uMngeni Ecological Infrastructure Partnership (UEIP) – UPDATE

Support to the Continuation of the Reconciliation Strategy of the KwaZulu-Natal Coastal Metropolitan Area: Phase 2

Strategy Steering Committee – Meeting11

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UEIP FOCUS

- Investment in ecological infrastructure to supplement built infrastructure in decision-making and policy development.
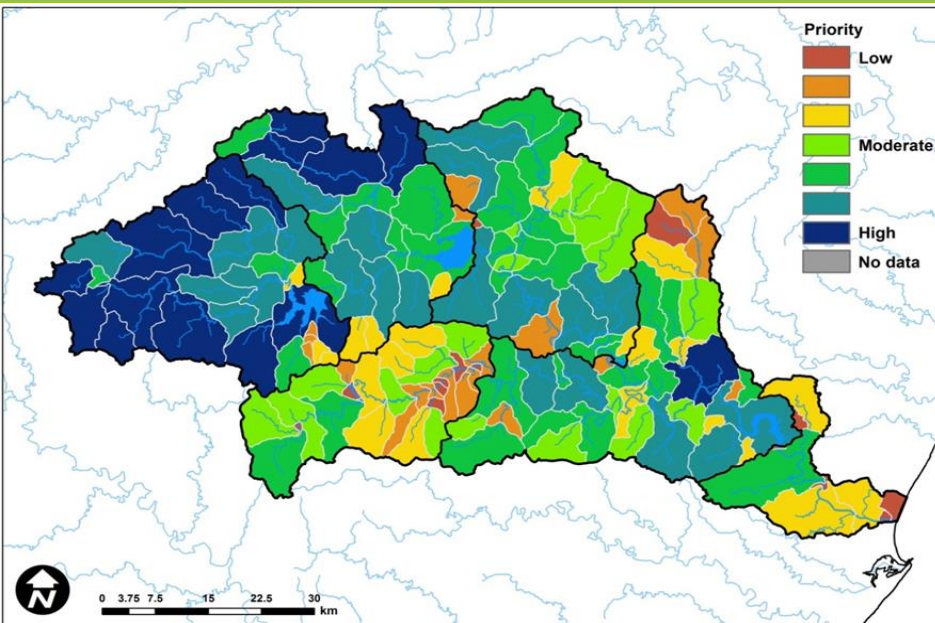
UEIP Objectives

– *Strategic <u>investments</u> in ecological infrastructure that are contributing to enhanced water security in the uMngeni catchment*

– *Improved <u>governance</u> that is contributing to slowing the rate of degradation of ecological infrastructure and enhancing the sustainability of investments in ecological infrastructure*

– *Strengthened institutional <u>capacity</u> for the rehabilitation, maintenance and protection of ecological infrastructure*
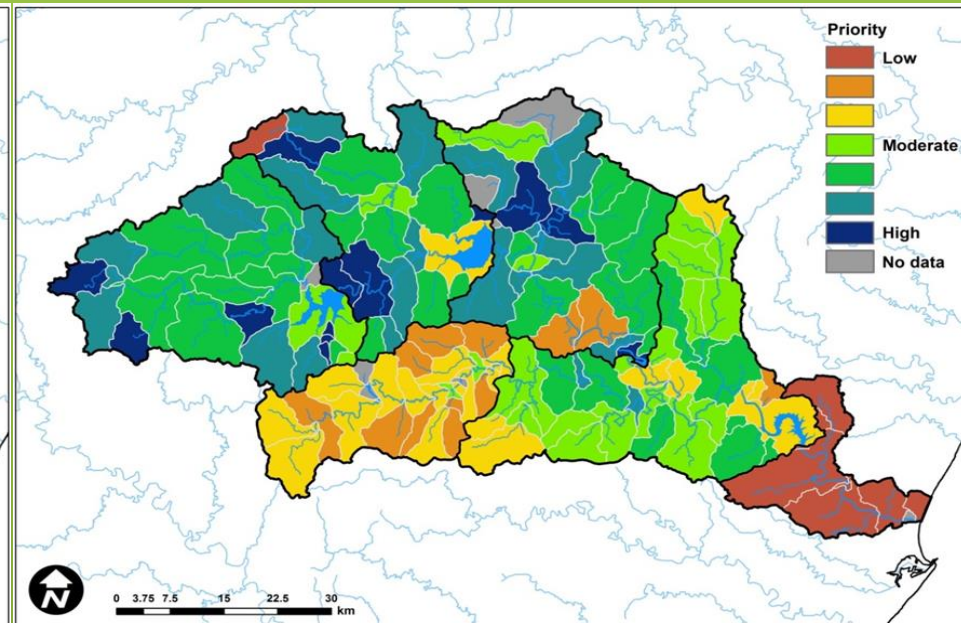
UEIP Objectives

