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Green Noise climbs higher with Season 3

Green Noise, CapeNature's acclaimed podcast series, returns for its third season with its most immersive episodes yet. Breaking away from the studio, the entire season was recorded live in the rugged Hottentots Holland Nature Reserve, at altitudes between 500 and 1 590 metres.

Season 3 dives into the intersection of biodiversity, water security, and sustainable development across the Western Cape. The opening episode, Biodiversity Restoration and Water Security, features Dr Ashley Naidoo, CEO of CapeNature, and Louise Stafford, South Africa Country Director of The Nature Conservancy (TNC).

Filmed in the mountain catchment, the episode highlights South Africa's looming water deficit and the urgent need to tackle invasive alien plants (IAPs). The guests unpack the 30-year solution: the Greater Cape Town Water Fund, a pioneering public-private partnership investing in nature's infrastructure by clearing these 'water thieves'. "We are moving the conservation conversation out of the boardroom and into the field where the work is actually being done," says host Dan Corder.

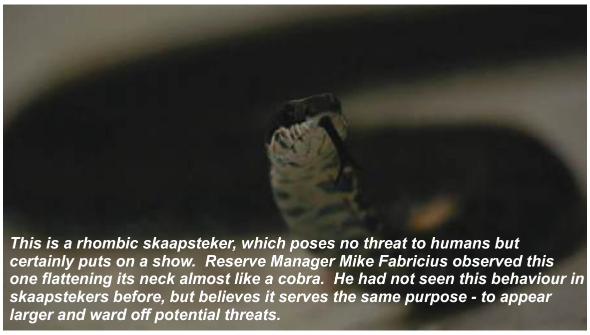
What to expect in Season 3

Green Noise Season 3 showcases how CapeNature and its partners deliver tangible benefits for people and the planet. Key themes include: *The Power of Partnership: How the Water Fund has already cleared 40 000 hectares of IAPs and created over 1 300 green jobs; *Protected Areas and Events: Managing reserves to generate sustainable economic opportunities and deepen citizen-nature connections; *Conservation Innovation: Exploring new funding models, including Water Bonds, for long-term sustainability; *Filming in Nature: Behind-the-scenes with filmmakers using CapeNature reserves as cinematic backdrops; *Culture and Conservation - honouring ancestral traditions and initiation practices within protected areas.

Season 3 of Green Noise is essential listening for policymakers, environmental professionals, business leaders, and citizens committed to the future of the Western Cape.
(*Article shortened: Hardus Botha: Gans-Berg News*)

Communications Officer Luke Folb

One of the Conservation Team members noticed a tortoise with two ticks on its shell. "We learnt that there is circulation between the shell and the bone, and ticks can access the blood system between the scutes (tortoise scales)."



This is a rhombic skaapsteker, which poses no threat to humans but certainly puts on a show. Reserve Manager Mike Fabricius observed this one flattening its neck almost like a cobra. He had not seen this behaviour in skaapstekers before, but believes it serves the same purpose - to appear larger and ward off potential threats.

This is a male boomslang. His colour is much darker than that of a female. Boomslange have incredible eyesight, both for hunting and for avoiding predators.

Record-breaking pine clearing Boosmansbos

A successful HeliHack mission has removed 16 276 invasive pine trees, restoring 2 500 hectares of the Boosmansbos Wilderness Area. From 7–9 November 2025, 21 volunteers were airlifted into rugged mountain peaks to tackle areas otherwise unreachable. Over three days, they set a record for both trees cleared and land restored.

The Boosmansbos Wilderness Area, a World Heritage Site and vital water source, feeds the Duivenhoks Dam and supplies around 15 000 residents. Invasive pines, notorious '*water thieves*', threaten these catchments in an already water-scarce region. Their removal is critical for ecosystem health and water security.

