



**WESTERN HEADS / GOUKAMMA
CONSERVANCY**

WHGC AGM 2023

- Welcome & apologies
- Confirming minutes of the 2023 AGM
- WHGC Annual reporting
 - Overview & Confirmation of WHGC Objectives
 - TMF Project
 - NPO....

Why and What?

- Cape Flora is one of the six floristic kingdoms of the world
- The most diverse floras in the world
 - 91 000km² with 9250 known flowering species
- **exceptional diversity**
 - Due to high rate at which species give away to each other across env and geo changes
- Exceptional high number of localized species, often restricted to a single small area/pocket
- WHGC - map



- Knysna Sand Fynbos (FFd10 – SANBI, 2018) - Critically Endangered vegetation type of which only 17% is in an untransformed state
- WHGC host populations of many Red List plants as well as three threatened butterfly species (Edge, 2014)
- Contains important ecological corridors along the dune cordons (east-west) and between the ocean and the Knysna estuary

Confirmation Of WHGC Objectives

- To promote, protect, manage, and grow this endangered ecosystem to the benefit of future generations
- Promote, encourage, foster and support
 - a. understanding and appreciation
 - b. eradication invader plants and animals
 - c. reclaim, rehabilitation and management of degraded areas
 - d. Zero environmental impact/loss
- Foster strong relationships with residence, conservancies and environmental bodies

Overview of previous year – High Lights

1. Stronger network & awareness in WHGC – conservation, safety and security, disaster mitigation, etc
2. Strong relationships with KM Environmental Dept, SANParks, Cape Nature and FPA
3. NPO, Bank account and finances
4. Awareness of the sensitive & special nature of the Western Heads Goukamma
5. Conservation outcome progress via TMF
6. Membership growth

Overview of previous year – concerns & challenges

1. Unawareness of the value resulting in destruction of nature
2. Increase in invasive growth on properties of existing landowners resulting in threat to sensitive nature and fire risk to residence
3. High demand for property result in wrong marketing messages that attract new owners with unrealistic plans: “Properties for Sale”
 1. Ready for Development
 2. Agri Zone – you can “farm”
 3. Location for new dwellings

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- Deliver on WHGC-TMF project objectives
- Increase awareness or education
- Foster stronger relationships
- Strongly encourage eradication of invasives
- More effective and inclusive core team