– *An enabling <u>policy</u> environment for investment in the rehabilitation and management of ecological infrastructure in the catchment*

– *An improved <u>knowledge</u> base on ecological infrastructure that informs policy and practice*

– *Effective <u>collaboration, coordination and co-learning</u> that enables the UEIP to consolidate, grow and demonstrate its value*
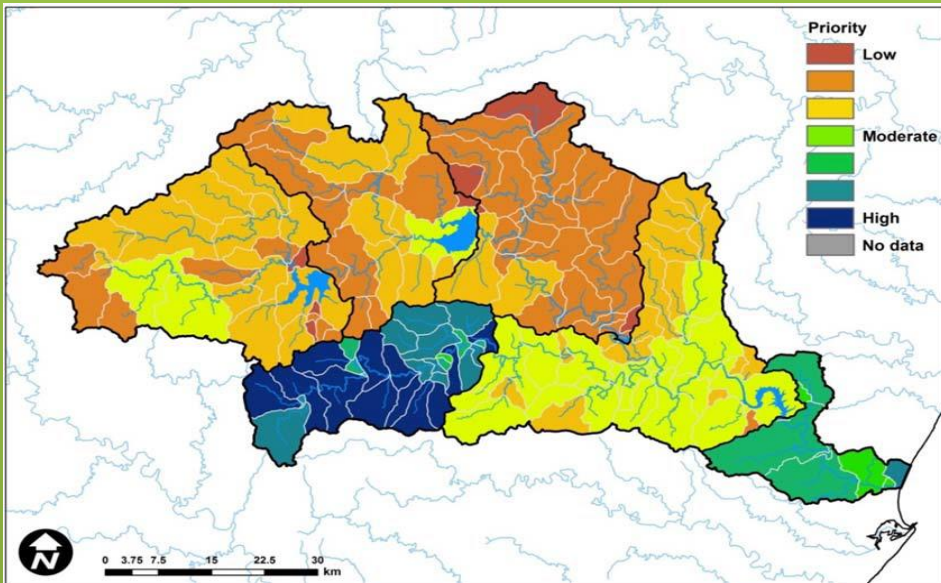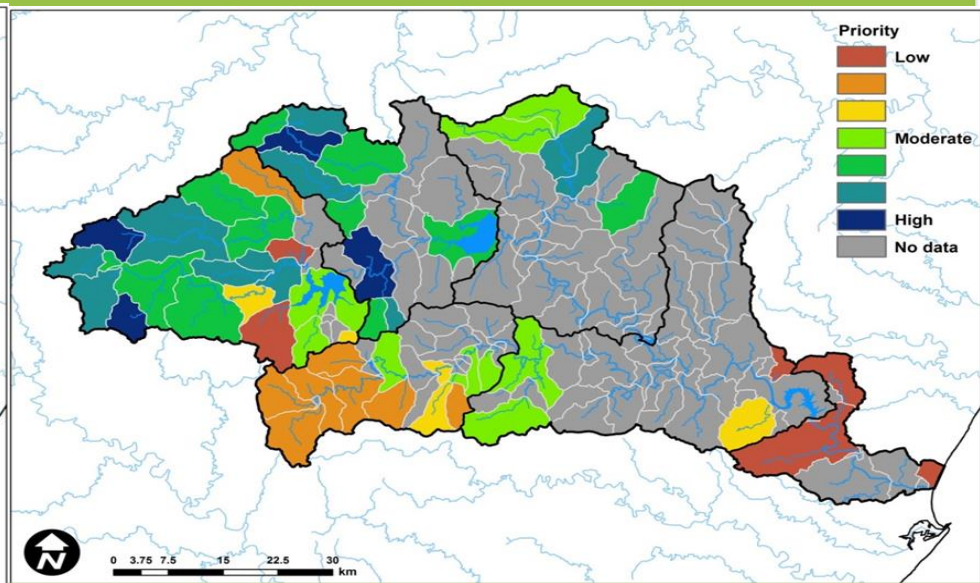
INVESTMENT PLAN

Priority catchments to **maintain natural vegetation** to maintain streamflow, dry season base-flow and sediment retention

Priority catchments to **rehabilitate degraded vegetation** to improve streamflow, dry season base-flow and sediment retention

