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The Determination of Water Resources Classes and Resource Quality Objectives in the Breede-Gouritz WMA

Project Steering Committee Meeting 2

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Study Objectives

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

Meeting Objectives

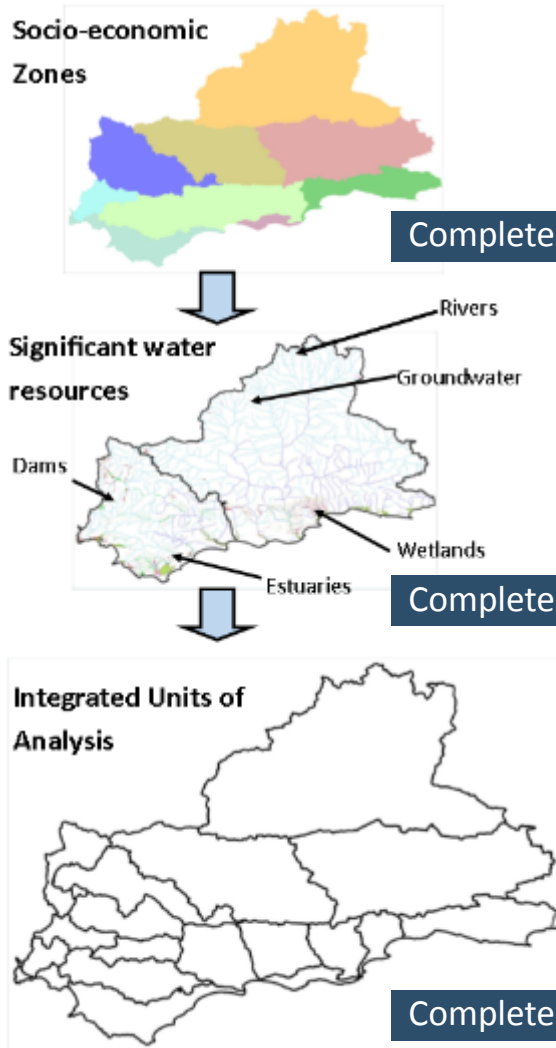
- Present results from the evaluation of scenarios.
- Review proposed scenario.
- Review DRAFT Water Resource Classes.

Overview of Study Progress



STEP 1: DELINEATE CATCHMENT & DESCRIBE STATUS QUO

Outcome: Integrated Units of Analysis & nodes



STEP 2: LINK ECONOMIC & SOCIAL VALUE

Outcome: How economic value & social wellbeing is influenced by ecosystem characteristics & use of water

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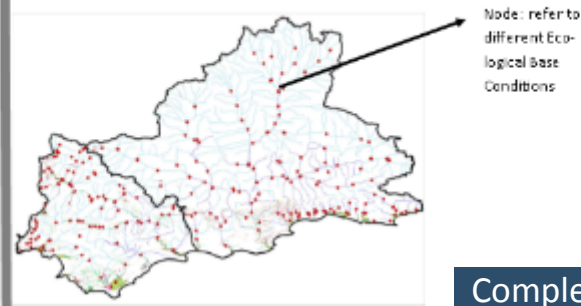
ECOSYSTEM INDEX

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

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STEP 3: QUANTIFY THE ECOLOGICAL WATER REQUIREMENTS AT EACH NODE

Outcome: Ecological Water Requirements



STEP 4: SET A BASELINE FOR ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

Outcome: Ecologically Sustainable Base Configuration

Complete

Study Status

STEP 5-7

STEP 5: EVALUATE SCENARIOS WITHIN INTERATED WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PROCESS

Outcome: Identified and evaluated scenarios



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STEP 6: EVALUATE SCENARIOS WITH STAKEHOLDERS

Outcome: Recommended scenario and DRAFT Water Resource Classes



STEP 7: GAZETTE WATER RESOURCE CLASS CONFIGURATIONS

Outcome: Gazetted Water Resource Classes

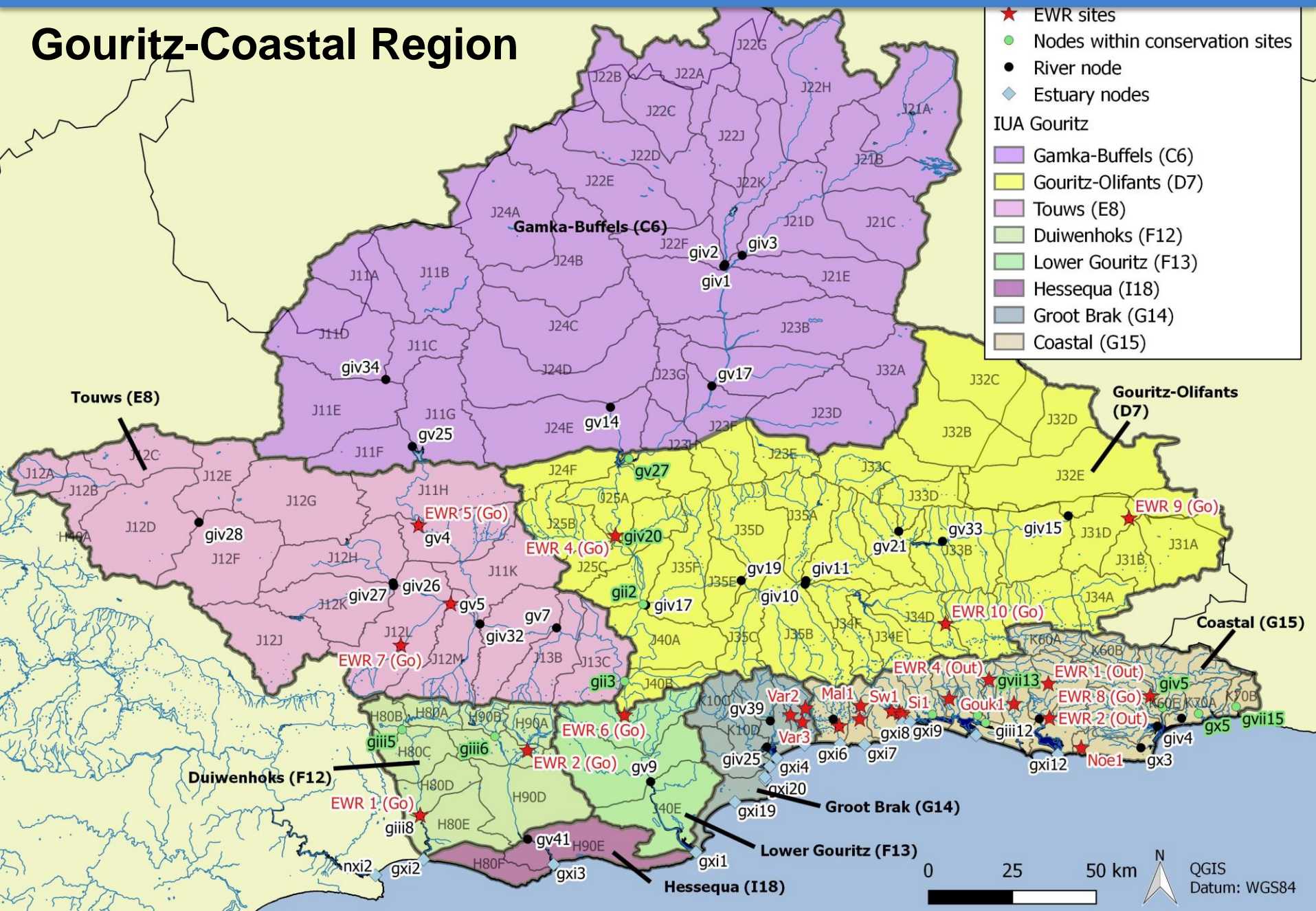
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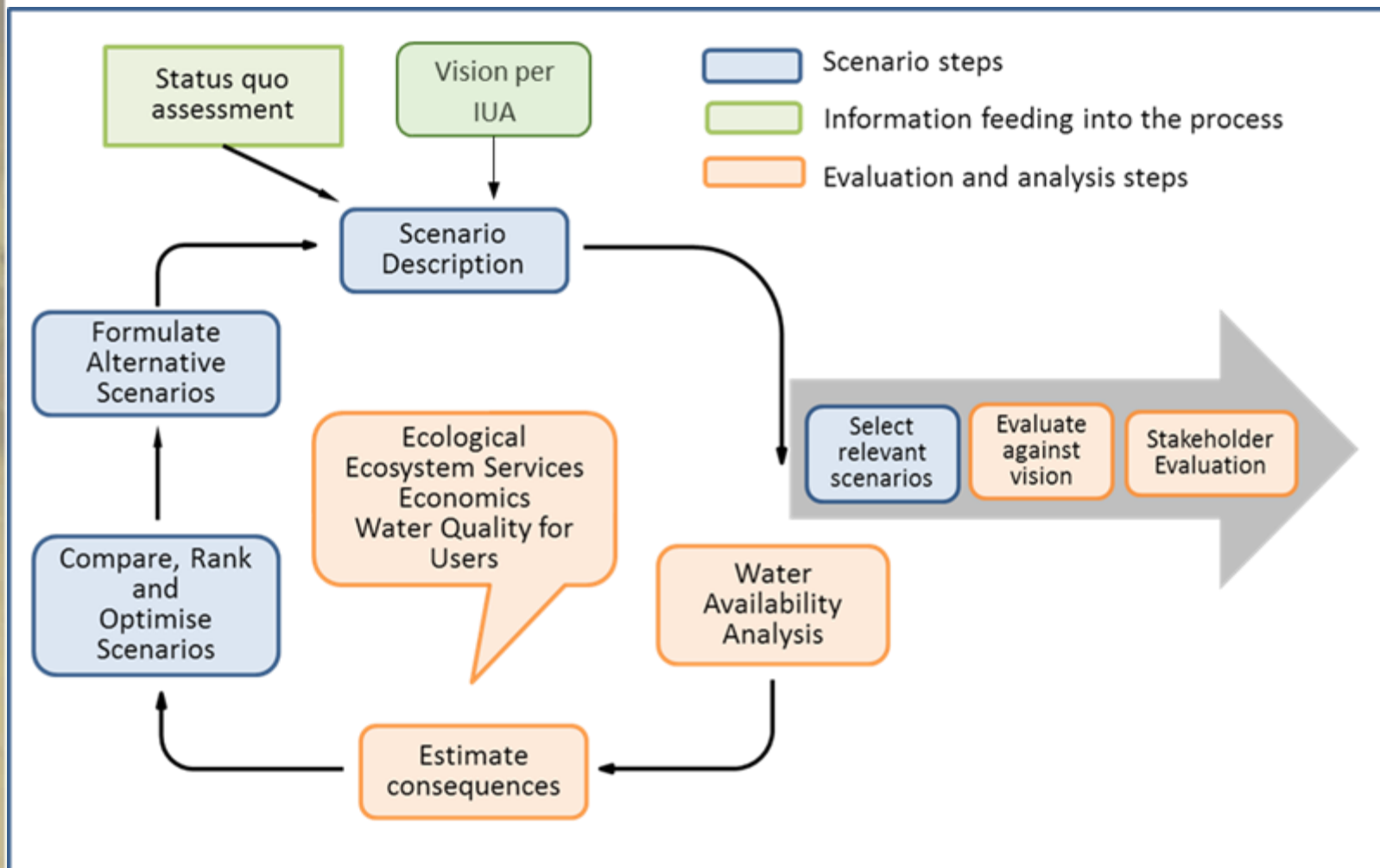
Breede-Overberg Region



Gouritz-Coastal Region



Methodology for Scenario Evaluation



Approach followed to evaluate scenarios

1. Define the scenarios
2. Describe surface flows and ecological condition (EC)
3. Quantify changes in flow and ecological condition
4. Estimate consequences for yield and water supply
5. Estimate consequences for groundwater condition
6. Estimate consequences for ecosystem goods, services and attributes
7. Describe overall socio-economic consequences

Scenarios Considered

#	Scenario
1	Maintain Present Ecological Status (PES)
2	Ecologically Sustainable Base Configuration (ESBC) (“Bottom-line”)
3	Recommended Ecological Categories (RECs)
4	High future demands met with no bottom-line constraint on ecological condition (i.e. No EC)
5	Climate Change (driest 10%)
6	Spatially Targeted ECs (“Mixed” scenario)

Note: Consequences of meeting the targeted ECs determined for current and future demands.

Future Demands and Water Supply Options

- Total 2040 water requirements in the Breede and Gouritz catchments (776.6 and 337.8 million m³/a) are met.
- No additional allocation to agriculture except for increased allocations from Brandvlei Dam and Gamkapoort Dam.
- All planned surface water supply options implemented:
 - *Increased Brandvlei Dam Abstraction (51 million m³/a)*
 - *Mitchell's Pass Diversion (36 million m³/a)*
 - *Raised Buffels River Dam (2.8 million m³)*
 - *Raised De Bos Dam (1.7 million m³)*
 - *Raised Gamkapoort Dam (37 – 98 million m³)*
 - *New Kombuis Dam (15 million m³)*
 - *Off-channel Wadriest Balancing Dam (3 million m³/a)*
 - *Raised Garden Route (2.5 million m³/a)*
 - *New Malgas River Dam (7.0 million m³/a)*
 - *Augmented Charlesford pump station (3.3 million m³/a).*
- Additional measures included as necessary, e.g.
 - *Groundwater, recycling, desalination*

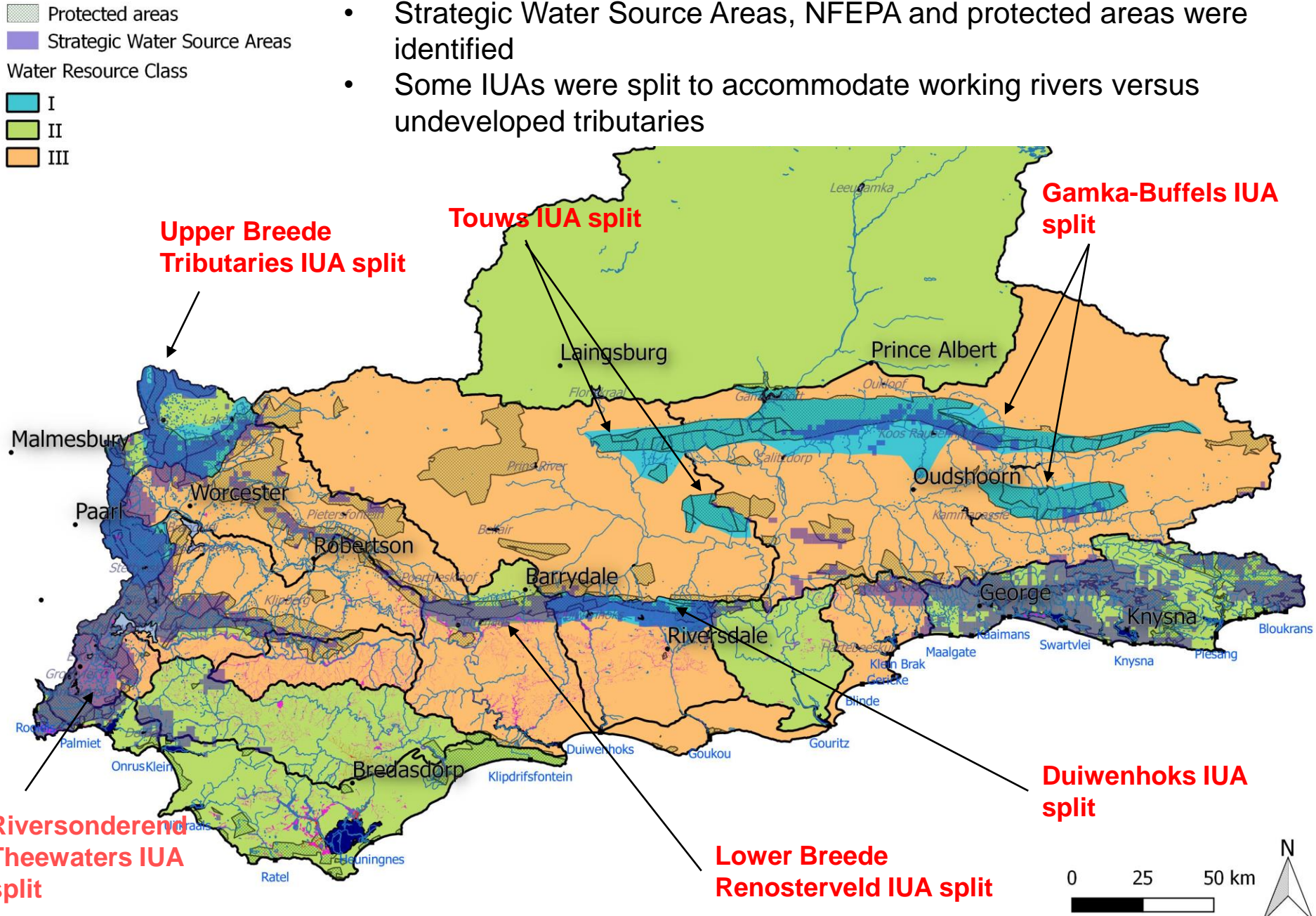
Spatially-targeted (“mixed”) scenario

- Start with REC scenario
- **REC replaced with ESBC** (which has lower water requirements) for all nodes in each of the eight IUAs with the highest infrastructure costs to implement the REC under 2040 water requirements
- Unless that node was associated with **special conservation areas** (e.g. protected area, strategic water source area, NFEPA), in which case the REC water requirement values (EWRs) were retained.

