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BIODIVERSITY &
CONSERVATION**



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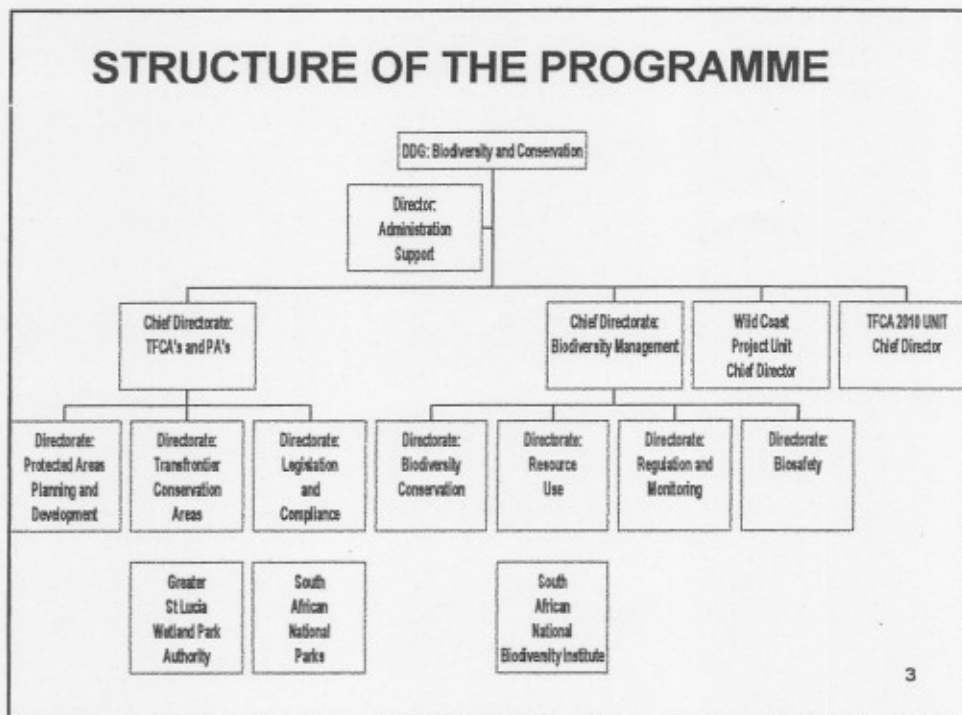
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PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME

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

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STRUCTURE OF THE PROGRAMME



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PROGRAMMES

THE PROGRAMME HAS THE FOLLOWING TWO SUB PROGRAMMES:

Transfrontier Conservation & Protected

Areas: Ensures the effective establishment of transfrontier conservation areas as well as the effective consolidation, establishment and management of protected areas.

Biodiversity & Heritage: Promotes the conservation of cultural & natural resources and makes sure that they are used sustainably and their benefits are equitably shared.

Financial contributions: are made to the South African National Parks (SANParks), Greater St Lucia (now known as Isimangaliso), South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)

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LEGISLATIVE MANDATE 2007/08

- ❑ **Implementation of the NEMBA & NEMPA, World Heritage Convention Act**
 - Access & Benefit Sharing Regulations
 - Alien & Listed Invasive species Regulations
 - Ecological Risk Assessment for GMOs
 - National Biodiversity Framework
 - Bioregional Programme
 - Management of Protected Areas & WHS
 - Implementation of TOPS
- ❑ **Legislation Audit**
 - Check for conflicts between Provincial and National Legislation

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BIODIVERSITY & HERITAGE

- Norms and standards for elephant management plans published
- National Biodiversity Framework published
- Guidelines for bioregional plans developed
- Alien Invasive Species regulations published
- Framework for Environmental Risk Assessment for GMO's implemented in review of applications
- Biosafety Research Strategy Developed
- Hunting Norms & Standards
- Biodiversity Management Plan guidelines
- Listing of Ecosystems

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BIODIVERSITY AND HERITAGE (Cont)

- Implementation of Threatened or Protected Species regulations: *registration of facilities; register of Game Farms; prohibit canned hunting; setting quotas; strengthen provincial capacity and align permitting system & administration*

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TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION & PROTECTED AREAS

- Effective Implementation of the TFCA strategy: Investment and marketing plans developed
- Joint Implementation of Conservation Programmes (disease control; research & translocation programmes)
- Number of co-management agreements between TFCAs, privately owned and community owned conservation areas in place
- Appoint the World Heritage Site Management Authorities and proclaim some of the sites

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TRANSFRONTIER CONSERVATION & PROTECTED AREAS (Cont)

- Draft standard regulations for provincial protected areas developed
- Framework for national system for Protected Areas
- Provincial Management Plan pro forma developed

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PRIORITIES 2007/08

- Develop a system of managing protected areas in the country
- Development of legislative tools bioregional plans, ecosystems, & species levels
- Expansion of the conservation estate
- Integration of programmes & alignment
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Capacity building, compliance & monitoring
- Awareness (GMOs, Regulations)
- Biosafety Research
- TFCAs

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