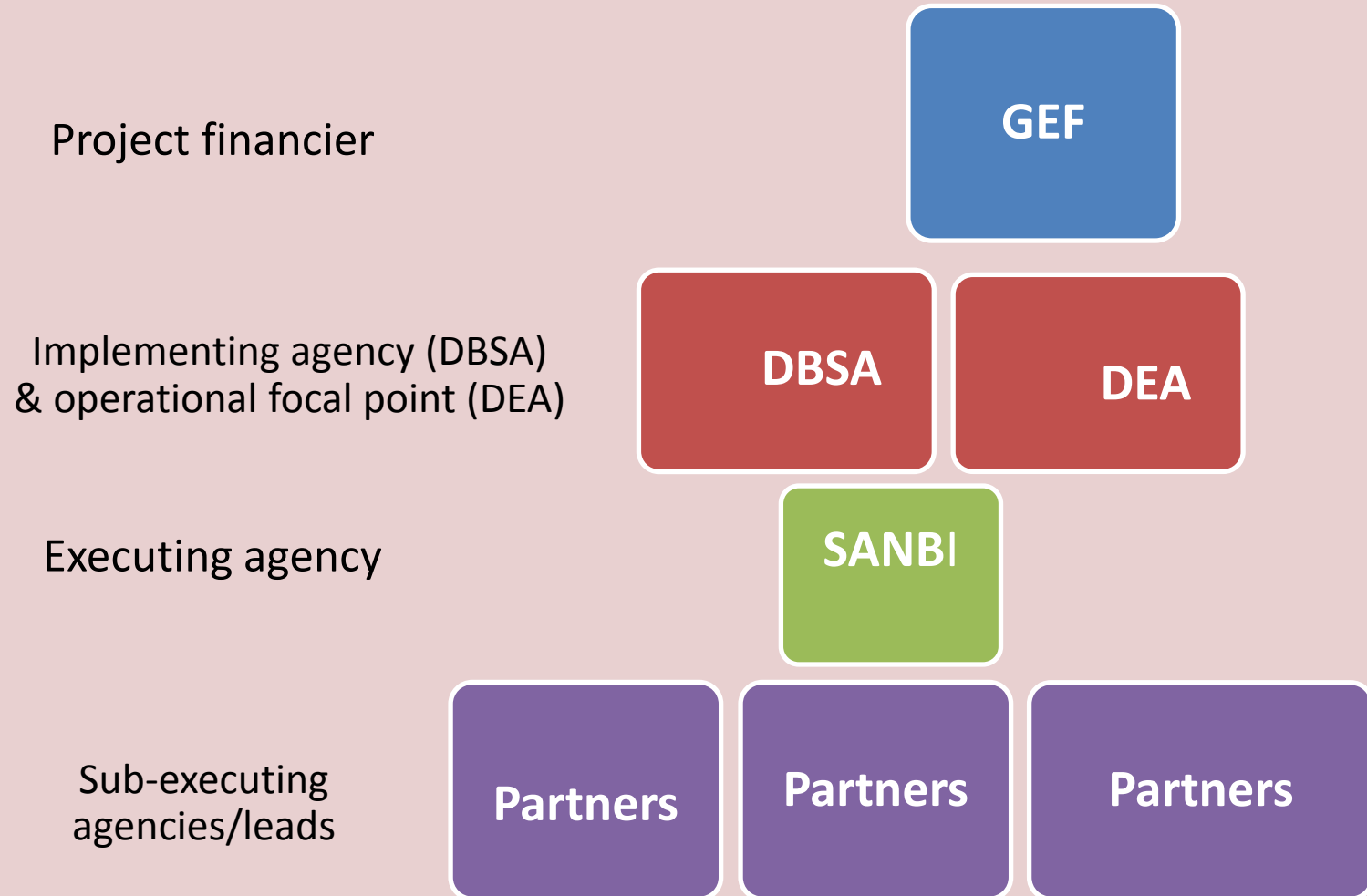Priority catchments **to enhance flood attenuation and reduce flood risk**

Priority catchments to **remove/rehabilitate wattle infestations** to improve streamflow, dry season base-flow and sediment retention

GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL FUND (GEF)

– Integrating biodiversity and ecosystem services into planning, finance and development in the water sector

– Timeframe
  - 5 years
  - 2017 – 2022

Project role-players

Project financier

GEF

Implementing agency (DBSA)
& operational focal point (DEA)

DBSA

DEA

Executing agency

SANBI

Sub-executing
agencies/leads

Partners

Partners

Partners

Component 1: Enabling

| 1.1 Natural capital accounting | 1.2 Policies & institutions | 1.3 Financial mechanisms |

Component 2: Application

| 2.1 Berg-Breede | 2.2 Greater uMngeni |

Component 3: Knowledge Management & Social Learning

3.1 Social learning, credible evidence, and knowledge management

OUTCOME 2.2

Enhance organizational capacity and investment in ecological infrastructure in the Greater uMngeni catchment to improve water resource management

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