

PROGRAMME 5

BIODIVERSITY & CONSERVATION

**PRESENTATION TO PARLIAMENTARY
PORTFOLIO AND SELECT COMMITTEE**

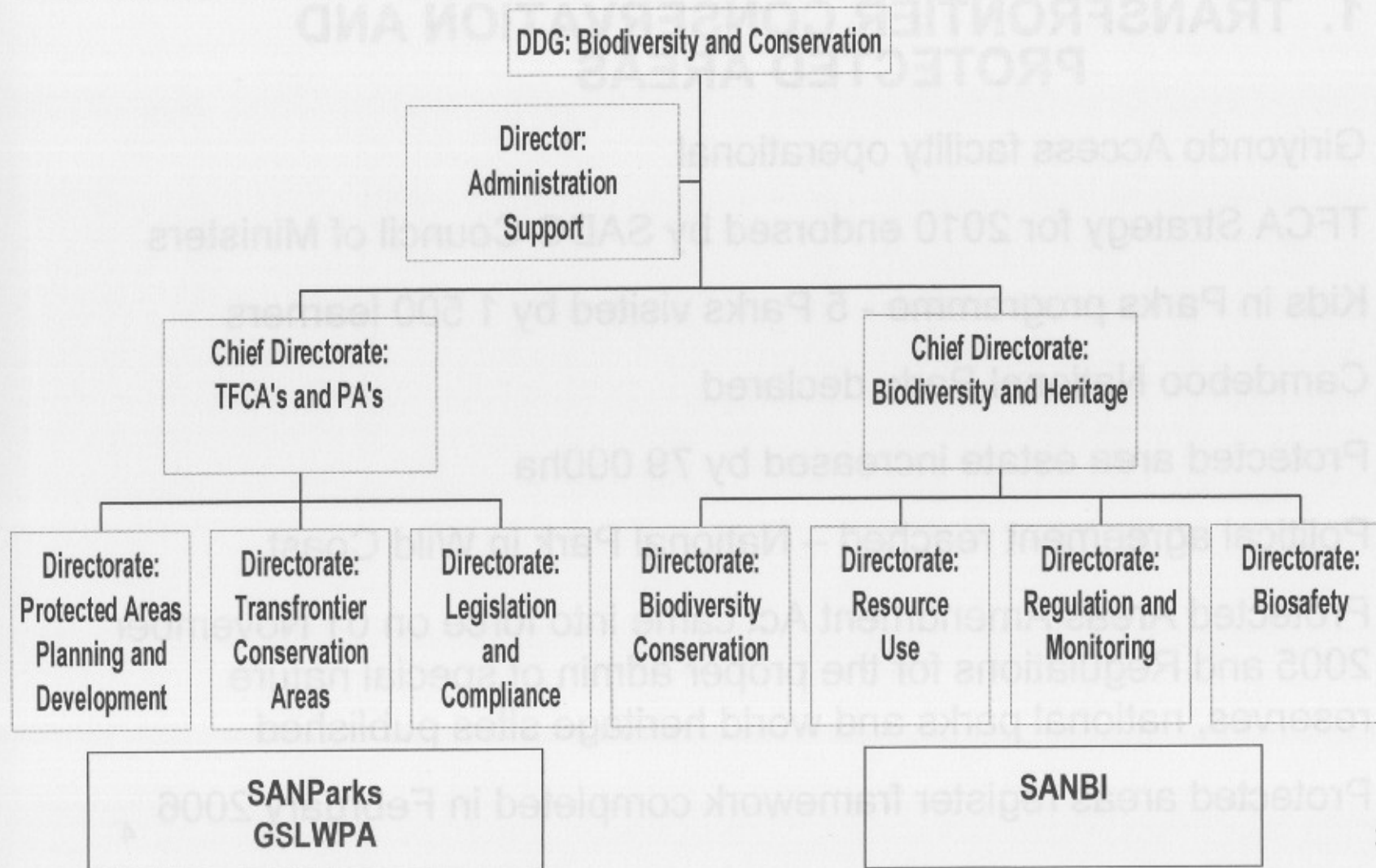
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PURPOSE OF PROGRAMME

**PROMOTE THE CONSERVATION AND
SUSTAINABLE UTILISATION OF
NATURAL RESOURCES TO ENHANCE
ECONOMIC GROWTH AND POVERTY
ERADICATION**

STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME



ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2005/2006

1. TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AND PROTECTED AREAS

- Giriyondo Access facility operational
- TFCA Strategy for 2010 endorsed by SADC Council of Ministers
- Kids in Parks programme - 5 Parks visited by 1 500 learners
- Camdeboo National Park declared
- Protected area estate increased by 79 000ha
- Political agreement reached – National Park in Wild Coast
- Protected Areas Amendment Act came into force on 01 November 2005 and Regulations for the proper admin of special nature reserves, national parks and world heritage sites published
- Protected areas register framework completed in February 2006

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2005/2006

2. BIODIVERSITY AND HERITAGE

- Threatened or Protected Species list developed
- Draft regulations developed in terms of NEMBA
- Draft Norms and Standards for the Regulation of Hunting developed.
- National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan finalised.
- Vredefort Dome listed as a World Heritage Site
- Makapan Valley & Taung Skull Fossil Site listed as extensions of the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site

MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY (2006-2010)

1. TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AND PROTECTED AREAS

Conserve biodiversity, its components, processes and functions and mitigate threats

Fast track the process of promoting the Transfrontier Conservation and development initiatives

Expand the conservation estate to ensure representivity and viability to:
8% of the SA's land surface under protection by 2010

Alignment of strategies and plans between spheres of Government

Resolution of all claims to the benefit of government and claimants

Ensuring participation of communities in protected area

Protected Areas Legislation Implementation

Management plans for national parks reviewed

Protected areas register in operation

Support provinces in NEM: PA Act implementation

MEDIUM TERM STRATEGY (2006-2010)continued

2. BIODIVERSITY AND HERITAGE

Biodiversity Act and associated Regulations in full effect

Environmental Management Framework for GMOs developed

Designation of two Ramsar sites finalised

PRIORITIES FOR 2006/2007

1. TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION AND PROTECTED AREAS

- Put in place mechanism to operationalise TFCA 2010 Strategy
- Improving access within the TFCAs
- Expand the conservation estate to ensure representivity and viability by 0.2% - 0.5%
- Declare new national parks – Wild Coast, Blyde River Canyon
- Alignment of strategies and plans between spheres of Government
(Land claims / people and parks)
- Management plans for national parks reviewed
- Protected areas register in operation
- Support provinces in NEM: PA Act implementation

PRIORITIES FOR 2006/2007

2. BIODIVERSITY & HERITAGE

- Regulations for :
 - Threatened & Protected,
 - Alien & Invasive Species,
 - ABS and Bioprospecting,
- Norms and standards for:
 - The regulation of the hunting industry in South Africa
 - The management of elephant in South Africa
- National Biodiversity Framework
- Ecosystem listing in terms of NEMBA
- Finalise Management Framework for GMOs

BENEFITS AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

- Expand the conservation estate to ensure representivity and viability and to:
 - Ensure optimal health and integrity of ecosystems and their functioning, thus ensuring products and services
- Providing for effective regulation and sustainable use of biological resources
- Providing for sharing of benefits arising from use of biological resources
- Creating cross border access for tourism expansion
- Providing infrastructure in poor and marginal areas contributing to economic development and upliftment
- Contributing to ASGISA

BUDGET PER SUB-PROGRAMME

Biodiversity and Conservation: Subprogramme

MTEF (R thousand)	Adjusted 2005/06	2006/07
Management	1,557	2,152
Biodiversity and Heritage	17,957	20,910
Trans-frontier Conservation and Protected Areas	31,225	31,407
Greater St Lucia Wetland Park Authority	12,111	16,627
South African National Parks	143,833	182,440
South African National Biodiversity Institute	90,369	94,972
Total	297,052	348,508

BUDGET PER SUB-PROGRAMME

Biodiversity and Conservation

Economic classification	2006/07
Current payments	47,604
Compensation of employees	17,592
Goods and services	30,012
of which:	
Communication	740
Computer services	800
Consultants, contractors and special services	16,338
Inventory	2,323
Maintenance repair and running cost	157
Operating leases	-
Travel and subsistence	5,688
Financial transactions in assets and liabilities	-
Transfers and subsidies	300,559
Provinces and municipalities	20
Departmental agencies and accounts	300,539
Payments for capital assets	345
Buildings and other fixed structures	-
Machinery and equipment	345
Total	348,508

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