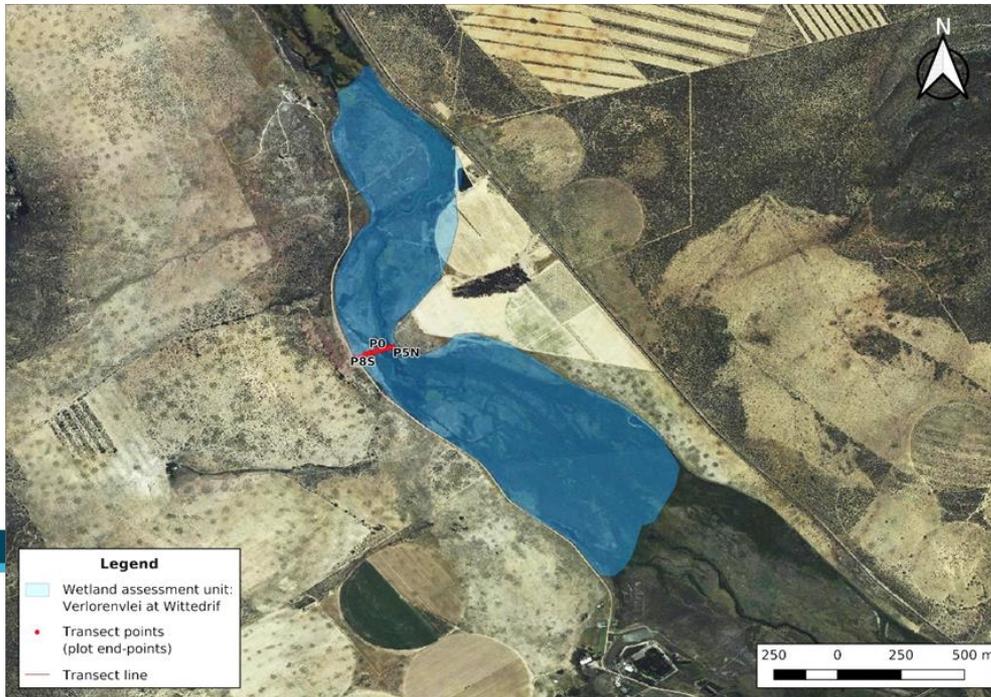
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Verlorenvlei EWR transect @ Wittedrif: soil wetness data

| Plot number | Plot length (m) | Standing water depth | | Depth to water table | | Depth to saturated | | Notes |
|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------|----------------------|----------|--------------------|----------|--|
| | | Apr 2022 | Sep 2022 | Apr 2022 | Sep 2022 | Apr 2022 | Sep 2022 | |
| P5-N | 0.9 | 0 | 0 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | Rock layer at 5cm; non-wetland plot |
| P4-N | 4.4 | 0 | 0 | >35 | >45 | >35 | 25 | Rock layer at 35-45cm depth |
| P3-N | 7.8 | 0 | 60 | >120 | n/a | 100 | n/a | Dense clay from 120cm depth |
| P2-N | 15.4 | 0 | 45 | >120 | n/a | >120 | n/a | |
| P1-N | 9.1 | 0 | 90 | 120 | n/a | 80 | n/a | |
| P0 | 10.2 | 0 | 75 | >120 | n/a | 100 | n/a | |
| P1-S | 7.9 | 0 | 60 | >100 | n/a | >100 | n/a | Dense clay from 80 to >100cm depth |
| P2-S | 7.5 | 0 | 0 | >100 | 70 | >100 | 50 | Clay from surface to >120cm depth |
| P3-S | 14.3 | 0 | 0 | >100 | 45 | >100 | 0 | Clay from surface to >100cm depth |
| P4-S | 10.4 | 0 | 0 | >100 | >120 | >100 | >120 | Clay from ~35cm to >110cm depth |
| P5-S | 6.5 | 0 | 0 | >100 | >85 | >100 | 0 | Clay from surface to >85cm depth; unsaturated from 75cm down in Sep 2022 (when top layer was saturated to the surface) |
| P6-S | 4.4 | 0 | 0 | >100 | >100 | >100 | >100 | Clay from ~80cm depth |
| P7-S | 17.1 | 0 | 0 | >100 | >100 | >100 | >100 | Clay from ~90cm depth |
| P8-S | 44.1 | 0 | 0 | >100 | >100 | >100 | >100 | |