IUA Name	IUA	Estimated total infrastructure costs to meet future demands and EWR requirements under each scenario.	
		ESBC	REC
Overberg West Coastal	H16	R 306 million	R 300 million
Overberg East Fynbos	H17	R 103 million	R 308 million
Upper Breede Tributaries	A1	R 75 million	R 303 million
Breede Working Tributaries & Middle Breede	A2 + A3	R 296 million	R 550 million
Riversonderend Theewaters	B4	R 3 million	R 197 million
Gouritz-Olifants	D7	R 383 million	R 771 million
Coastal	G15	R 394 million	R 672 million

Spatially targeted scenario: Biodiversity Rationale

- Strategic Water Source Areas, NFEPA and protected areas were identified
- Some IUAs were split to accommodate working rivers versus undeveloped tributaries

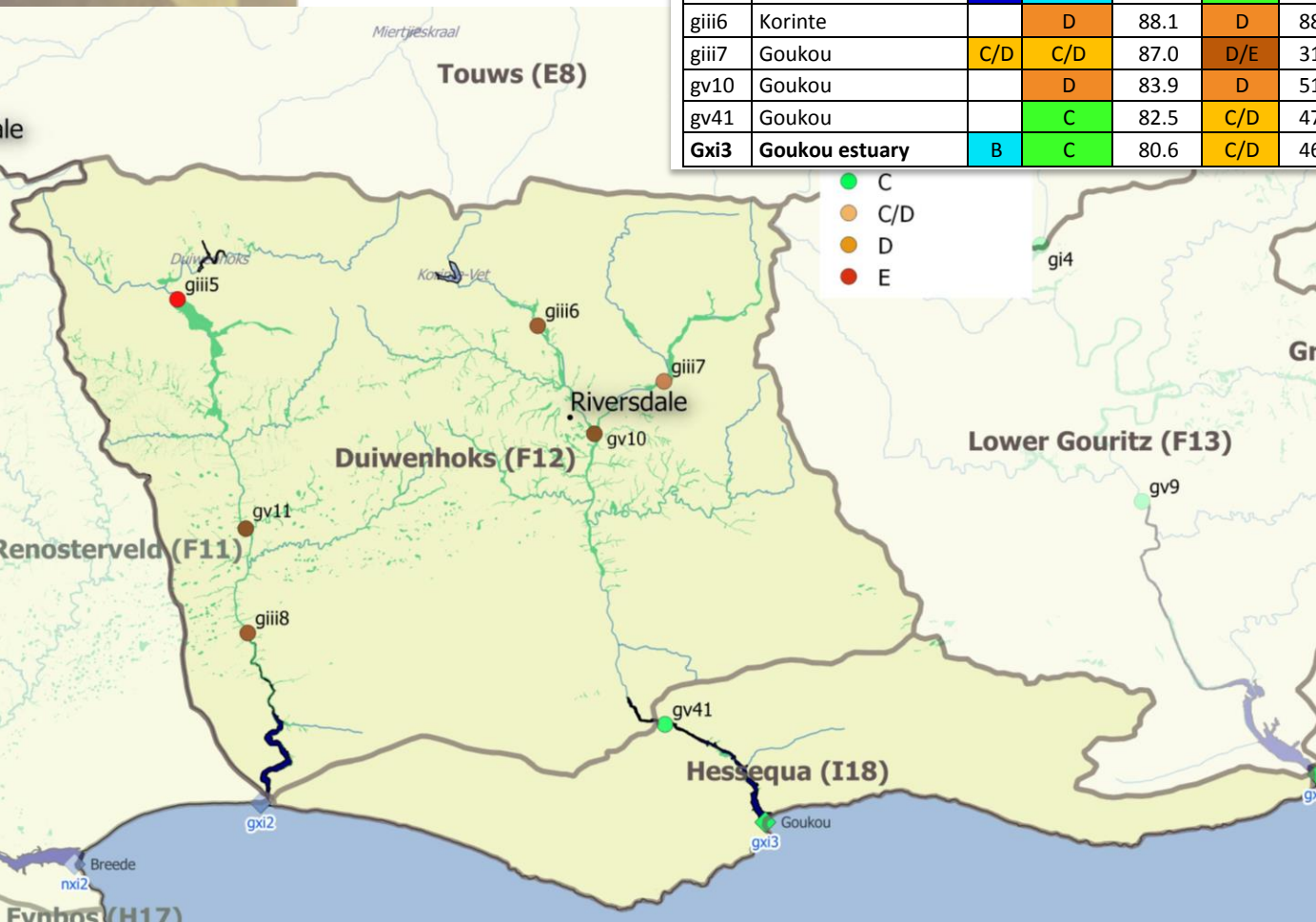


Modelling links between flow and ecological condition

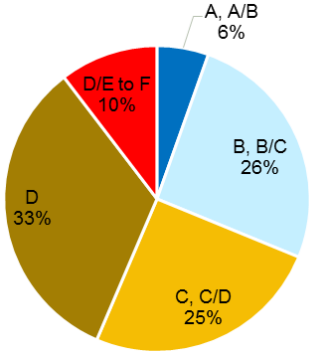
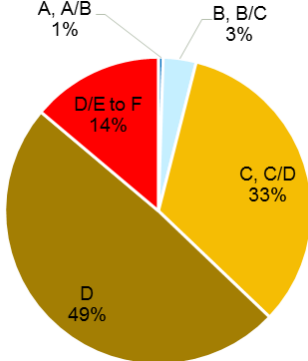
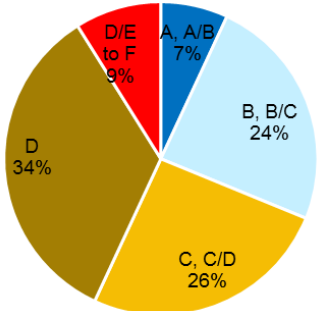
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 - a) The balancing tool contains:
 - i. Baseline ecological conditions for rivers and estuaries.
 - ii. Modelled current day and natural flows.
 - iii. Modelled Reserve flows for a range of ecological conditions, based on various Reserve studies.
 - b) Allows the user to toggle flow and see changes in condition.
 - c) Reports surpluses or deficits in flow relative to current day.

Use of the “balancing tool” to determine ECs and nodal shortfalls (or surpluses) for Scenarios

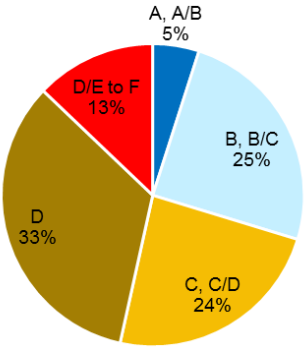
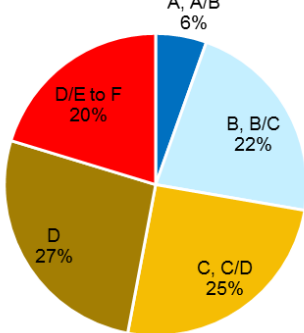
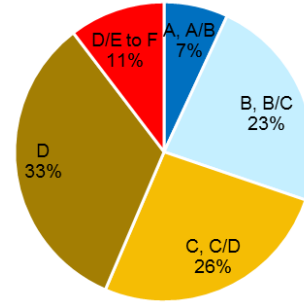
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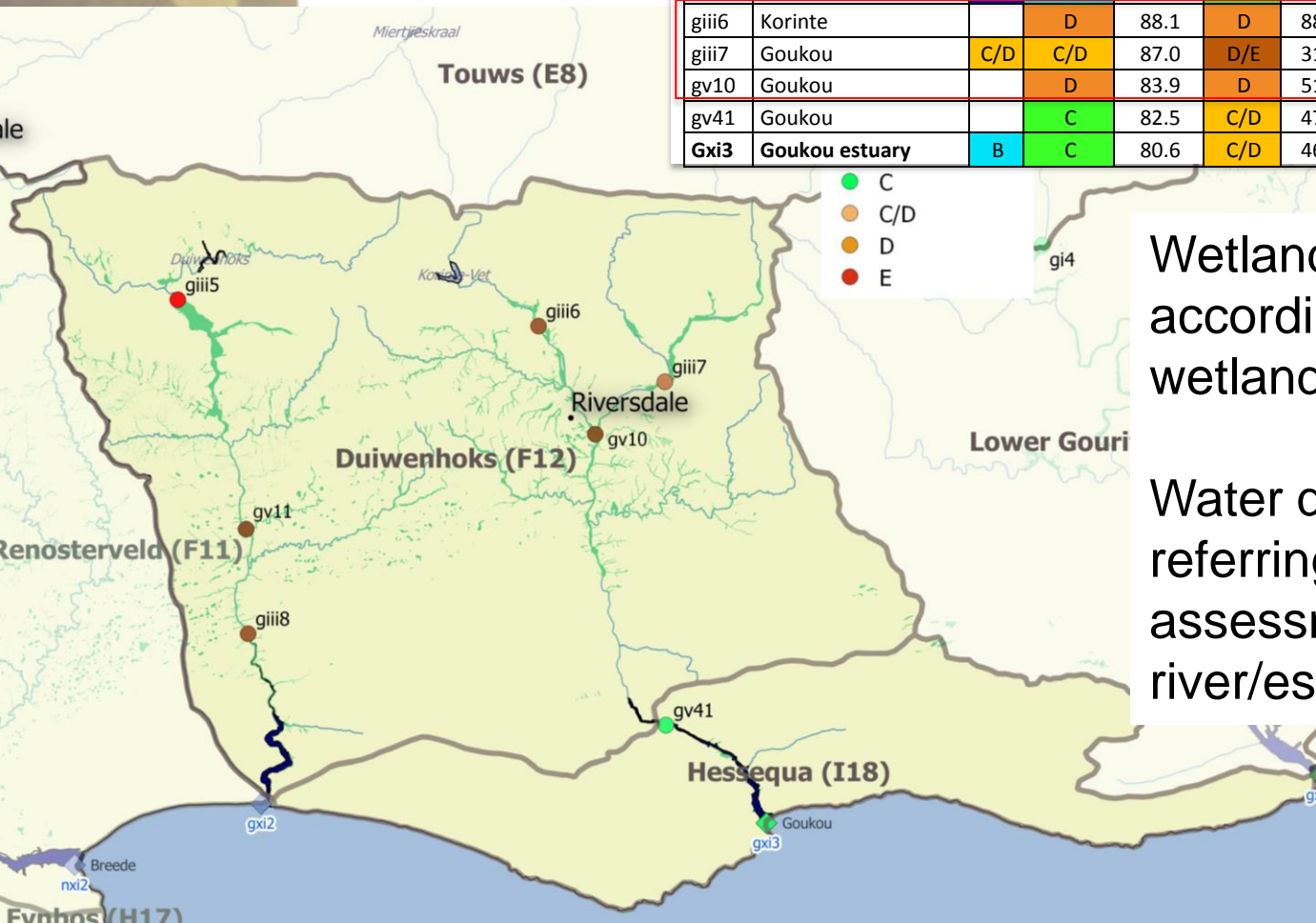
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Use of the river and estuary nodes for assessment of water quality and wetland consequences

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Wetland assessment according to river linked wetlands for surface water

Water quality assessment referring to the status quo assessment related to river/estuary node

Scenario consequences for water availability and supply

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 - a) Determine deficits/shortfalls in meeting targeted ECs.
 - b) Provisional cost estimates for additional water supply options to meet shortfalls when meeting targeted ECs.

