



WESTERN HEADS / GOUKAMMA CONSERVANCY



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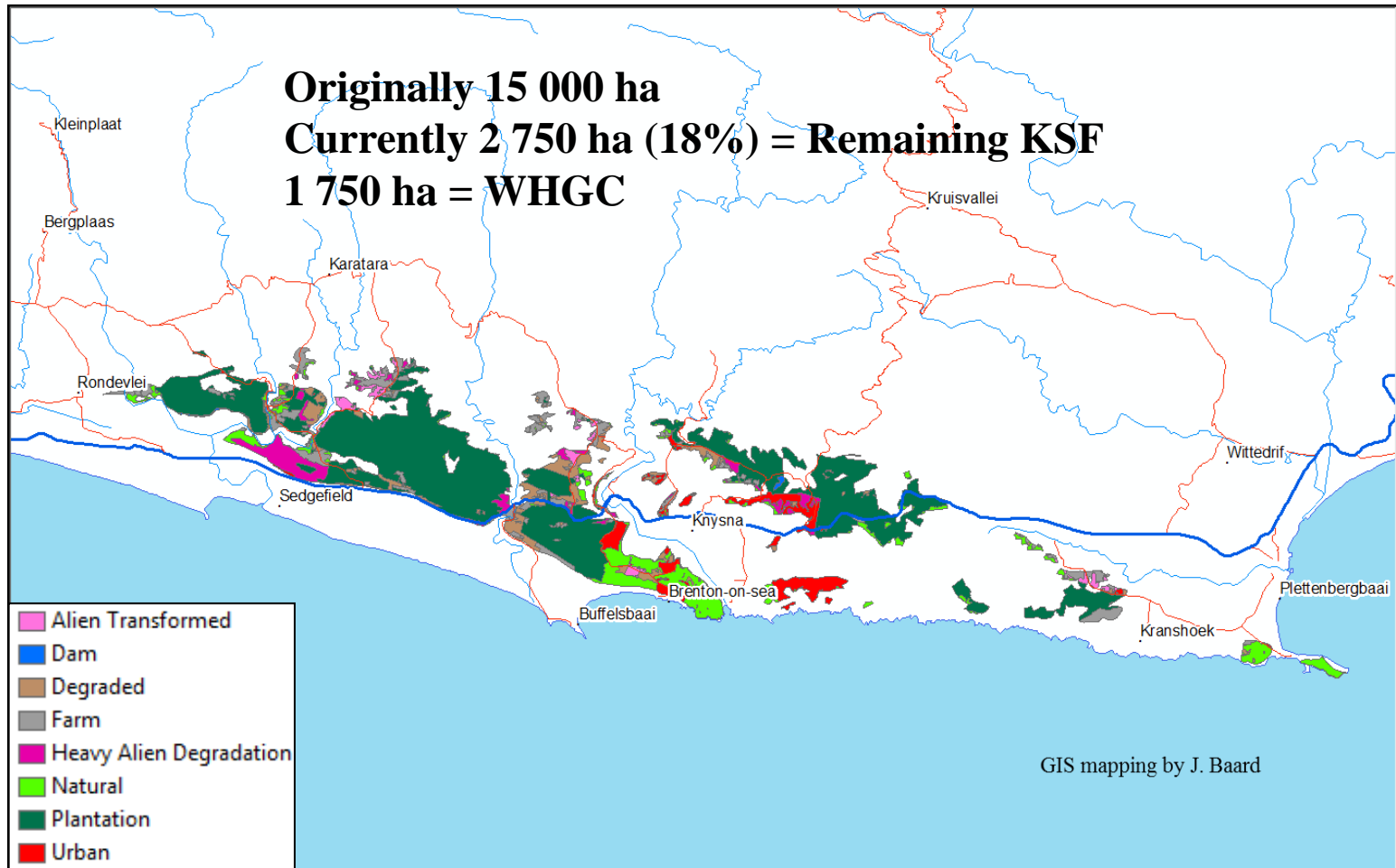
funding fynbos



Table Mountain Fund (TMF) project

- TMF is compatible with WHGC because of shared emphasis on fynbos conservation and restoration
- Project selected from many bids received by TMF during 2022
- Focus of project is “Knysna Sand Fynbos”
- Project from 1 Sept 2022 – 31 Aug 2025
- Three year project; R 750 000 funding
- 60% of budget for alien clearing

Why Knysna Sand Fynbos?