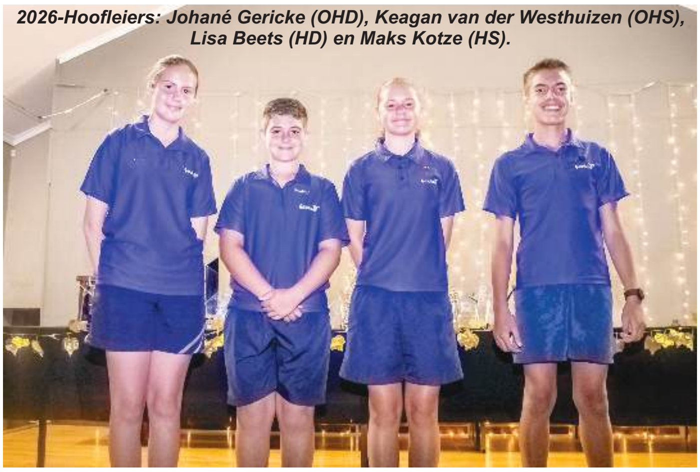
"Healthy ecosystems are the backbone of the Western Cape's water security, livelihoods, and wellbeing. Removing invasive alien species strengthens our catchments and ensures water continues to flow to communities," said Anton Bredell, Western Cape Provincial Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.
"Initiatives like HeliHack help future-proof the Province, where environment, economy, and people can thrive despite climate pressures." CapeNature CEO Dr Ashley Naidoo added: "This record-breaking mission shows how partners like HeliHack provide vital capacity for conservation. By removing invasive trees, we restore ecosystems and protect the water thousands rely on."

This achievement builds on three years of work at Boosmansbos, where HeliHack has cleared 43 189 pines and restored 6 380 hectares - about 40% of the reserve. Pilot missions in 2023 and 2024 proved the approach's success, leading to a formal three-year partnership in 2024. The strategy now extends to four additional CapeNature reserves, reinforcing the commitment to safeguarding biodiversity and securing water resources for communities and nature alike.

Luke Folb, CapeNature Communications Officer

LSG eer sy 2025-sterre

Die Akademiese Prysuitdelingsaand van Laerskool Gansbaai (LSG), wat op 9 Desember 2025 plaasgevind het, het weereens 'n indrukwekkende aantal Toppresteerders op verskeie gebiede opgelewer - te veel om hier volledig te vermeld.



2026-Hoofleiers: Johané Gericke (OHD), Keagan van der Westhuizen (OHS), Lisa Beets (HD) en Maks Kotze (HS).

Die gesellige en opwindende aand is deur ds Hanri Joubert geopen. Hy het onder meer na die speletjie *Minecraft* verwys en Prediker 3 as teksgedeelte gebruik. “Ons kinders ontvang boublokke van ons as ouers om hul *lewenshuise* te bou,” het hy gesê. “Nou moet hulle leer om self daardie *lewenshuise* te bou.” Die skoolhoof, Devin Sauls, het almal verwelkom en met trots terug verwys na die leerders se prestasies en aktiwiteite gedurende 2025. JP Coetzer, voorsitter van die Beheerraad, het namens sy span gelukwense aan die leerders, onderwysers en ouers oorgedra en ook verwys na die Beheerraad se projekte vir 2026, wat reeds in plek is.

Daarna het Devin met die oorhandiging van pryse begin, met 'n volgepakte skoolsaal waar die opwinding byna *tasbaar* was.

2026 - Toppresteerders per graad
Graad 4 - Zaan de Wet; Graad 5 - Merli de Wet; Graad 6 - Lisa Beets; Graad 7 - Johanné Otto, wat ook die Dux-leerder vir 2026 was. Die redaksiespan van die Gans-Berg Nuus wens hierdie leerders, asook elke ander leerder wat toekennings ontvang het, van harte geluk met hul pragprestasies.

2026 - LSG-leiers
Hoofseun - Maks Kotze; Hoofdogter - Lisa Beets; Onderhoofseun - Keagan van der Westhuizen; Onderhoofdogter - Johané Gericke.
Die res van die 2026-leiers (alfabeties) is:
Abbigail Hage, André Leach, Chelsey Els, Chelsey Louw, George Ferreira, Luchay Jansen, Luke Julies, Surané Jansen van Rensburg en Zean Ludick.

Die redaksiespan van die Gans-Berg Nuus wens die nuwe leiers hartlik geluk met hul verkiesing en wens hulle alle sterkte toe met hul belangrike en verantwoordelike taak vir 2026.
(*Foto's: Marna Beets*)

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Gr 4 Toppresteerder: Zaan de Wet.

Gr 5 Toppresteerder: Merli de Wet.

Gr 6 Toppresteerder: Lisa Beets.

Gr 6 Toppresteerder: Johanné Otto (plus Dux-leerder).

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Vier-geslag-storie by LSG...
Van 15-dae-oue baba tot LSG-Hoofdogter

Vier geslagte (2013): Lisa Beets (15 dae oud) in haar ma, Marna Beets se arms (middel), saam met oumagrootjie, Tina Hattingh (links) en ouma Louise Pyper (regs).