Scenario consequences for water availability and supply

WMA portion	IUA	Future (2040) total water requirements (million m ³ /a)	Net surplus/deficit (million m ³ /a) under 2040 water requirements		
			Maintain PES	ESBC	REC
Breede	B5	60.4	-4.5	77.5	-4.5
	H16	32.7	-9.3	-8.3	-12.0
	H17	20.4	0.5	2.4	-17.1
	F10	9.8	-	44.9	-2.5
	A1	111.8	--34.1	67.1	-33.3
	A2 + A3	442.3	-70.9 (-105.0)	-24.8 (42.3)	-75.7 (-109.0)
	B4	42.0	-0.2	12.8	-19.2
	F9	17.7	-0.4 (-0.6)	16.0 (28.8)	-0.4 (-19.6)
	F11	39.5	-8.3 (-113.9)	-70.4 (1.71)	-8.3 (-136.9)
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Gouritz	E8	50.4	-0.8	5.9	-0.8
	C6	23.3	-2.1	19.5	-2.1
	D7	151.0	-11.9	20.7	-36.8
	F13	4.6	-0.8 (-15.6)	77.9 (124.0)	-0.8 (-40.8)
	F12	13.1	-3.6	40.0	-3.6
	I18	4.7	-	0.5	-
	G14	22.3	-7.5	16.2	-7.5
	G15	68.4	-35.4	254.7	-42.4
	Sub-total	337.8	-62.1	435.4	-94
Total for WMA		1114.4	-121.1	552.6	-267

Groundwater condition

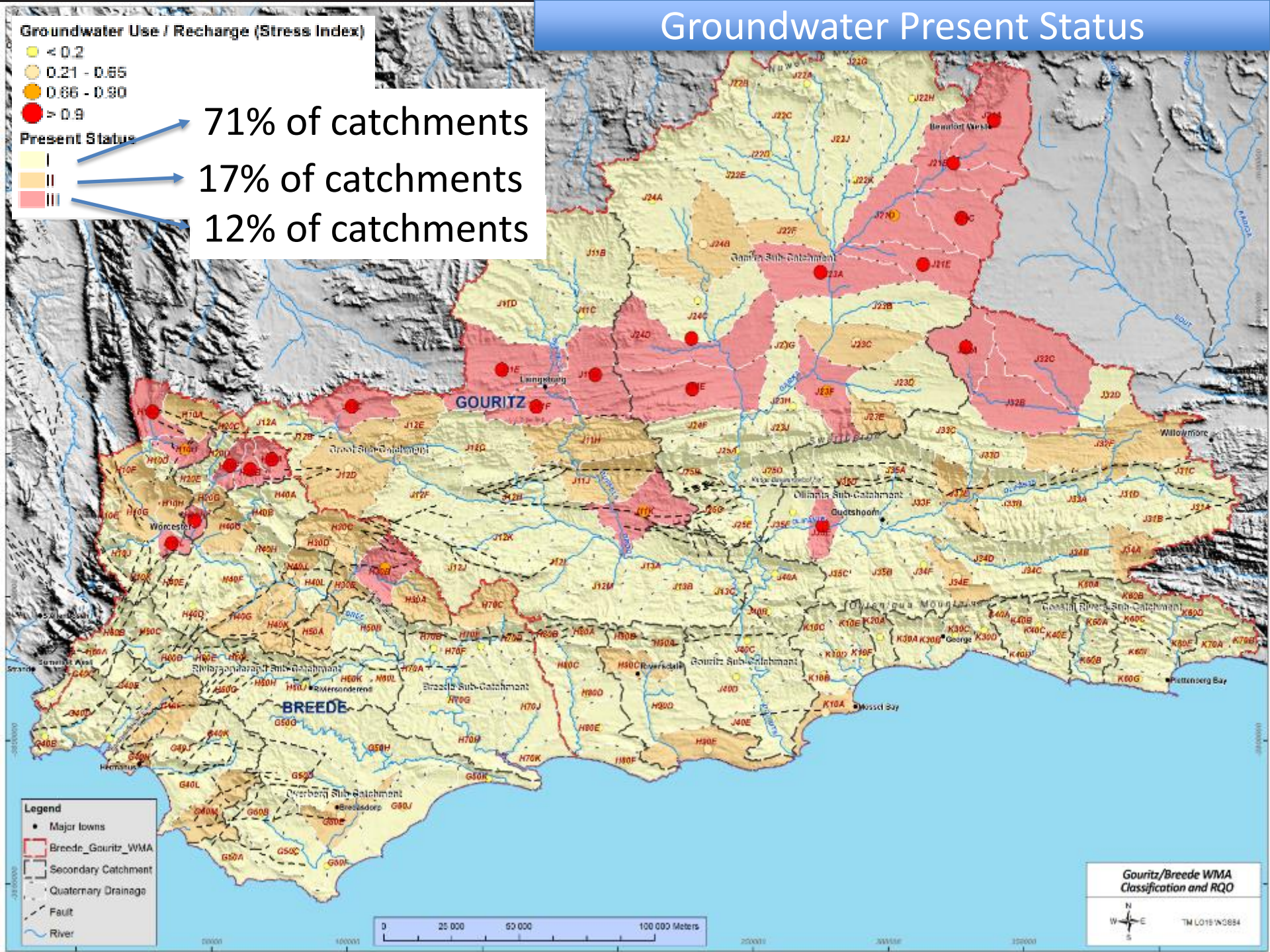
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Scenario consequences on groundwater condition

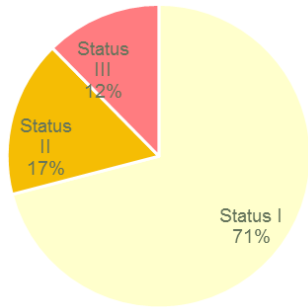
- Definition for groundwater status relates to alteration from pre-development state: informed by use/recharge ('stress') ratio
- Level of 'stress' used to determine the resulting groundwater status per water resources classification scenario, resulting from increases in groundwater use for future development, or meeting surface water deficits

Groundwater Status Category		Generic Description	Use/ Recharge (Stress)
I	Minimally used	The water resource is minimally altered from its pre-development condition	≤20%
II	Moderately used	Localised low level impacts, but no negative effects apparent	20-65%
III	Heavily used	The water resource is significantly altered from its pre-development condition	>65%

Groundwater Present Status

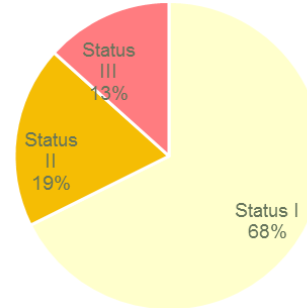


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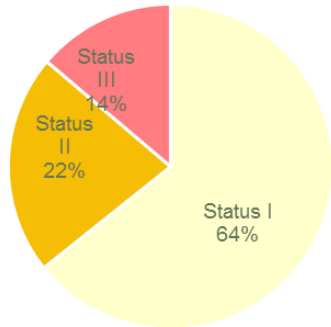
PES – Baseline:

- Total groundwater use 215 million m³/a



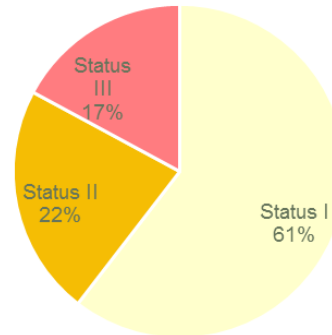
Future Growth – NoEC:

- Total groundwater use 293 million m³/a
- Increase in groundwater use 36%



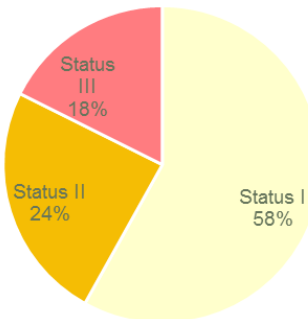
ESBC – Bottom line:

- Total groundwater use 338 million m³/a
- Increase in groundwater use 57%



Spatially targetted:

- Total groundwater use 429 million m³/a
- Increase in groundwater use 99%






REC:

- Total groundwater use 482 million m³/a
- Increase in groundwater use 124%

Socio-economic consequences

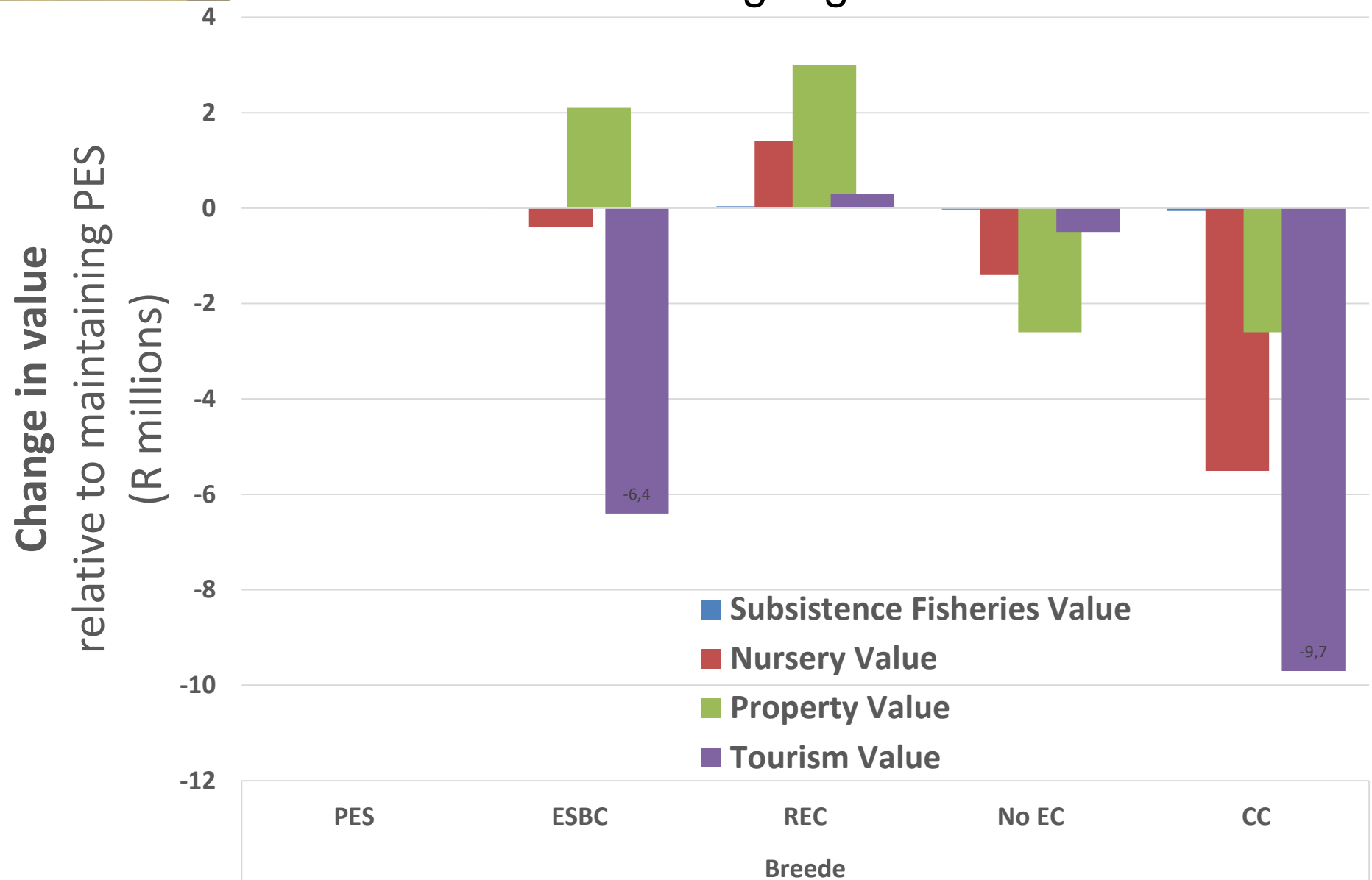
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Ecosystem services considered

Category of service	Types of values	Description of EGSA	Independent variables related to estuary condition
<p>Goods (Provisioning services)</p> 	Subsistence fishing	Invertebrates and fish collected on a subsistence basis for consumption or bait	<p>Invertebrate abundance</p> <p>Freshwater fish abundance</p> <p>Estuary line- and net fish abundance</p>
<p>Services (Regulating services)</p> 	Nursery value	Contribution to marine fish catches due to the nursery habitat provided by estuaries	Abundance of estuary-dependent marine fish
<p>Attributes (Cultural services)</p> 	Tourism value & property value	A river, wetland or estuary's contribution to recreation/tourism appeal of a location	<p>Overall health</p> <p>Line fish abundance</p> <p>Water quality</p>

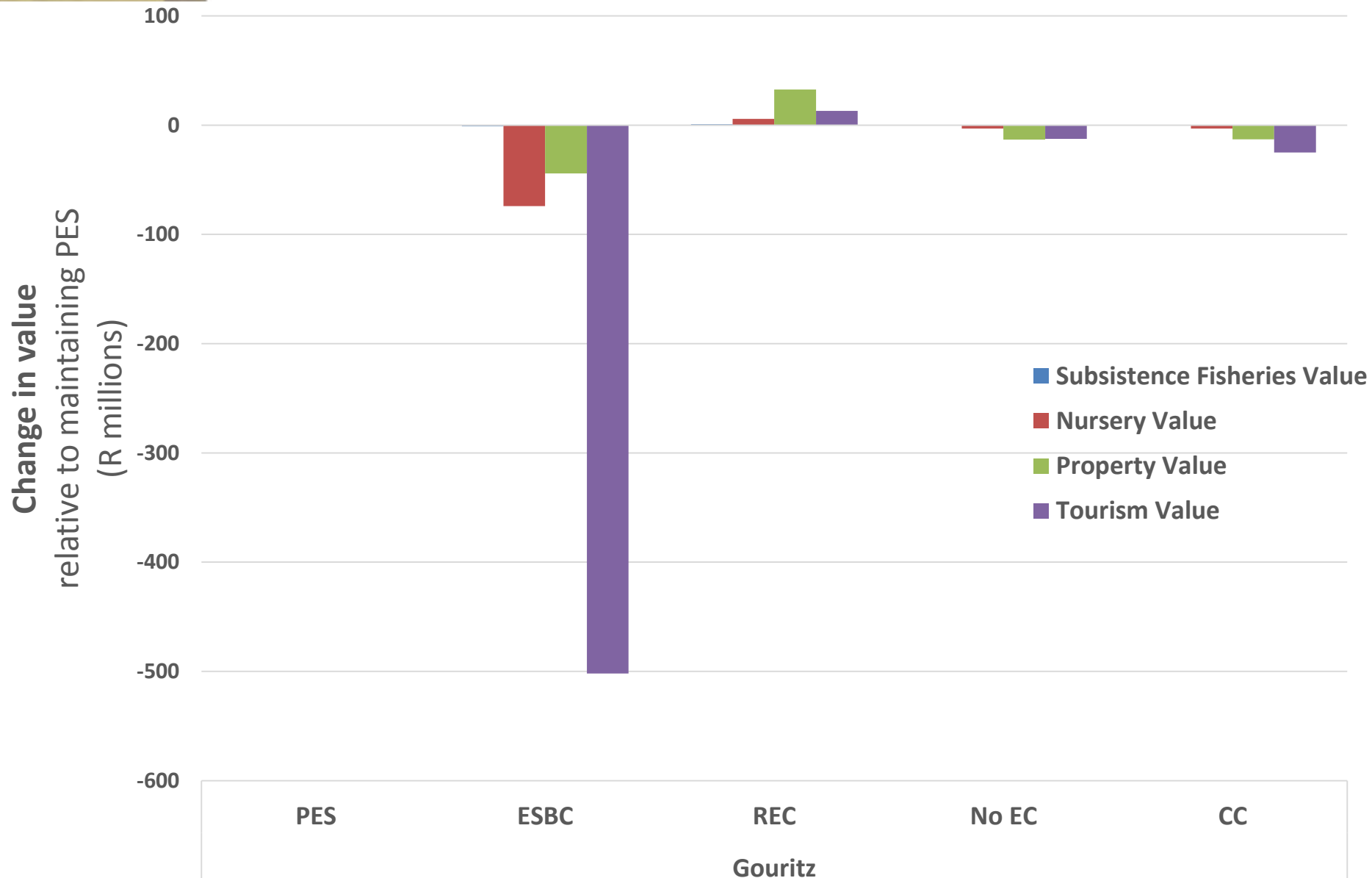
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For the Breede-Overberg region:



