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Development of Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans

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Presentation Overview

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- Biodiversity Assessment was undertaken by the COJ
- The Objective was to:
 - Gather information on the City's biodiversity profile and hotspots/sites.
 - Analyse the state of the City's Biodiversity.
 - Assess trends and provide warning on emerging threats.

Terms of Reference



- COJ identified a need to refine the Biodiversity Assessment to develop a Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans, which will outline management objectives & actions to be undertaken to enhance biodiversity.
- The scope of work include:
 - Provide the ecological description of biodiversity within the City.
 - Define and spatially represent Biodiversity features in the City based on agreed criteria and set of indicators (corridors between areas of special biodiversity significance; site where an endangered species exists; etc.
 - Determine the value of biodiversity to adjacent communities as well as interventions for protection of those sites.



- Establish the management of biodiversity within the City i.e. performance in terms of biodiversity goals and linkages between biodiversity and social issues, job creation, tourism, etc.
- Establish biodiversity governance within the City.
- Define biodiversity representation and integration into the governance of the City.
- Determine biodiversity awareness raising/educational initiatives undertaken/planned, and develop recommendations responding to promoting the conservation value of biodiversity improving community awareness.
- Provide guidelines for ensuring alignment with the City's planning and development processes.
- Provide information and tools for establishing, monitoring and evaluating programmes and projects.



- Develop the following identified site specific and general Action Plans for implementation in the protection, restoration and rehabilitation of biodiversity habitats.
 - Action plan for the protection of rivers and wetlands.
 - Action plan for the protection of ecological systems and sensitive habitats.
 - Action plan for the protection of ridges.
 - Action plan for the protection of the grasslands biome.
 - Action plan for alien vegetation control and monitoring.
 - Action plan for the protection of flora and fauna.
 - Action plan for the rehabilitation of degraded biodiversity hotspots.
 - Action plan for biodiversity education and public information on biological diversity.



- Steward Scott International (Bohlweki Consulting) was appointed to conduct the Biodiversity Strategy.
- An initial meeting was held.
- Background information was provided by COJ.

Progress to Date



- Draft Framework which has splited into five parts:
 - State of Johannesburg’s Biodiversity.
 - Obligation and Responsibilities from National and International Policies.
 - Vision and Guiding Principles for the COJ LAB.
 - Action Plans.
 - Monitoring and Evaluation.



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Work Programme



ITEM DESCRIPTION		Weeks	09-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	06-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	04-May	11-May	18-May	25-May	01-Jun	08-Jun	
1	PROJECT MANAGEMENT						Easter Holidays										
2	INITIATION PHASE			1													
3	PREPARATION PHASE																
4	ANALYSIS PHASE								2								
5	GOVERNANCE PHASE																
6	ACTION PLAN PHASE														3		
7	WRAP UP PHASE																4

Deliverables

- 1 Draft Framework and reporting structure
- 2 Part 1 of report and governance phase
- 3 Draft Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans
- 4 Final Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plans



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