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| Alphabetic Floristic data for VERLORENVLEI - WITTEDRIF, Western Sandveld Wetlands | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---|
| Sample no. [VW=Verlorenvlei Wittedrif] | VWN5 | VWN4 | VWN3 | VWN2 | VWN1 | VW0 | VWS1 | VWS2 | VWS3 | VWS4 | VWS5 | VWS6 | VWS7 | VWS8 | No. of sample plots = | |
| Date of initial dry season 8 April with follow up "wet" Spring season on 8 September 2022. | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 2022-04-08 | 14 | |
| Grid ref plot start peg from Low point to Outer edge (South) | 32°27'29.87"S | 32°27'29.95"S | 32°27'30.01"S | 32°27'30.16"S | 32°27'30.23"S | 32°27'30.29"S | 32°27'30.35"S | 32°27'30.42"S | 32°27'30.53"S | 32°27'30.69"S | 32°27'30.79"S | 32°27'30.86"S | 32°27'30.88"S | 32°27'31.05"S | | |
| Grid ref plot start peg from Low point to Outer edge (East) | 18°31'4.98"E | 18°31'4.79"E | 18°31'4.48"E | 18°31'3.94"E | 18°31'3.54"E | 18°31'3.37"E | 18°31'3.15"E | 18°31'2.90"E | 18°31'2.59"E | 18°31'2.13"E | 18°31'1.70"E | 18°31'1.48"E | 18°31'1.33"E | 18°31'0.75"E | | |
| Plot length | 0.93 | 4.37 | 7.77 | 15.35 | 9.1 | 10.2 | 7.88 | 7.45 | 14.3 | 10.35 | 6.5 | 4.36 | 17.05 | 44.1 | | |
| Moisture status (I = inundated, free water; W = wet, M = moist, D = Dry, S = seasonal condition) | SD | SM | SW | SM | SW | SI | SW | SW | SM | SD | SM | SM | SD | D | | |
| Habitat | Slope steep. Path. Grazed | Sheep cut bank. Grazed | Side channel. Grazed. Trampled. Cobbles | Channel with Artificially raised area | Bed often flooded. Heavy grazing | Bed often flooded. Heavy grazing | Bed often flooded. Heavy grazing | Channel side. Dry clay. | Flatish regular overflow step | Raised area. Aided bed | Slight dip at higher overflow level. | Channel side | Upper flood flats. Cattle | Back floodplain. Cattle | | |
| No. of species in sample plot | 6 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 9 | No. of species in area = 28 | |
| Taxon (* = Listed in RDB) | % occurrence in sample (brackets = changed values recorded on 8 September; 0 = absent) | | | | | | | | | | | | | No. of occurrences per species | | |
| <i>Aponogeton distachyos</i> L.f. | | | (30) | | | (60) | (50) | | | | | | | | (<1) | 3 |
| <i>Arctotheca calendula</i> (L.) Lewyns | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | (<1) | 1 |
| <i>Atriplex nummularia</i> Lindl. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | (<1) | 2 |
| <i>Atriplex semibaccata</i> R.Br. | 5 | 1 | | | | | | 15(5) | 25(1) | 20(1) | 65(<1) | 2(1) | | 1 | | 8 |
| <i>Bolboschoenus maritimus</i> (L.) Palla | | 20(60) | 30 | 30 | 15(10) | | 15(75) | 15(35) | 15(30) | | 20 | | | | | 8 |
| <i>Catula coronopifolia</i> L. | | | 5 | 1 | | | | | | | <1 | | | | | 3 |
| <i>Catula turbinata</i> (L.) Pers. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | (1) | 1 |
| <i>Cynodon dactylon</i> (L.) Pers. | (1) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| <i>Cyperus textilis</i> Thunb. | | 60(0) | 50(0) | 30(0) | 15(0) | | 75(0) | 15(0) | 25(0) | 20(0) | 65(0) | | | | | 9 |
| <i>Drosanthemum floribundum</i> (Haw.) Schwantes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Exomis microphylla</i> (Thunb.) A.ellen var. <i>axioides</i> (Fenzl.) | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| <i>Frankenia repens</i> (P.J.Bergius) Faurc. | | | | | | | | | | 1 | | 5 | | 1 | | 3 |
| <i>Geophyte (different species)</i> | | | | | | | | | <1 | | | | | | <1 | 2 |
| <i>Galenia africana</i> L. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | (1) | 1 |
| <i>Hordeum capense</i> Thunb. | | | | | | | | 5 | | | | | | | <1(1) | 1 |
| <i>Isolepis antarctica</i> (L.) Roem. & Schult. | | | | 5 | | | | (5) | | | <1(1) | | | | | 3 |
| <i>Juncus acutus</i> L. subsp. <i>leopoldtii</i> (Pari.) Snogerup | (1) | | | | | | | | (1) | | | | | | | 2 |
| <i>Lolium multiflorum</i> Lam. | | | (30) | | | | | | (2) | | (1) | | | (1) | | 4 |
| <i>Medicago polymorpha</i> L. * | | | (2) | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| <i>Oxalis pes-caprae</i> L. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | (1) | 1 |
| <i>Paspalum distichum</i> L. | | | | 10(0) | 30(0) | 10(0) | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| <i>Pentstemonis densifolia</i> (Nees) Stapf | 5 | | | | | | | | | | (2) | <1 | | | | 3 |
| <i>Phragmites australis</i> (Cav.) Steud. | | | 5 | 15 | | | (5) | (5) | 40(20) | (1) | (3) | | | | | 7 |
| Poaceae (annual juveniles) | | (20) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| <i>Potamogeton pusillus</i> L. (Boucher 8085) | | | <5 | | | (40) | | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| <i>Rumex crispus</i> L. * | | <1 | | | | | | | (1) | | (1) | | | | | 3 |
| <i>Ruschia</i> sp. | | | | | | | | | (1) | | | | | (1) | | 2 |
| <i>Sarcocornia natalensis</i> (Bunge ex Ung.-Sternb.) A. J. Scott | | | | | | | 1(2) | | | | (1) | | | | | 2 |
| <i>Sarcocornia pilansii</i> (Moss) A. J. Scott | | | | | | | (2) | (10) | 40 | | | 5(35) | 60 | 60 | 60 | 6 |
| <i>Senecio burchellii</i> DC. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Sporobolus virginicus</i> (L.) Kunth | 20(10) | | | | | | | | | | 1(<1) | <1 | 2 | <1 | 5 | |