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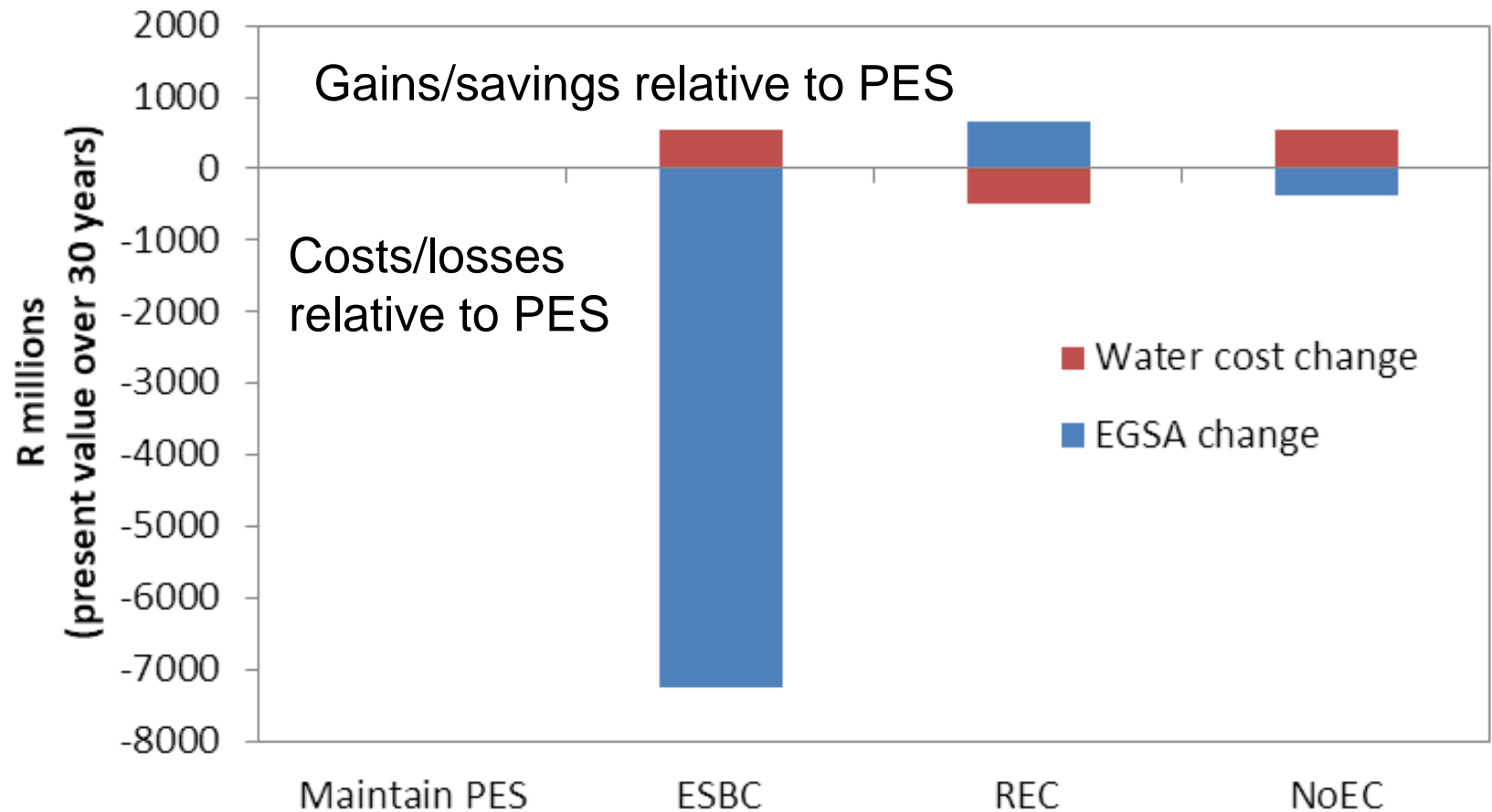
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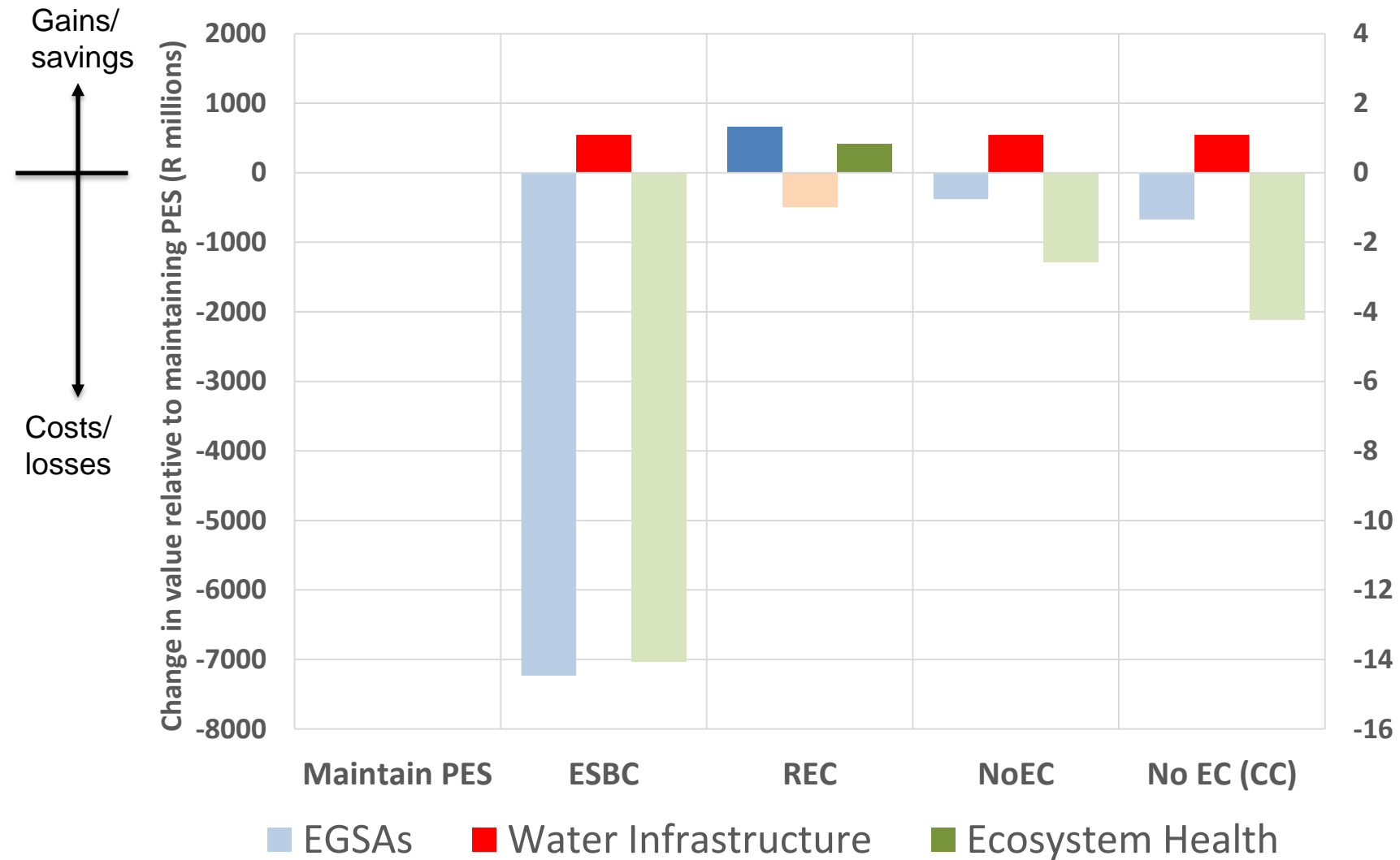
- Under current water requirements:
 - Maintaining PES does not incur any additional cost to meet water requirements.
 - ESBC incurs costs, since some areas will have to be restored from below a D, costs of R55 million.
 - REC needs allocating more water to the ecological Reserve, costs of R913 million.
- Under future water requirements:
 - Maintaining PES requires the same water allocation as present. Additional infrastructure to meet the higher water requirements results in additional shortfalls, costs of R2 602 million.
 - ESBC to meet future water demands costs R1 674 million.
 - REC allocating more water to the ecological Reserve, costs of R3 442 million.

Overall socio-economic consequences

- Highest net benefit is under the REC scenario



Overall Scenario Comparison



Overall Scenario Comparison

Scenario	Ecological condition	Groundwater	Socio-economics
Spatially targeted	A balance of ecological conditions, similar to baseline.	Increase in groundwater use, alleviated in some cases.	Similar improvement in EGSAs, moderate water supply costs
REC	Improvements in ecological conditions based on flow alone for some areas, others require other interventions.	Significant increase in groundwater use.	Greatest improvement in EGSAs, high water supply costs
No EC -Future growth	Reductions in ecological conditions, but not as severe as the ESBC scenario, downstream WQ deteriorates.	Although has biodiversity impacts it alleviates pressure on groundwater.	Significant decreases to EGSAs, lowest water supply costs
No EC - Climate change	Impacts of climate change worse for ecological conditions than the other scenarios. Reduced flow and increased evaporation will aggravate impacts on water quality.	Increase in groundwater use.	Largest decrease to EGSAs, relatively low water supply costs
ESBC	Reduced ecological conditions, severe impacts at Gouritz estuaries, downstream WQ deteriorates.	-	Very major decreases to EGSAs; low water supply costs

Comparison of Resulting Water Resource Classes

The results for each scenario were compared to determine the water resource classes for each IUA:

- I. IUAs with a majority of A or B conditions
- II. IUAs with a majority of B or C conditions
- III. IUAs with a majority of C or D conditions

Minimally used

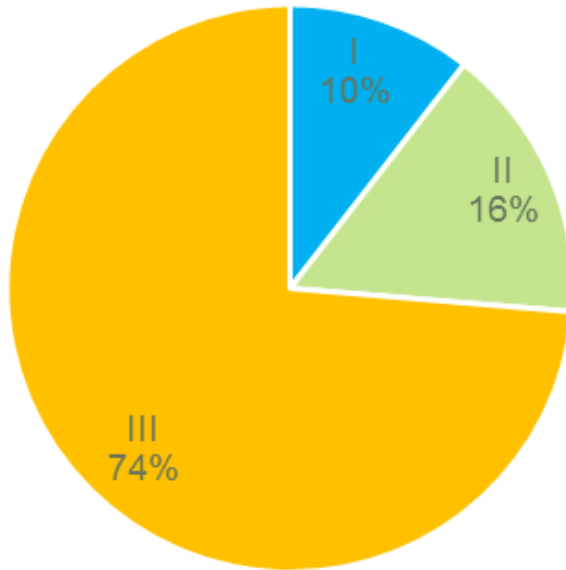
Moderately used

Heavily used

	Percentage (%) of nodes in the IUA falling into the indicated groups				
	A or A/B	B or B/C	C or C/D	D	< D
Class I	60	40	20	1	-
Class II		60	30	5	-
Class III			70	20	-
Either: Or:				100	-

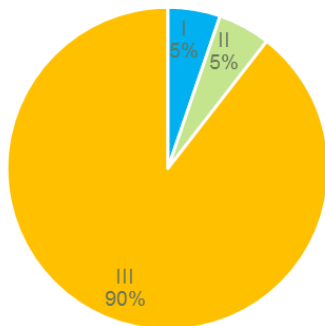
Comparison of Resulting Water Resource Classes

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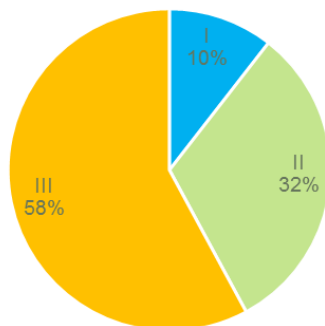


- All scenarios are mostly Class III
- ESBC is entirely Class III
- Spatially Targeted scenario is the most balanced for II and III but low I

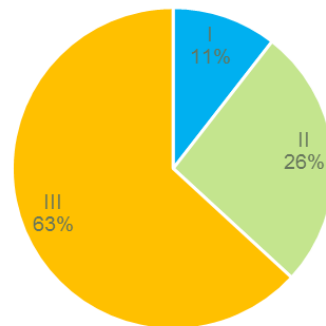
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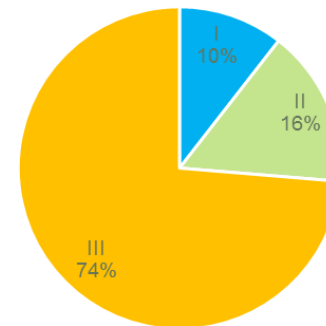
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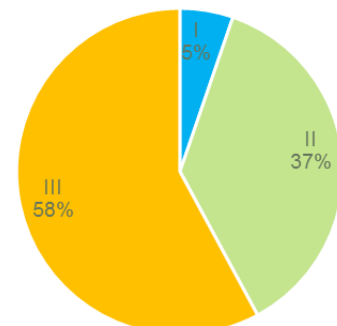
No EC (Future Growth)



Climate Change



Spatially Targeted



Consideration of the Spatially Targeted ("Mixed") Scenario



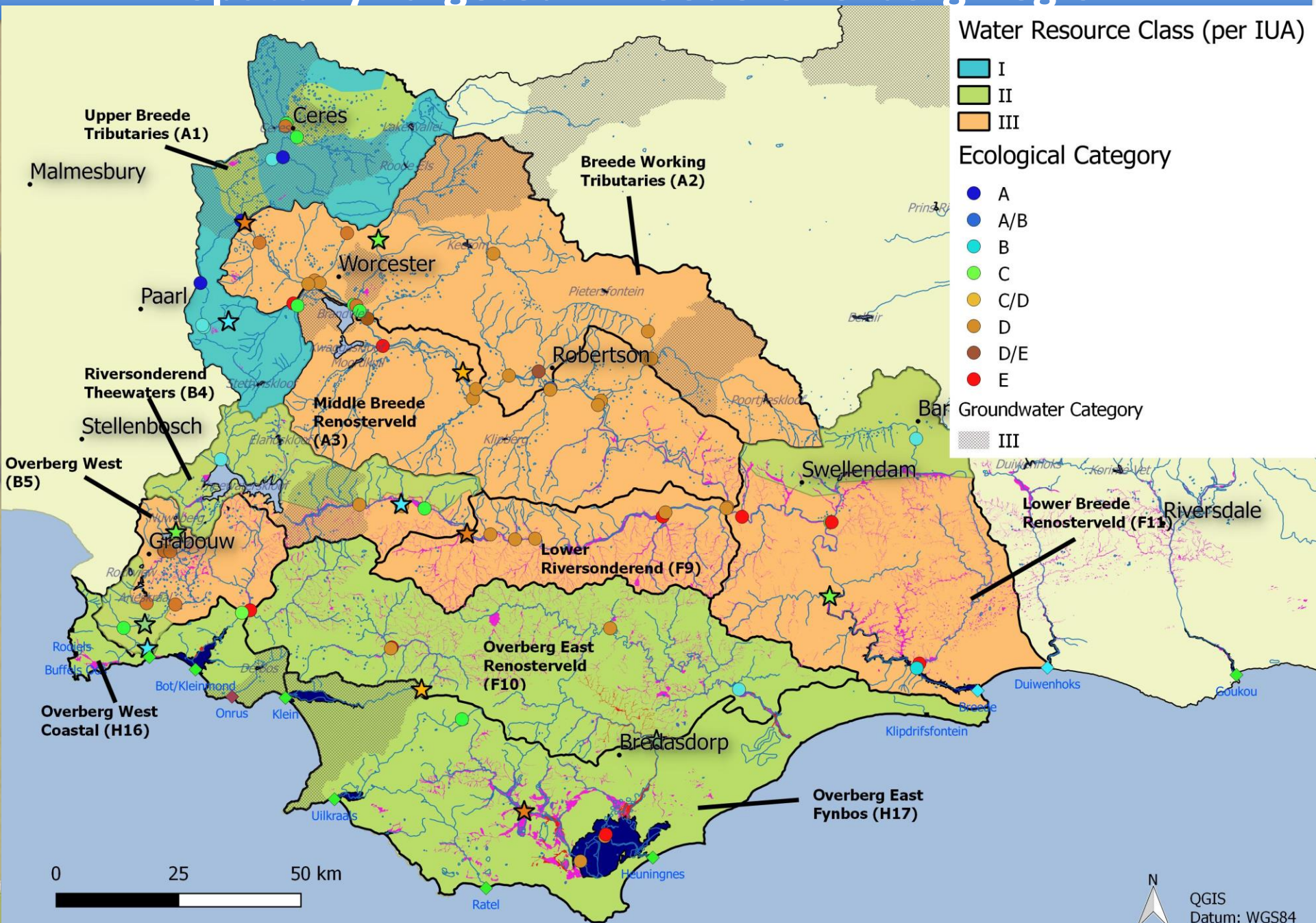
Comparison of Resulting Water Resource Classes