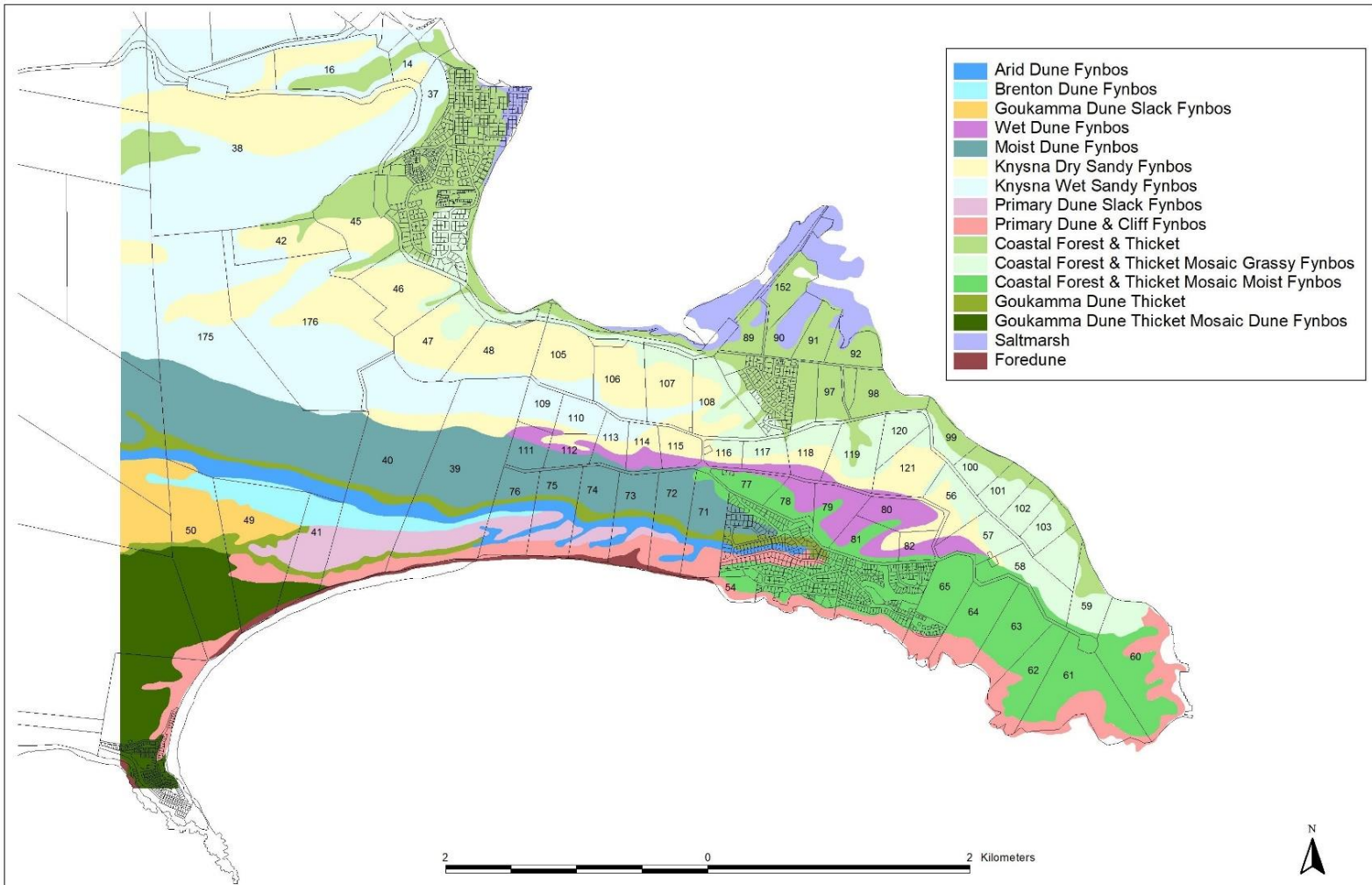


KNYSNA SAND FYNBOS

Original extent and what's left (natural = pale green areas only)

Knysna Sand Fynbos is a national treasure

- Listed as **Critically Endangered Ecosystem No.21** National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004. Gazetted 9 December 2011
- WHGC = **Critical Biodiversity Area – Terrestrial & Forest** Terrestrial and aquatic areas which are critical for conserving biodiversity and maintaining ecosystem functioning



Map 4.1: Natural vegetation of the Western Heads

Project mission and objectives

Mission is to conserve & restore the KSF

Objectives

- Landowners to commit to conservation
- Raise public awareness of beauty and value of this national treasure
- Assess the biodiversity value of properties
- Enhance value by restoring to natural state
- Remove alien plants from committed properties

Progress towards objectives

- Five Landowners committed to Contract National Parks (CNP) or Nature Reserves (CNRs)
- Two Landowners have Private Nature Reserves (PNRs)
- Public awareness – covered by next speaker
- Biodiversity surveys done on 8 properties
- Planning for alien removal 75% complete
- Alien plant surveys done on 5 properties
- Two Steering Committee meetings held with partners (SANParks; CapeNature; KM; SCFPA)

Priority properties

Priority	No.	Owner/ representative	Commitment
1	39	Susan Campbell	CNP
2	40	Jan Coetzee (WWF)	CNP
3	75	Susan Campbell	CNP
4	46	Johan Labuschagne	CNP
5	111	Corné Steyn	CNP
6	77	Christa Le Roux	PNR
7	65	Vanessa Weyer	PNR
8	113	Andy Crawford	In progress
9	109	Tessa Scott	In progress
10	81	Knysna Municipality	CNR
11	E542	Knysna Municipality	CNR
12	112	Evan & Jenny Jones	In progress
13	114	Ann & John Sole	In progress
14	117	Pieter Pickering	In progress



Beautiful fynbos plants overlook Knysna lagoon