Notes

Sarcocornia pilansii has remained stable or has increased on the flats (September survey). Good conditions for seedling germination and initial establishment have occurred this winter.

More *Phragmites australis* found in September but sprouting.

Annuals and annual grasses common in wet late winter particularly on steep bank (disturbance?).

Bolboschoenus maritimus wrongly identified as *Cyperus textilis* in April. *B. m* seems to be more abundant under wetter saline conditions nearer Verlorenvlei

Aponogeton distachyos & *Potamogeton pusillus* not seen under dry season conditions as no free water compared to them being abundant in free water conditions in September.



Wet Season Survey Report

Macroinvertebrate Sampling :

April 2022 - No sampling – dry
 September 2022 - SASS5 score was 68 and ASPT 5.2.
 Invertebrate Habitat Assessment System was 56%.



Fish sampling upstream of Verlorenvlei EWR site:

Verlorenvlei redfin - 16 adults and 52 juveniles
 Cape kurper - 3 adults



Verlorenvlei redfin *Pseudobarbus verlorenei*
 (endemic, Endangered)



Cape Galaxias lineage *Galaxias* sp.
 “zebratus verlorenvlei”



Cape kurper lineage *Sandelia* sp. ‘capensis west coast’

No conservation status at present, in Verlorenvlei, Langvlei, Berg and Diep River systems

Water quality in situ measures taken with a YSI :

| | |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Temperature (°C) | 12.7 |
| pH (pH units) | 7.45 |
| Dissolved oxygen (mg/l) | 8.94 |
| Conductivity (mS/m) | 187.3 |



| Water Quality Variable | Results |
|---|---------|
| pH (at 25°C) | 7.62 |
| Electrical Conductivity (mS/m) | 194 |
| Total Dissolved Solids (mg/l) | 1300 |
| Turbidity (NTU) | 4.4 |
| Total Suspended Solids (mg/l) | 7 |
| Ortho Phosphate (mg/l as P) | <.20 |
| Ammonia Nitrogen (mg/l N) | <.10 |
| Nitrate Nitrogen (mg/l N) | <.20 |
| Nitrite Nitrogen (mg/l N) | <.20 |
| Total Inorganic Nitrogen mg/l N) Calculated | <.50 |

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Capacity Building

Wet season survey week (5-9 Sept 2022):

- Intro to EWR determinations and the study area; hydrology and case studies (5 September)
- Groundwater workshop: Hydrogeological setting - West Coast; Groundwater contribution to surface water; groundwater contamination, borehole drilling and yield testing, monitoring, data analysis
- Surface water Fieldwork in the Verlorenvlei, Langvlei, Jakkals and Papkuilsvlei (6 - 9 September)

Surface water/groundwater Integration workshop 27 - 28 September 22

- Hydrology and groundwater; Hydraulics; Water quality; Wetlands; Vegetation; Macroinvertebrates; Fish
- Integration and input into EWR recommendations and scenarios

Estuary workshop: 22 November 22 (Estuary EWR Workshop 23-24 November)

Regulatory and Implementation Workshop (24 November 2022)

EWR Recommendations and Scenario Workshop (early December 2022)



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Future Project Deliverables

- End November - Regulatory and Estuarine Workshops
- 12 Dec – EWR Report
- 27 Jan – Scenario Report
- February – stakeholder meeting (in study area)
- February – Final Report and Implementation Plan



Thank you