Breede-
Overberg

Gouritz-
Coastal

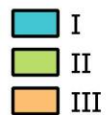
IUA		PES - Baseli ne	ESBC - Bottom line	REC	NoEC (Future Growth)	Climate change (10%)	STS
Upper Breede Tributaries	A1a	I	III	I	I	I	I
Upper Breede Tributaries	A1b	III	III	III	III	III	III
Middle Breede Renosterveld	A2	III	III	III	III	III	III
Breede Working Tributaries	A3	III	III	III	III	III	III
Riversonderend Theewaters	B4a	II	III	II	II	II	II
Riversonderend Theewaters	B4b	III	III	III	III	III	III
Lower Riversonderend	F9	III	III	III	III	III	III
Overberg West	B5	III	III	III	III	III	III
Overberg West Coastal	H16	III	III	III	III	III	II
Overberg East Renosterveld	F10	III	III	III	III	III	II
Overberg East Fynbos	H17	III	III	III	III	III	III
Lower Breede Renosterveld	F11a	II	III	II	II	II	II
Lower Breede Renosterveld	F11b	III	III	III	III	III	III
Gamka Buffels	C6	II	III	II	II	II	II
Touws	E8	II	III	II	III	III	III
Gouritz-Olifants	D7	III	III	III	III	III	III
Lower Gouritz	F13	II	III	III	III	III	II
Duiwenhoks	F12a	III	III	III	III	III	III
	F12b	III	III	III	III	III	III
Hessequa	I18	III	III	III	III	II	III
Groot Brak	G14	III	III	III	III	III	III
Coastal	G15	II	III	II	II	II	II

Spatially Targeted - Breede-Overberg Region



Spatially Targeted - Gouritz-Coastal Region

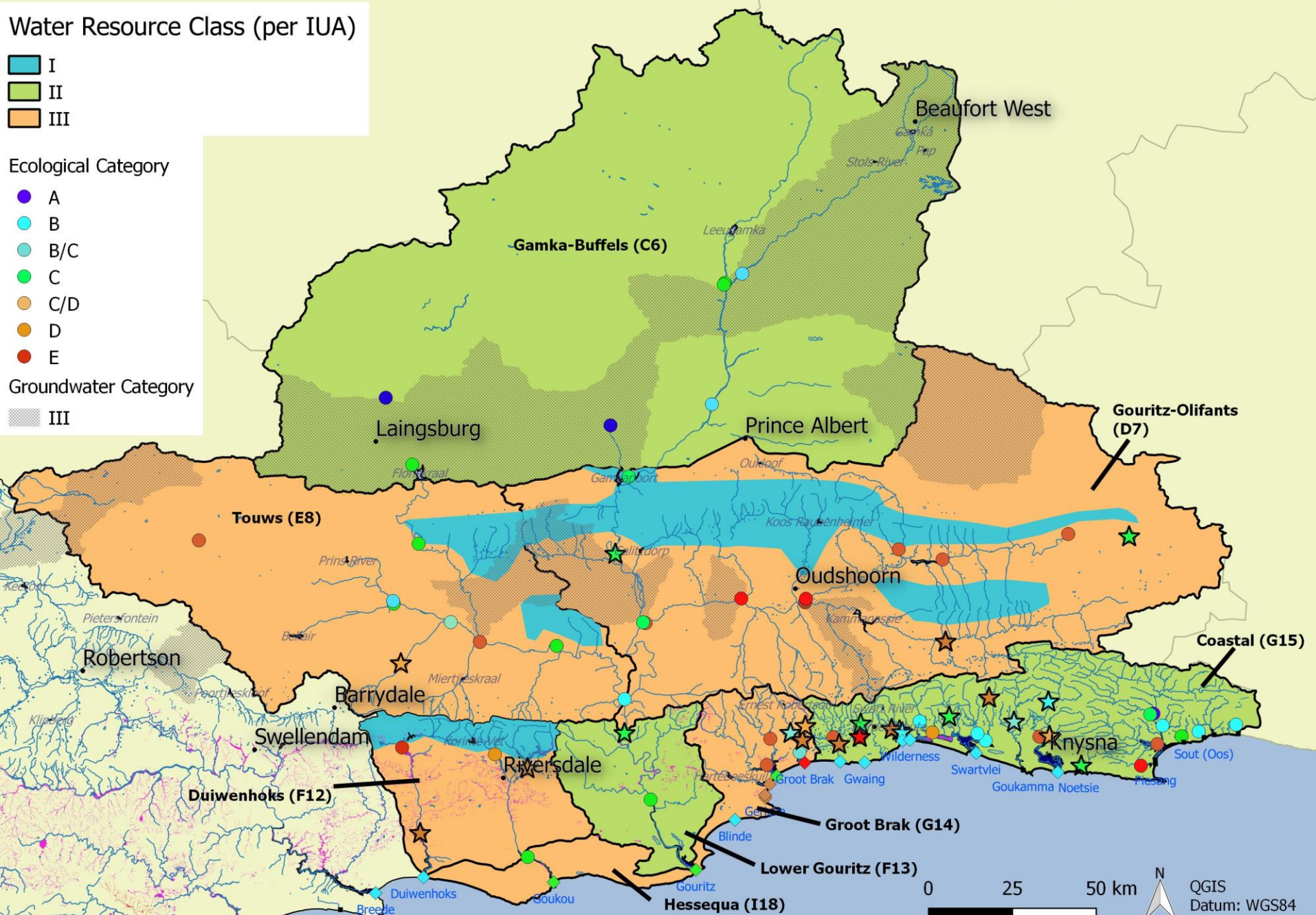
Water Resource Class (per IUA)



Ecological Category

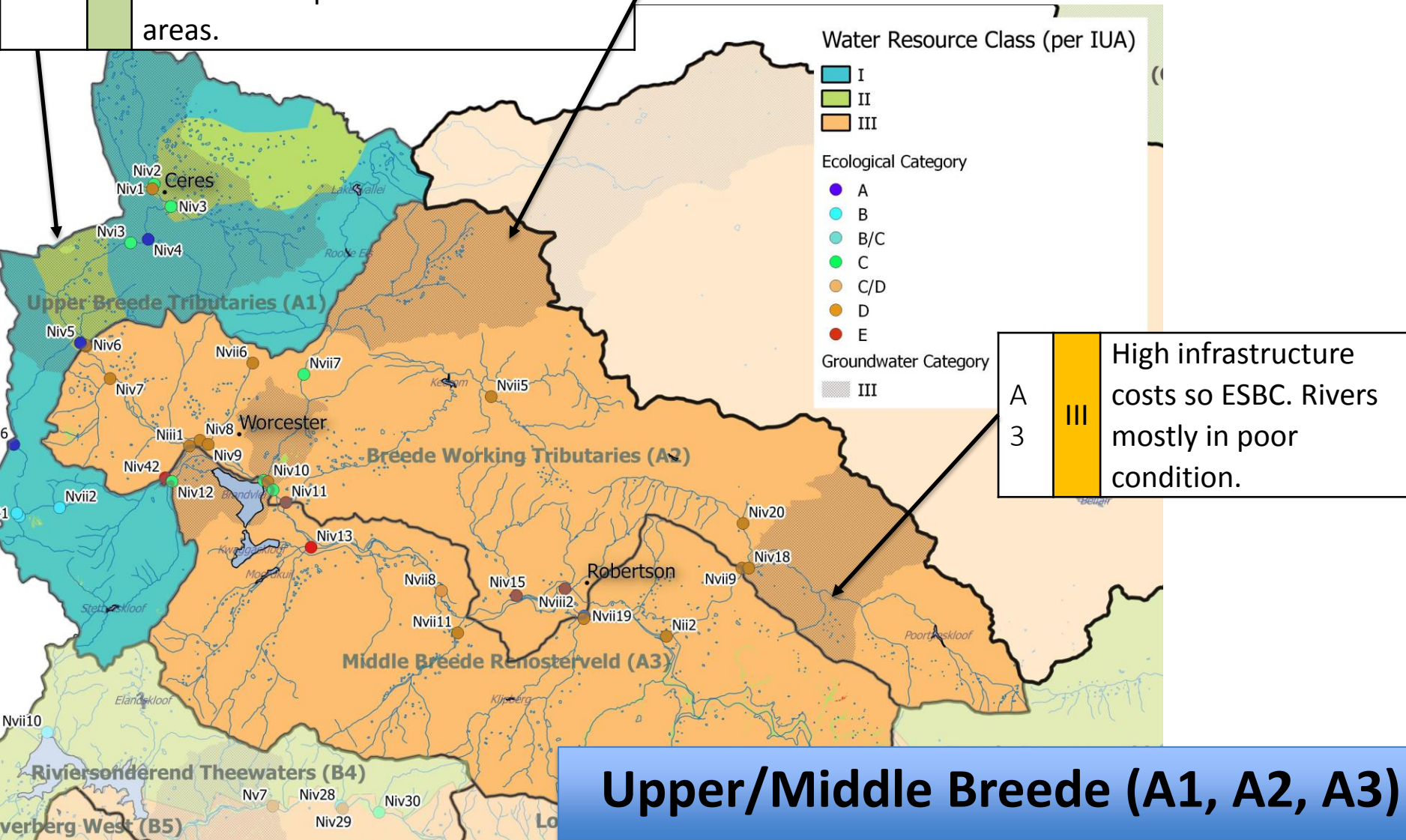


Groundwater Category



A1a	I	Source and nature reserve areas need to be maintained in a good condition.
A1b	II	High infrastructure costs to implement REC so apply ESBC outside of important conservation areas.

A2	III	High infrastructure costs so ESBC. Some river nodes are within strategic water source areas, but most in fair to poor condition.
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4a	II	Upper tributaries within strategic water source area and Hawequa NR so maintained in a good condition.
4b	III	High infrastructure costs to implement REC so ESBC. Most rivers in poor condition.

Riversonderend (B4 & F9)

Ecological Category

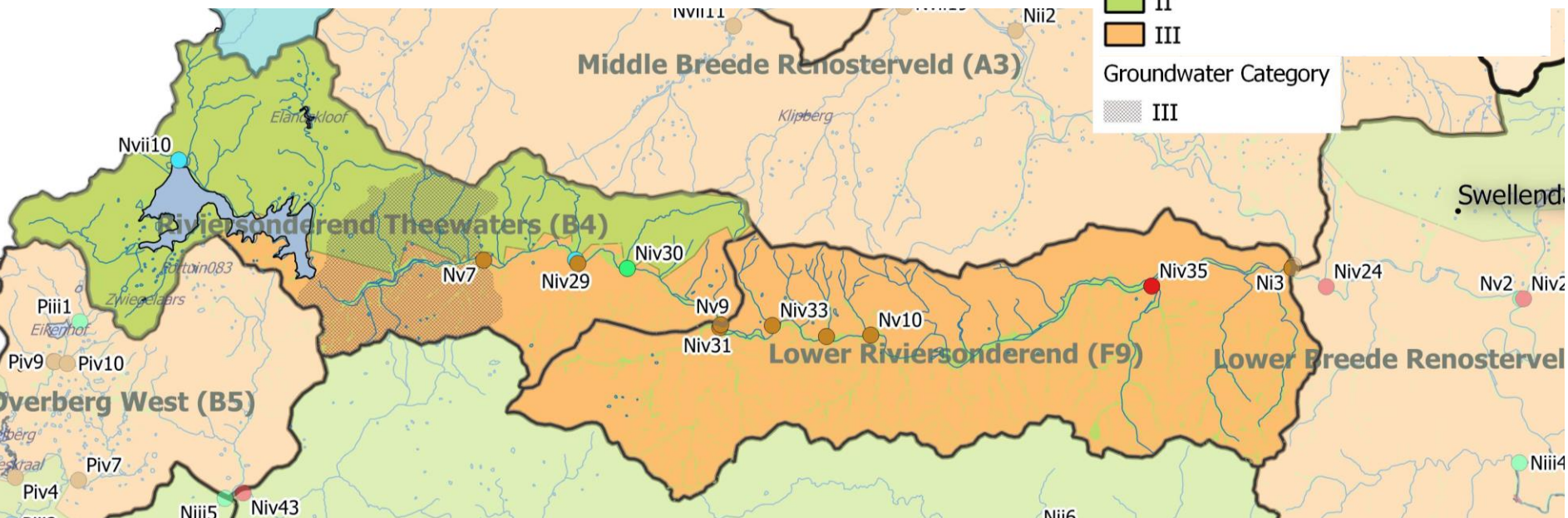
- A/B
- B
- C
- C/D
- D
- D/E
- E

Water Resource Class (per IUA)