Lisa Beets, sowat 12 jaar later, aangewys as LSG se 2026-Hoofdogter en Graad 6 se Toppresteerder.

"Kan jy onthou van die berig wat jy in 2013 oor die vier geslagte dames geskryf het?" het Marna Beets tydens Laerskool Gansbaai (LSG) se Akademiese Prysuitdelingsaand gevra. Die antwoord was "Ja", maar wat het dit met vanaand se prysuitdelings te doen? "Baie," het Marna geantwoord. "Die vierde geslag dogtertjie van destyds, toe ons in Uilenkraalsmond saamgekuier het en sy skaars 15 dae oud was, is vanaand as LSG se Hoofdogter aangewys!" Nou ja - soos die gesegde lui: *say no more!*

Dit is inderdaad Lisa Beets, gebore op 10 Februarie 2013. Sy was 'n skrale 15 dae oud toe sy saam met haar familie in Uilenkraalsmond gekuier het - as die vierde dame-geslag. Sy is destyds saam met oumagrootjie Tina Hattingh (eerste geslag - intussen oorlede), ouma Louise Pyper (tweede geslag) en ma Marna Beets (derde geslag)afgeneem.

Nou, sowat 12 jaar later, is Lisa (vierde geslag) aangewys as LSG se 2026-Hoofdogter, asook Graad 6 se Toppresteerder, met nog toekennings wat haar te beurt geval het. Lisa, as vierde-geslag-dame, het gewis baie om op trots te wees!
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Storie-konsert wat sê: leef elke dag voluit

Elizabeth en Francois: 'Wil jy Dans, Claradyn'.

Liewer laat as nooit, lui die spreekwoord - en in die geval van Francois en Elizabeth se musiek- en storie-konsert met die tema *Wil jy dans, Carina*, was dit allesbehalwe te laat om daaroor te skryf. Die konsert, aangebied op 20 November 2025 deur die NG Kerk se Gansvryheidsdiens te onder leiding van Elcine Hulme en haar gedugte span dames, het die Pretoriussaal gevul met musiek, stories en emosie - en was sonder twyfel 'n enorme sukses.

Met Francois op die kitaar, soms ook Elizabeth, aangevul deur hul sangstemme, kon daar kwalik 'n beter kombinasie wees. Voeg daarby hul uitnodiging aan die gehoor: "As iemand se voete jeuk om hier voor te kom dans, maak gerus so!" - en die toon vir 'n besondere oggend was gestel. Elizabeth het die gehoor herinner dat elke mens en elke gesin 'n storie het - "dit sê dat jy lééf!" het sy gesê. "Elke storie begin êrens, en my storie het begin toe ek my eerste liedjie self geskryf het."

Anita Botha (regs) het die egpaar bedank en 'n blyk van waardering oorhandig.

Daardie storie het verder ontvou met die liedjie wat ontstaan het toe sy en Francois mekaar ontmoet het. "Ons was studente aan die Onderwyskollege en het saam in 'n opvoering opgetree," het sy vertel. "Francois in die manlike rol en ek as diensmeisie in die hoofrol." Lang storie kort: haar antwoord kort daarna was "JA", en die koeël was deur die kerk - met *Wil jy dans, Carina*. Hulle het dit nooit beplan as 'n treffer nie, maar die liedjie het 'n uitstaande sukses geword. In 1992 was dit onder die eerste Top 7-liedjies op RSG, nog in Edwill van Aarde se tyd. Daarna het Elizabeth die een liedjie na die ander geskryf, insluitend sowat 150 kleuterliedjies.

Die res van hul optrede in die Pretoriussaal het die verloop van hul lewens weerspieël. Vir elke belangrike gebeurtenis was daar 'n liedjie wat Elizabeth geskryf het en wat die twee saam gesing en opgevoer het. Dit was juis hierdie storie-konsert-formaat wat vir aanhoudende applous gesorg het. Dit was nie 'n gewone sangoptrede nie, maar 'n unieke kombinasie van musiek, humor, beweging en toneelspel - sonder twyfel genotvol, met baie lag en hier en daar ook 'n traan.

Elizabeth op haar stukke met die kitaar.

Na afloop van die konsert is die gaste met 'n smaaklike ete bederf, voorberei deur die Gansvryheidsdames, soos net húlle dit kan doen. Tydens die gesellige saamkuier was dit duidelik dat baie gaste nog nooit voorheen 'n storie-konsert bygewoon het nie. Elke liedjie het sy eie verhaal vertel, en hierdie twee sangers het dit meesterlik oorgedra. "Elke mens se storie het 'n einde - leef dus elke dag voluit," het Elizabeth afgesluit.