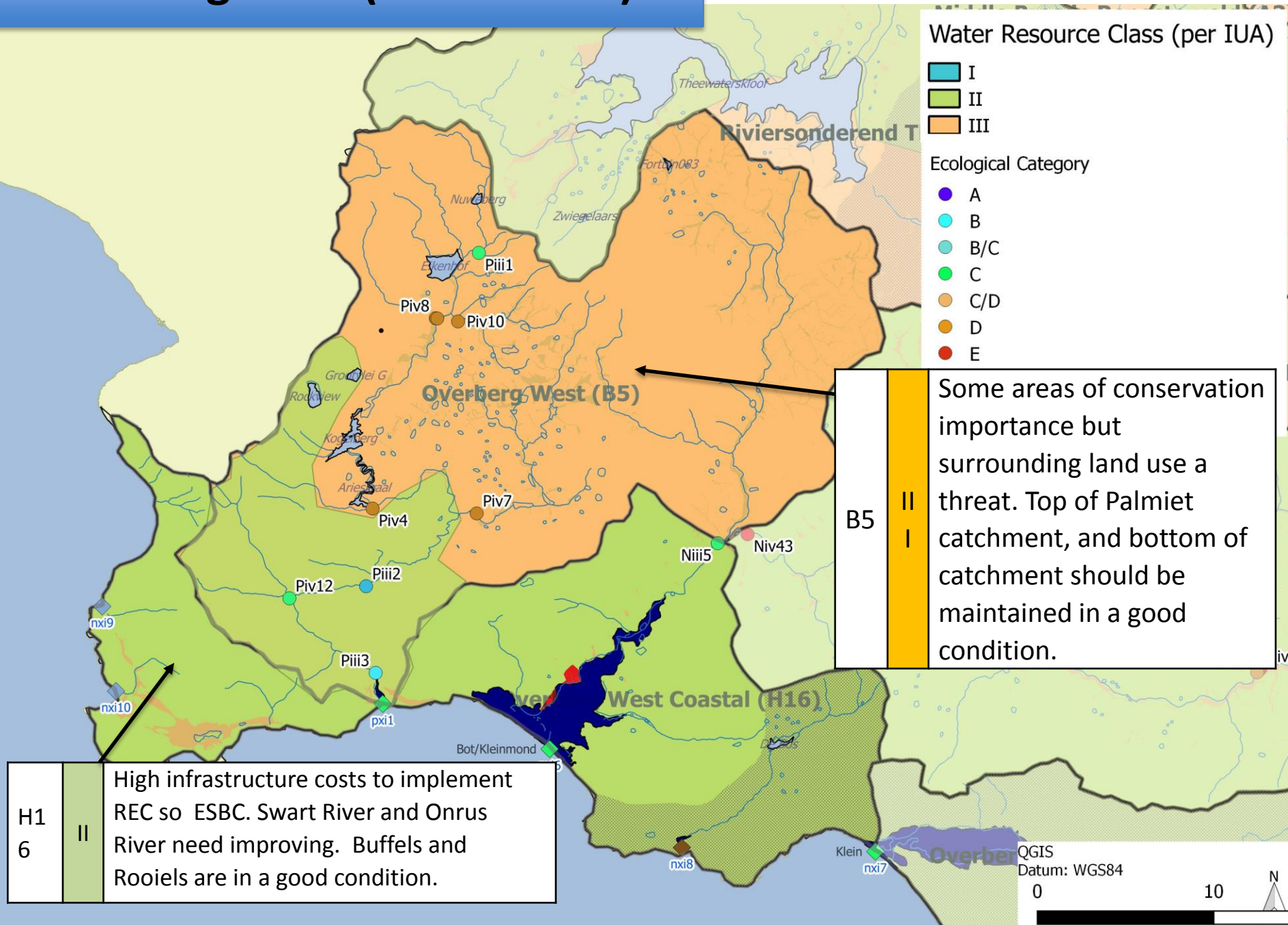
- I
- II
- III

Groundwater Category

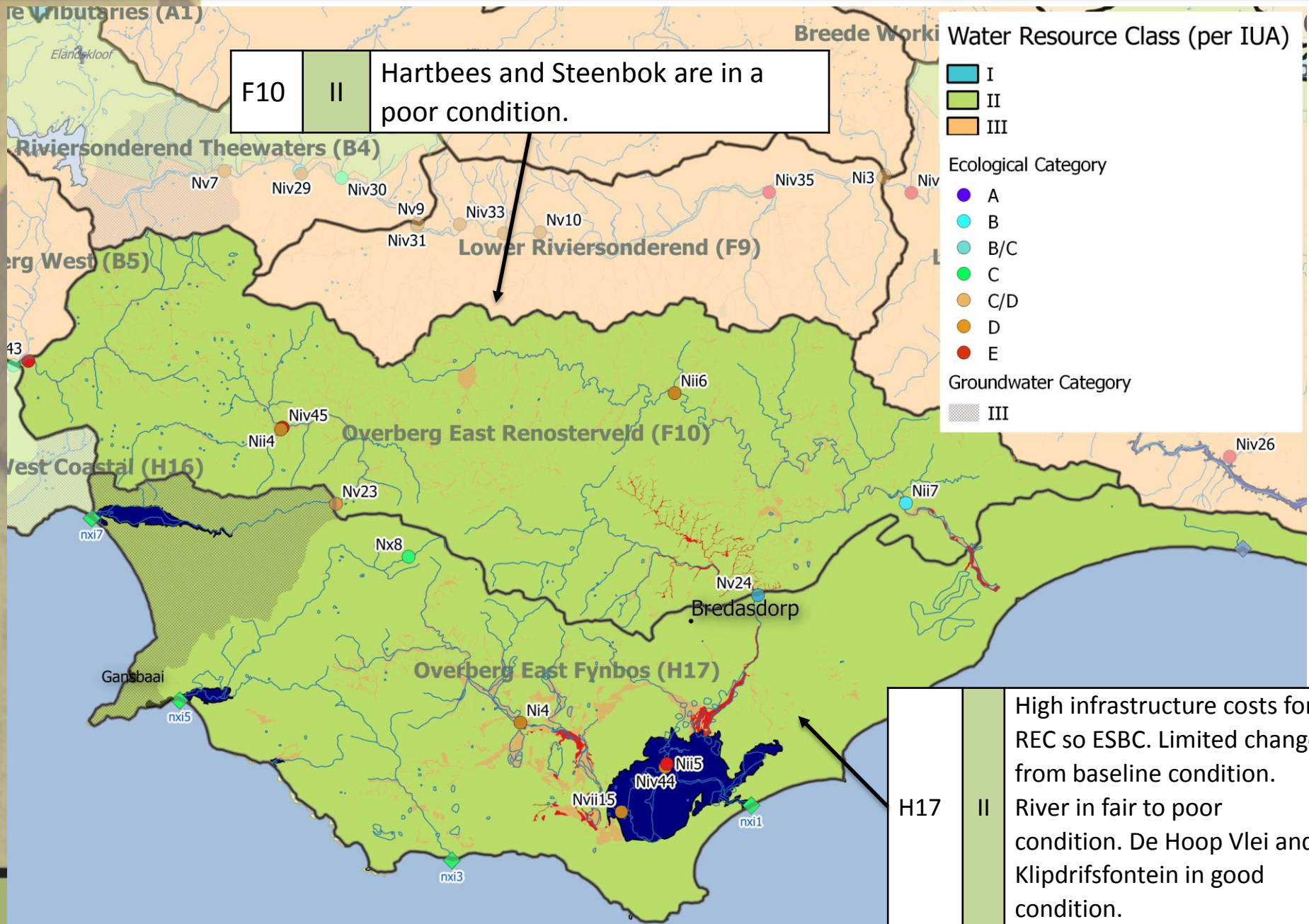
- III



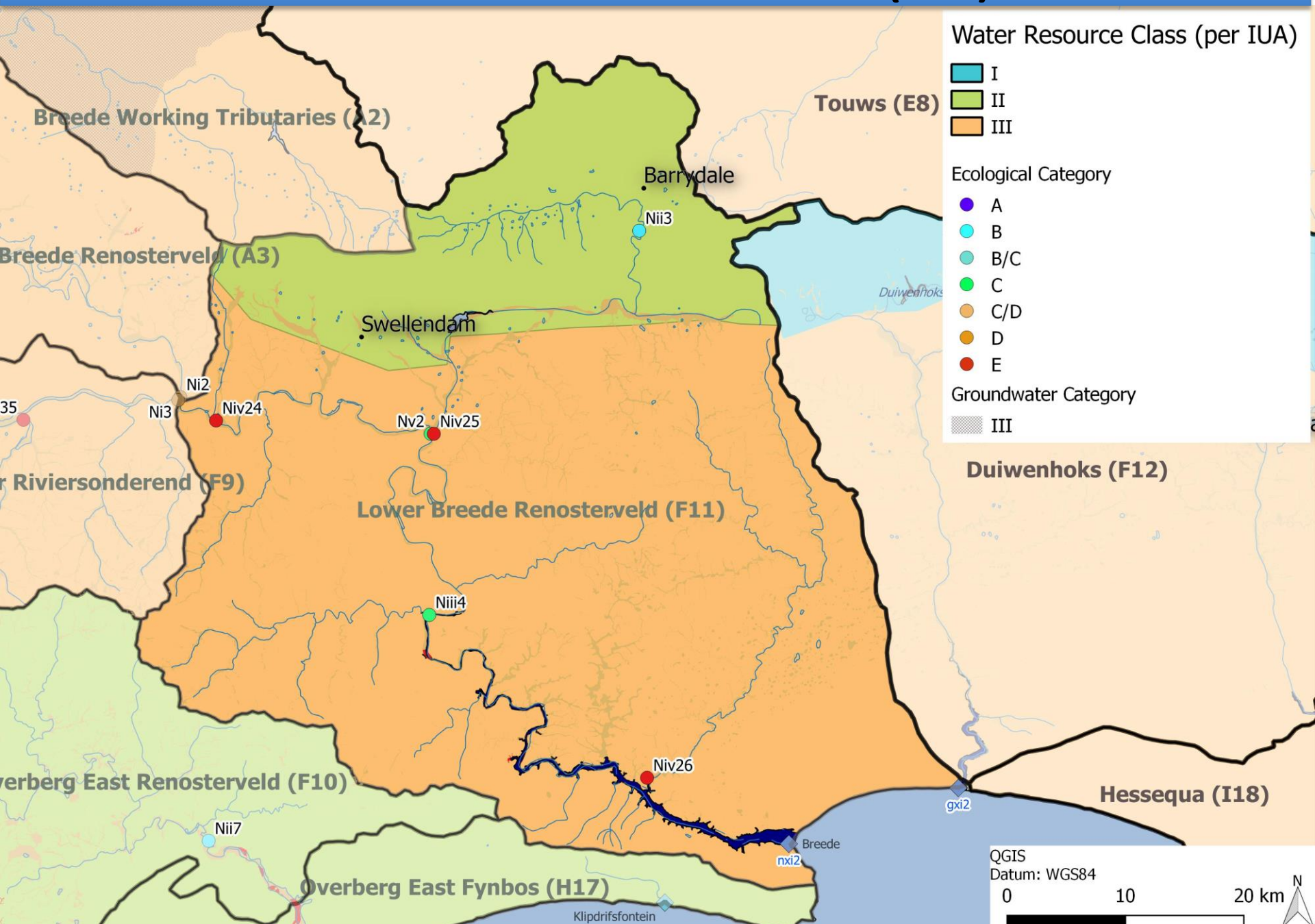
Overberg West (B5 and H16)



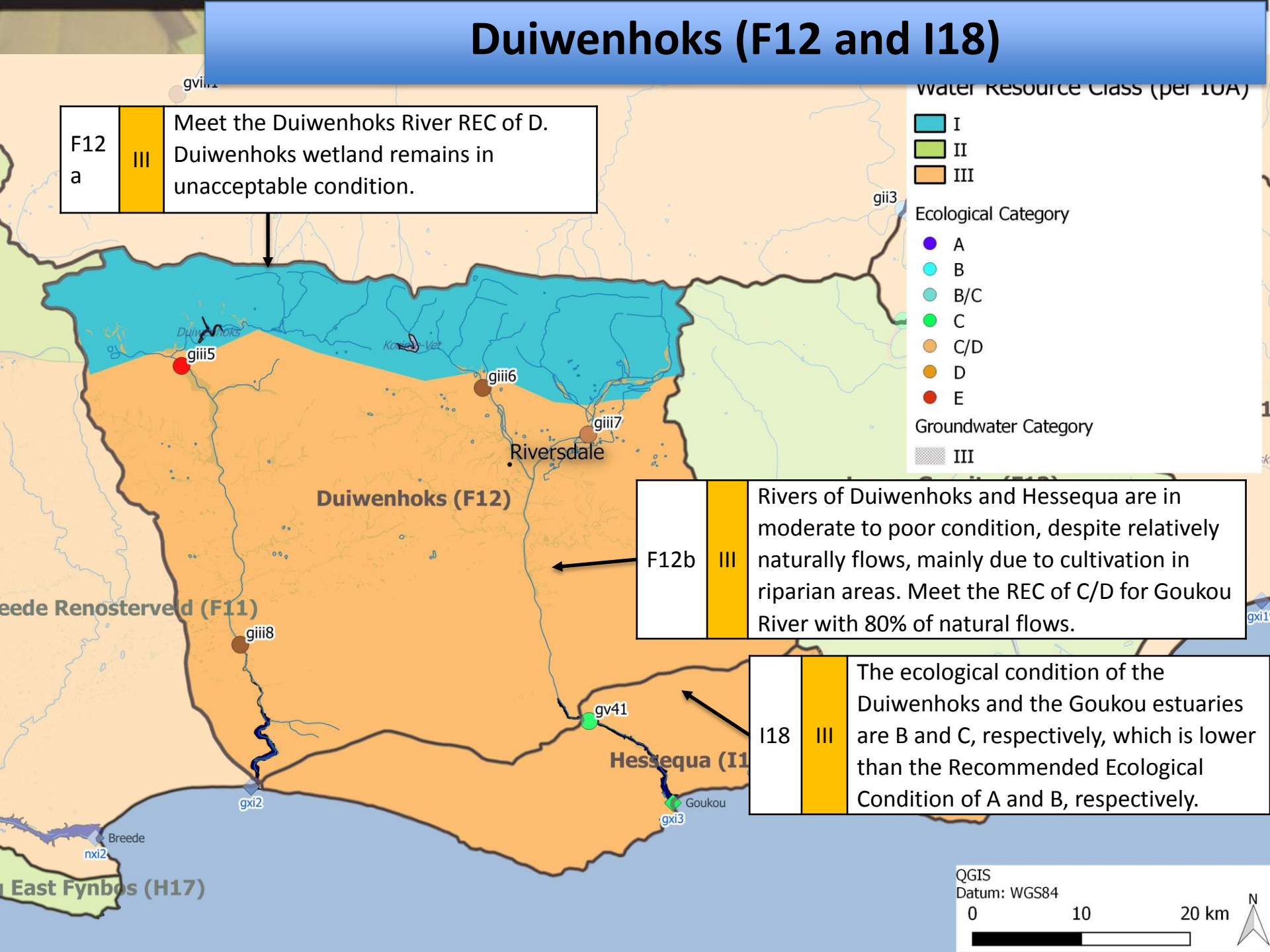
Overberg East (F10 and H17)



Lower Breede Renosterveld (F11)



Duiwenhoks (F12 and I18)



Gamka-Buffels (C6)

Water Resource Class (per IUA)

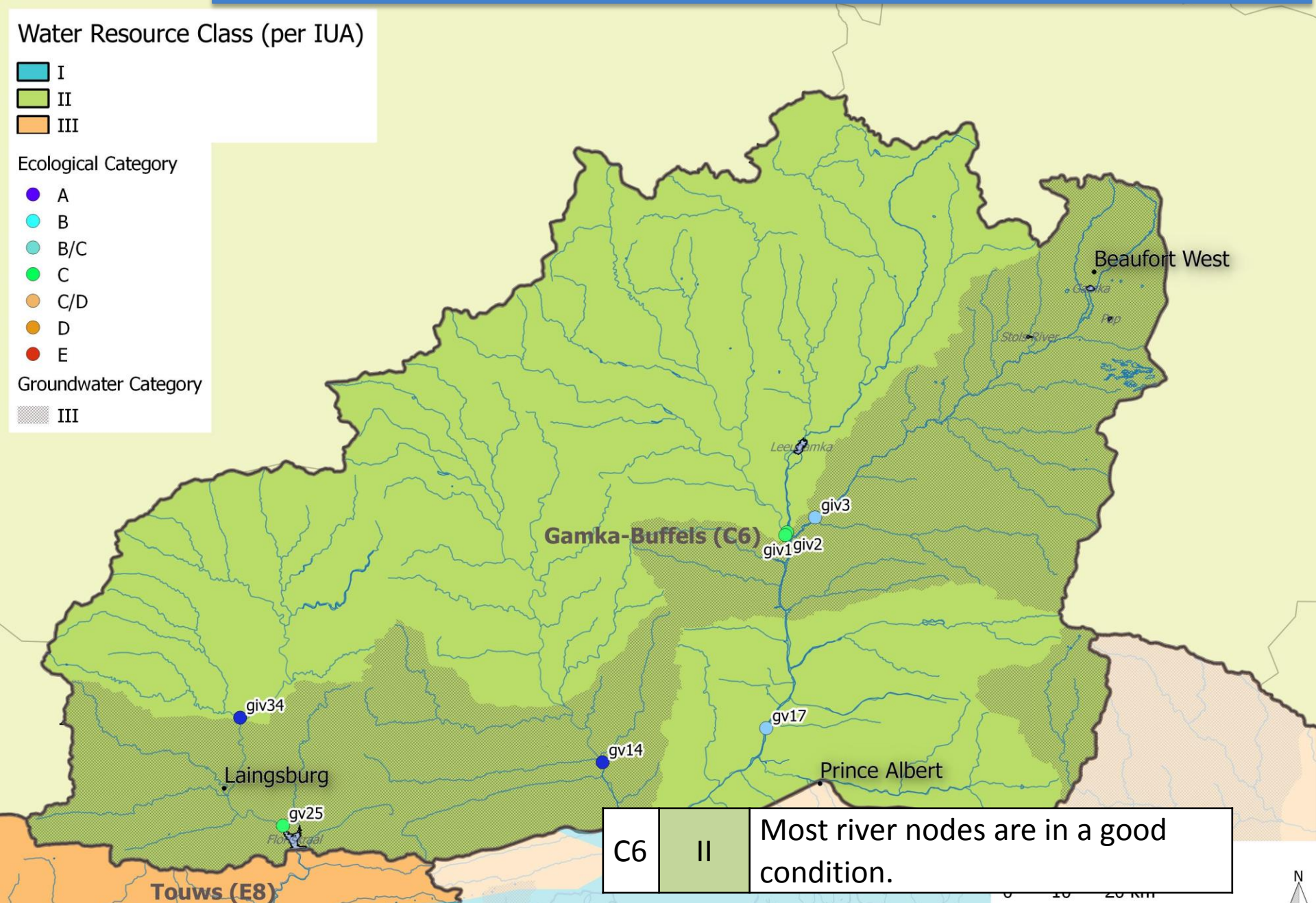
- I
- II
- III

Ecological Category

- A
- B
- B/C
- C
- C/D
- D
- E

Groundwater Category

- III



C6

II

Most river nodes are in a good condition.

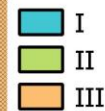
Gouritz (D7 and F13)

D7

III

High infrastructure costs so ESBC. Olifants, Grobbelaars and Kammanassie rivers in very poor condition. Other rivers in fair to poor condition.

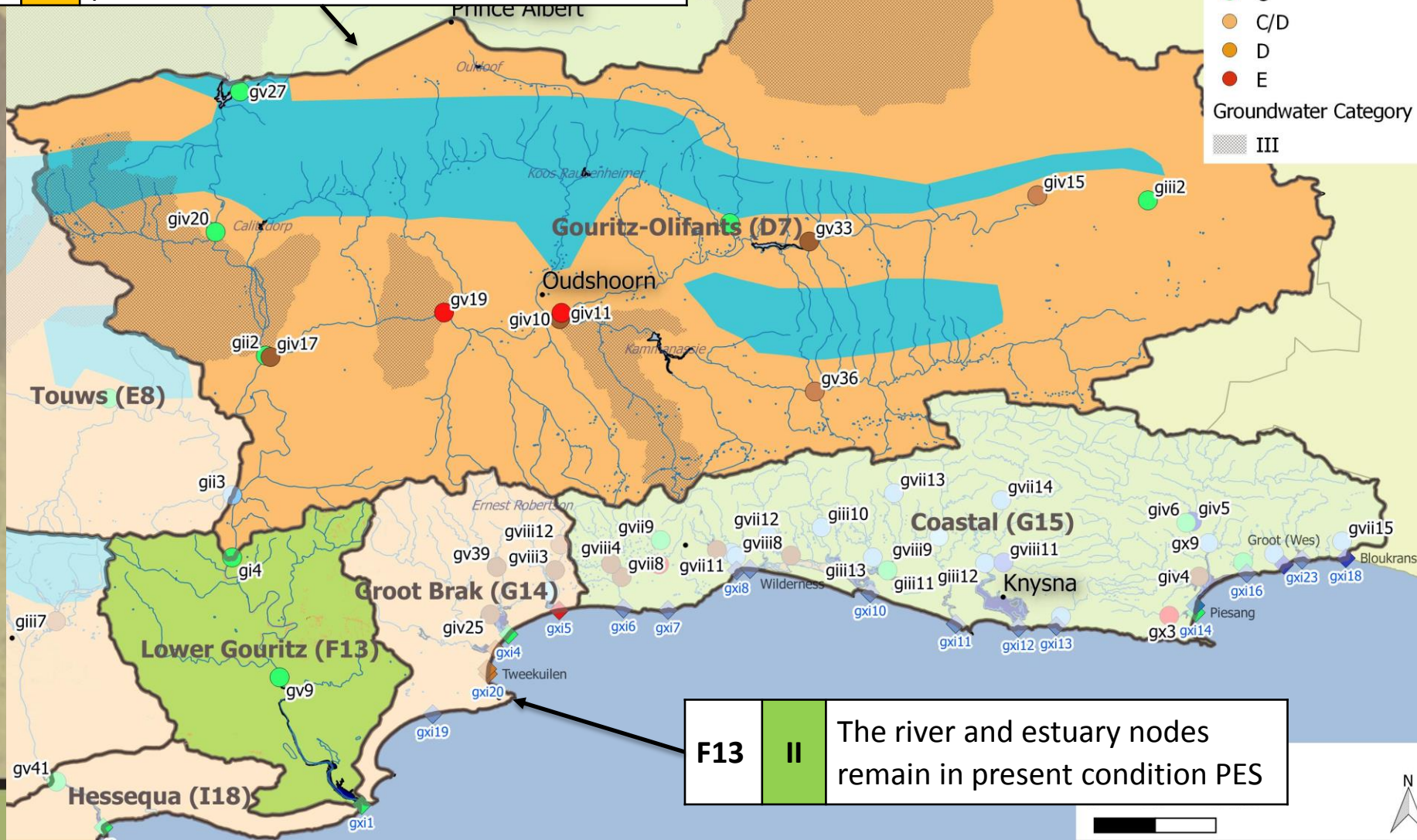
Water Resource Class (per IUA)



Ecological Category



Groundwater Category

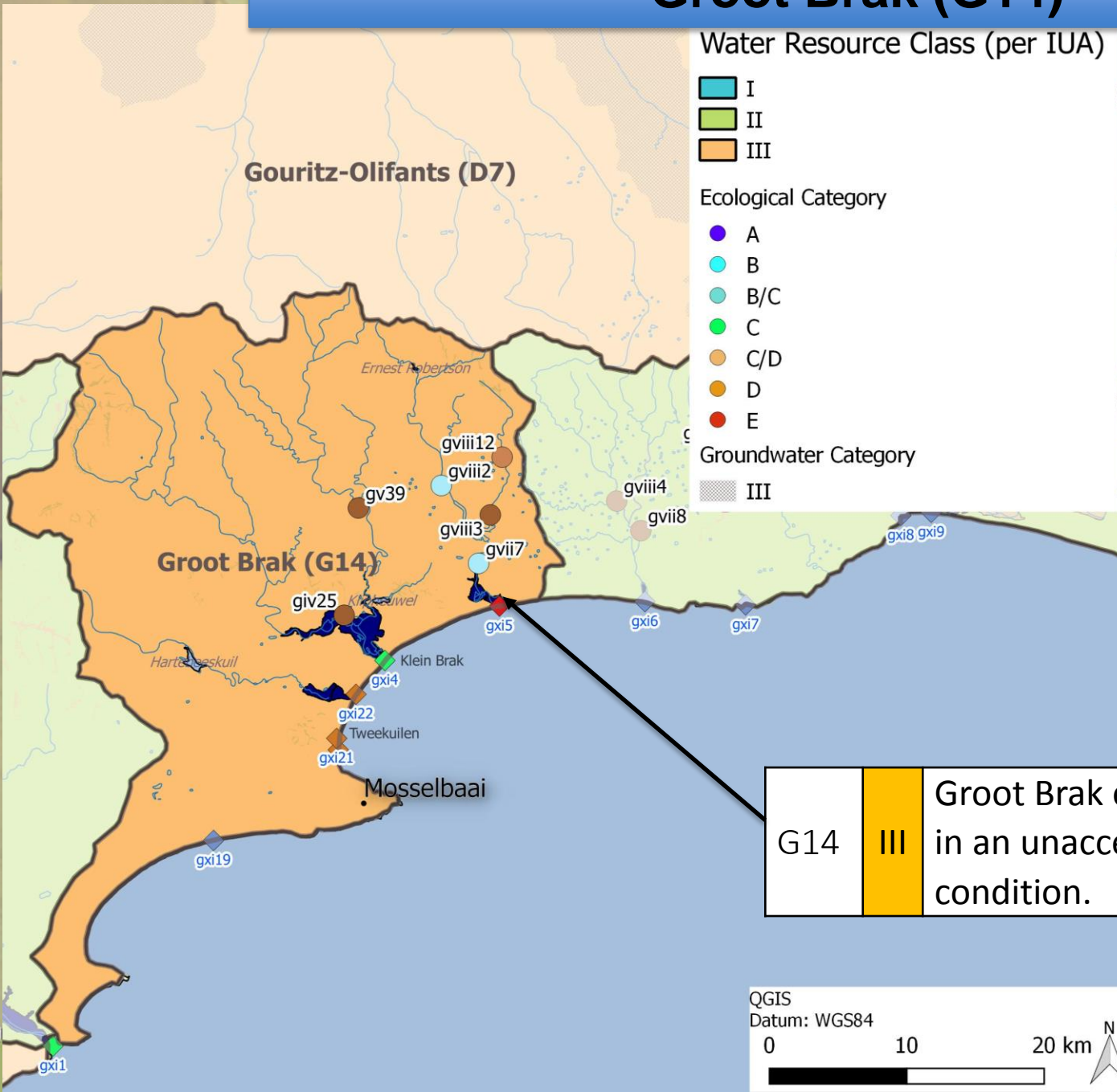


F13

II

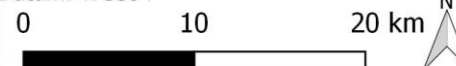
The river and estuary nodes remain in present condition PES

Groot Brak (G14)

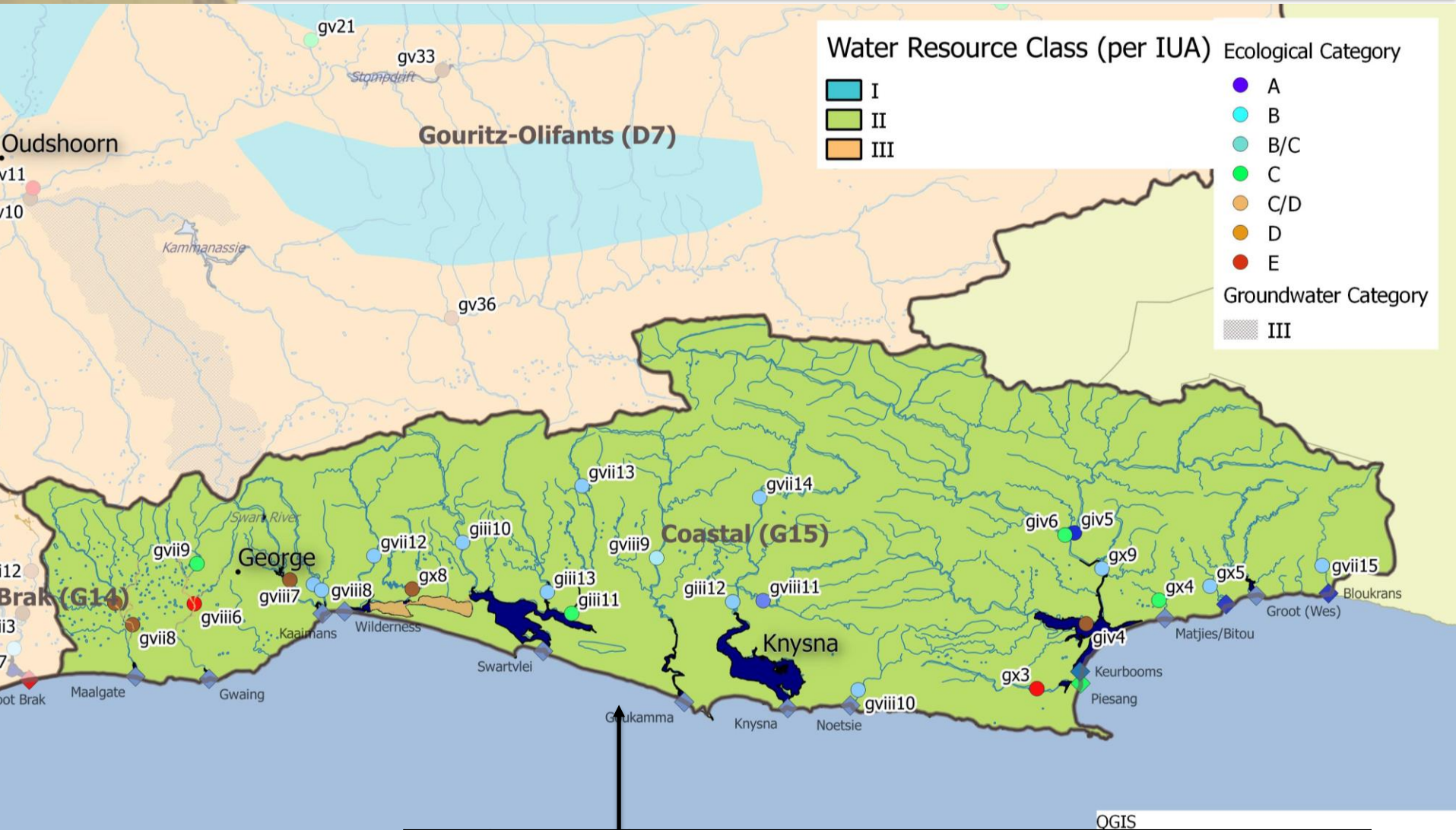


G14 III Groot Brak estuary remains in an unacceptably poor condition.

QGIS
Datum: WGS84



Coastal (G15)



G15	II	High infrastructure costs to implement REC so water requirements for ESBC used. Most rivers and estuaries maintained in good condition.
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Additional Slides



Vision for the Breede-Overberg region

Water demands from the City of Cape Town and farmers should be managed accordingly to prevent water shortages.

Over-abstraction of water is an issue. No evident improvement on water pricing strategies, resources and increasing demands and capacities.