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Elcine Hulme (middel), voorsitter van Gasvryheidsdienste.

CapeNature goes cashless at select Nature Reserves

In line with its commitment to service excellence, sustainability, and safety, CapeNature is excited to announce the transition to a fully cashless payment system at five of its flagship nature reserves, effective 2 February 2026. This move will streamline operations, reduce queue times, and enhance the visitor experience while minimizing the risks associated with cash handling. The following reserves will adopt the cashless system: *Walker Bay Nature Reserve (Gansbaai/Hermanus); *Stony Point Nature Reserve (Betty's Bay); *Robberg Nature Reserve (Plettenberg Bay); *Keurbooms Nature Reserve (Plettenberg Bay); *Bird Island Nature Reserve (Lambert's Bay).

“Going cashless enables us to offer a more secure and efficient experience for our visitors,” said Dr Ashley Naidoo, CEO of CapeNature. “We've taken great care to prepare our teams and ensure that visitors have multiple payment options available for their convenience. As with any change, we understand and expect some implementation issues during the transition. Our visitors are always welcome, and we kindly ask for a little patience and understanding as we adapt.”

Visitors are encouraged to pre-book their permits online to avoid disappointment at the gate. For those arriving without a booking, speed point devices and mobile-friendly QR code payment options will be available on site. For more information, visit www.capenature.co.za, email customercare@capenature.co.za, or call CapeNature at 087 087 8250.

CapeNature Communications Officer: Luke Folb

Smeer die Botter Dik aan

My ma het altyd gesê: “As jy botter in die huis het, smeer dit dik - moenie skaam wees nie.” Vir haar was botter nie net iets wat jy op 'n sny brood sit nie - nee, botter was 'n gebeurtenis. 'n Dankbare oomblik. Daardie smeersel egte botter op varsgebakte brood - dís wanneer jy weet: vandag is 'n goeie dag. Vandag is 'n botterdag.

Deesdae voel die lewe soos margarien-dae - daardie bleek smeersel wat sê dit is “laevet” en “cholesterol-vriendelik”, maar in jou hart weet jy: dis nie regtig lekker nie. Dis die goedkoopste opsie. Dit smeer makliker, hou langer en is meer prakties. Maar niemand skryf liefdesgedigte oor margarien nie. Daar is niemand wat sê: “Mmm, vat nog 'n stuk roosterbrood - hierdie margarien is darem uit die boeke!”

Ons leef ook meer in margarien-tye. Alles voel bietjie plastiek. Mense lag, maar dit klink soos voice notes met 'n filter op. Jy vra hoe dit gaan, en kry die generiese antwoord: “Goed, dankie.” Dis asof almal net smeer om te oorleef - dun, vinnig, maklik afspoelbaar en sonder geur. Sonder daardie vet, vol smaak van egtheid.

'n Botterlewe? Dis wanneer jy weet jy kan maar dik smeer - tyd, aandag, liefde en moeite. Dis daardie vriende wat kom sit sonder om op hul horlosies te kyk. Dis kinders wat Sondag by jou kom eet, want Ma het regte, egte botter in die pampoen gesit. Jou man wat vir jou koffie maak voordat jy vra. Dis gesels sonder haas, lag sonder voorgee. Dis vet. Dis vol. Dis ryk. Dis eg.
Maar nou leef ons in margarien-dae. Jy vat 'n plastiekmes, smeer dun oor die realiteit van die lewe en hoop dit hou jou brood vars. Alles is bietjie minder - minder tyd, minder kontak, minder egtheid. Mense sê margarien is gesonder. Miskien. Maar is dit lewe? Ek sê nie margarien is sleg nie - hy het sy plek. Maar ek wil net nou en dan daardie botterdag hê. Daardie dag waar jy nie na die vetinhoud kyk nie. Waar jy môre se bekommernisse afvee met 'n servet en sê: “Vandag smeer ek dik.”