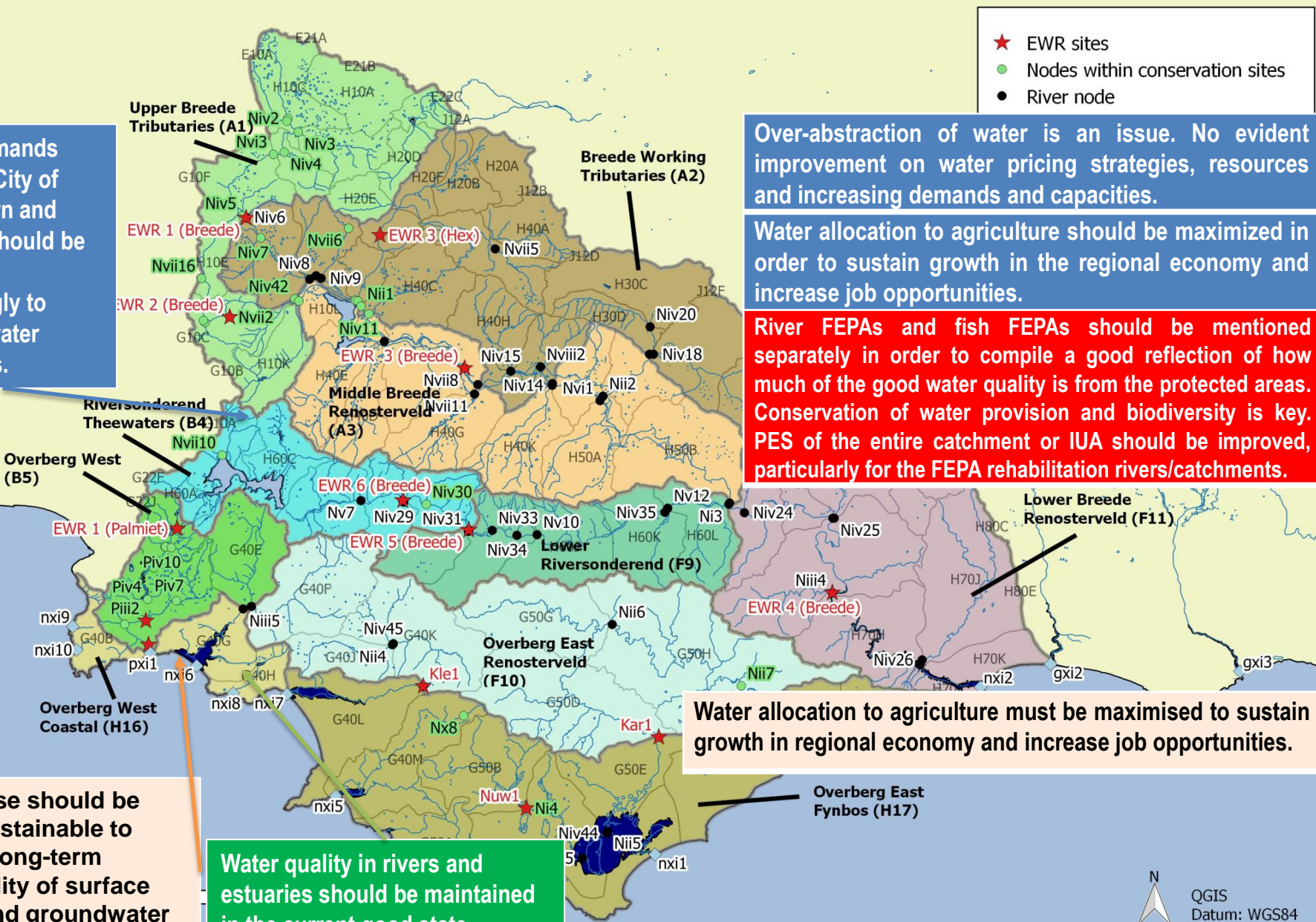
Water allocation to agriculture should be maximized in order to sustain growth in the regional economy and increase job opportunities.

River FEPAs and fish FEPAs should be mentioned separately in order to compile a good reflection of how much of the good water quality is from the protected areas. Conservation of water provision and biodiversity is key. PES of the entire catchment or IUA should be improved, particularly for the FEPA rehabilitation rivers/catchments.

Water use should be more sustainable to ensure long-term availability of surface water and groundwater

Water quality in rivers and estuaries should be maintained in the current good state.

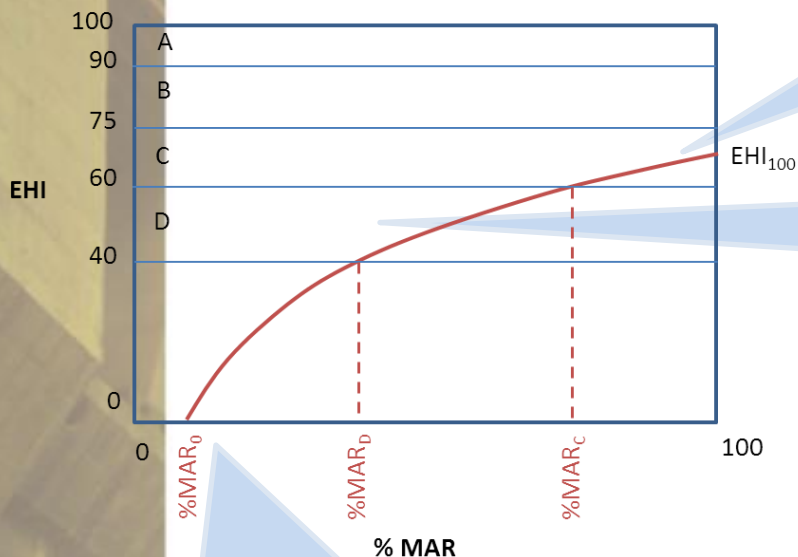
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Ecological Category	PES % Score	Description of the habitat
A A/B	92-100% 87-92%	Still in a Reference Condition
B B/C	82-87% 77-82%	Slightly modified from the Reference Condition. A small change in natural habitats and biota has taken place but the ecosystem functions are essentially unchanged
C C/D	62-77% 57-62%	Moderately modified from the Reference Condition. Loss and change of natural habitat and biota has occurred, but the basic ecosystem functions are still predominantly unchanged
D D/E	42-57% 37-42%	Largely modified from the Reference Condition. A large loss of natural habitat, biota and basic ecosystem functions has occurred
E E/F	22-37% 17-22	Seriously modified from the Reference Condition. The loss of natural habitat, biota and basic ecosystem functions is extensive
F	0-17%	Critically/Extremely modified from the Reference Condition. The system has been critically modified with an almost complete loss of natural habitat and biota. In the worst instances, basic ecosystem functions have been destroyed and the changes are irreversible

ESTUARIES



3. It is often not possible to restore health to 100% of natural through restoration of flow alone due to other non-flow related impacts

1. Relationship between health and flow is logarithmic – health declines increasingly rapidly as %MAR declines

2. The ability of an estuary to support estuarine biodiversity drops to zero before MAR drops to zero

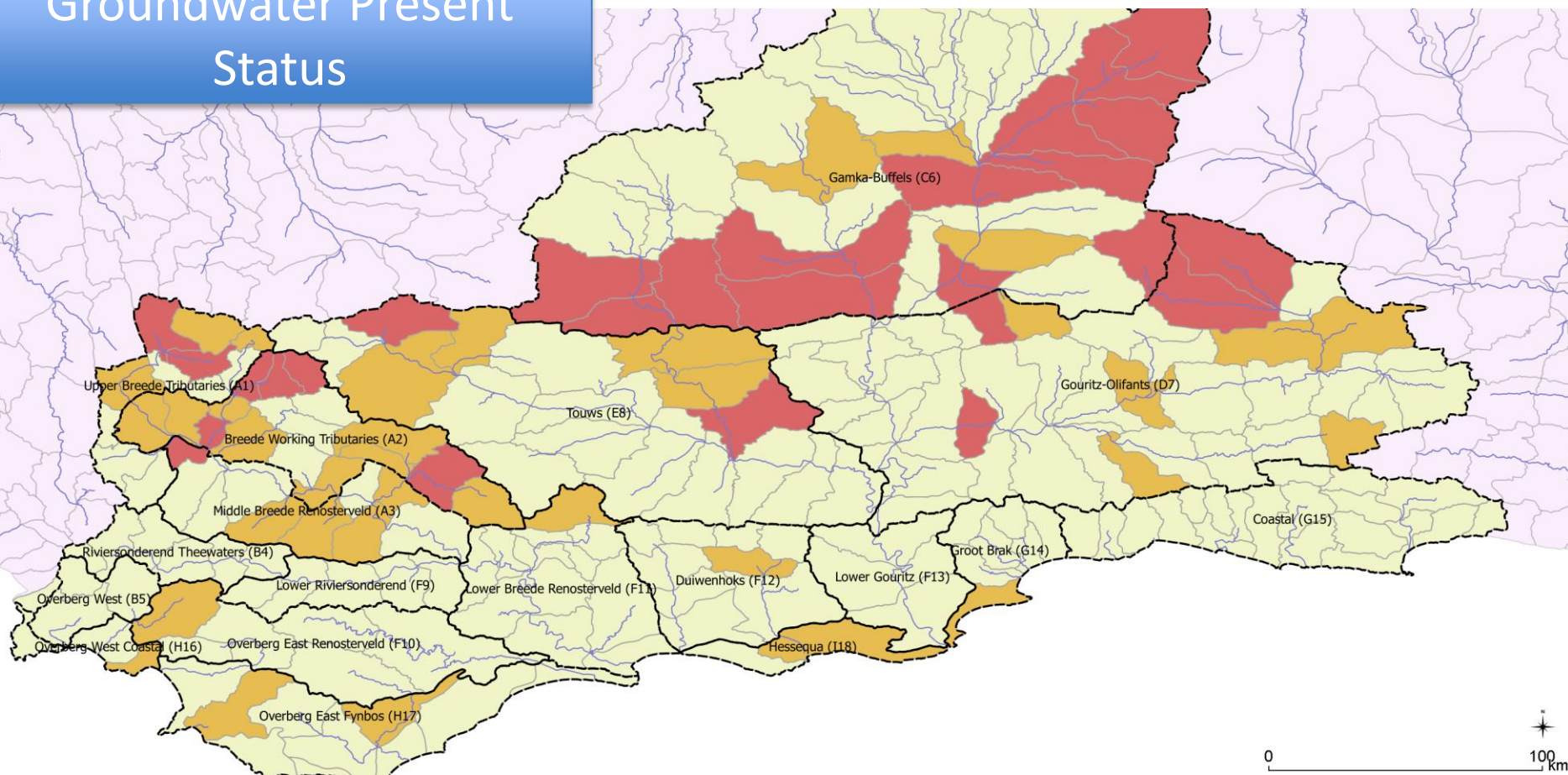
A. Models were developed which allowed us to project likely changes in estuary health from A to E category as flows decline based on data from Reserve determination studies for individual estuaries

B. Proportional changes in the size of macrophyte, invertebrate, fish and bird populations were also estimated using matrices developed using data from Reserve determination studies for individual estuaries

		Assigned Ecological Category					
		A	B	C	D	E	F
PES	A	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.1
	B	1.2	1.0	0.8	0.6	0.4	0.1
	C	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.1
	D	1.9	1.7	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.2
	E	3.2	2.8	2.3	1.7	1.0	0.3
	F	10.4	9.0	7.3	5.4	3.2	1.0

Spatially Targeted and Mixed : consequences for groundwater condition

Groundwater Present Status

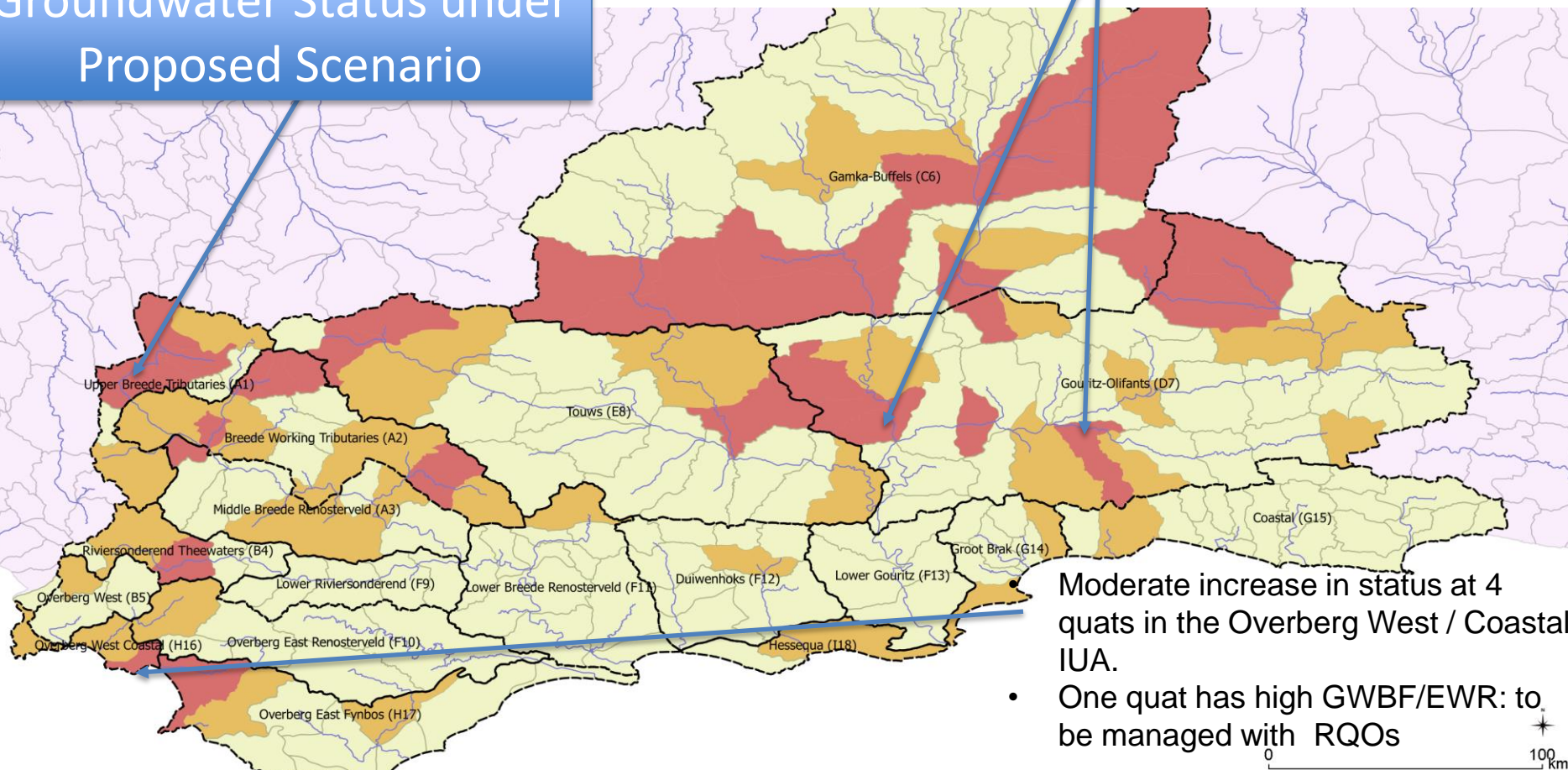


Spatially Targeted and Mixed : consequences for groundwater condition

- Increase in status at 4 quats in the Upper Breede Tributaries IUA.
- 2 of these have significant increase.
- None are high GWBF/EWR.

- Moderate increase in status at 7 quats in the Gouritz-Olifants IUA.
- 4/7 change from I to III
- None are high GWBF/EWR.

Groundwater Status under Proposed Scenario



Moderate increase in status at 4 quats in the Overberg West / Coastal IUA.

- One quat has high GWBF/EWR: to be managed with RQOs