En dalk, net dalk, kan ons leer om weer bottermense te wees - mense wat voluit gee, sonder om altyd bang te wees vir hoë-cholesterol emosies; mense wat eg is, opreg van hart, warm van gees. Want ja, margarien hou langer - maar botter bly lekkerder. En die lewe, my liewe mens, is te kort vir dun smeer!
(*Oorspronklike teks, anoniem, gewysig en aangepas*)

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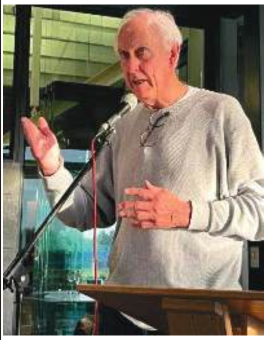
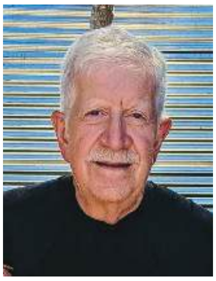

Jaarliks word hoogtepunte en laagtepunte, gevul met lief en leed, in Groter Gansbaai en in ons omliggende dorpe in die Overstrand en Overberg beleef - vir oud en jonk was daar tye van vreugde, tye van hartseer en tye met trotse gevoelens oor opwindende gebeure en prestasies. Slegs enkele hoogtepunte wat deur die Gans-Berg Nuus gedek is, word uitgelig.

Die jaar skop af met die jaarlikse Vissermans Verootmoedigingsdiens vir die jaar se vangste wat voorlê; The much-anticipated Driver's Licence Testing Centre (DLTC) in Gansbaai officially opened its doors for Phase 1 on 14 January; Van beurtkrag en die gepaardgaande trauma sal ons nie veel sê nie, maar eerder vertrou dat dit tans iets van die verlede is; Gedurende April vier Gansbaai se Goue Hande hulle 30ste Goue Jaar - hulle vorm die hartklop van Herberg-aan-See Tehuis vir Bejaardes (HaS).

Drie skokkende moorde, kort na mekaar, is in Blompark gepleeg. Eers was dit Ricardo Tobias (30) op 24 Maart, daarna Eben Olyn (34) op 19 April en Romeo Olyn (16) op 28 September; In Meimaand het dit begin gons oor die beplande Khoisan Bay-ontwikkeling langs De Kelders; Op 1 Mei het 'n grusame motorongeluk naby Stanford die lewens van drie kinders geëis: 'n 7-jarige seun en twee dogters van 8 en 10 jaar oud; On 12 May Overstrand Municipality welcomed its new Executive Mayor, Councillor Archie Klaas; On 10 May Marine Dynamics marked its 25th anniversary in style; South Africa won another Gold at the RHS Chelsea Flower Show.

Die Gans-Berg Nuus het op 3 Julie sy 5de verjaarsdag gevier - vyf jaar waartydens daar met harde werk en deursettingsvermoë van krag tot krag gegroei is; The new Birkenhead Substation boosted electricity supply for the growing region - the Overstrand Executive Mayor, Archie Klaas, officially cut the ribbon on 26 June.

Die vyf Poegie-helde, onder leiding van Manny du Bruyn, het op 29 Julie teruggekeer van hulle Poegie-rit - ná 11 dae in die saal van poegies (motorfietsies tussen 125cc en 150cc), waarmee hulle vanaf Gansbaai na Hentiesbaai in Namibië en terug ten bate van Ikamva Jeugontwikkeling gery het; Danie Maree, afgetrede Hoof van Elektriese Dienste vir Gansbaai, Stanford en later Overstrand Munisipaliteit, is op 26 Julie oorlede; Kort daarna is nóg 'n Gansbaai-legende, Johan Pieterse van Jo-Signs, op 27 Julie oorlede; Die brandseisoen het met verwoestende en kommerwekkende veldbrande afgeskop, met voosgewerkte brandbestryders wat dag en nag gespook het om die brande onder beheer te kry - 'n tyd wat nie ligtelik vergeet sal word nie.

On 21 October the new Trunk Road between Gansbaai and Stanford was officially opened by Minister Tertius Simmers, Western Cape Minister of Infrastructure; Ikamva Youth Development Centre in Blompark, under the leadership of Yolande Sauls, reached a remarkable milestone on 13 November: its 20th anniversary; Gansbaai se Kersliggies is op 5 Desember aangeskakel; Die NGK Kersmark het op 6 Desember begin en duur tot 23 Desember; Die Vissermans Dankdiens op 14 Desember 2025 was weer baie goed bygewoon.

Op 16 Desember 2025 het Gans-Berg Nuus se redaksie, onder leiding van Michelle van Zyl (eienaar/redakteur), 2025 met 'n "Wow!" afgesluit. 'n Suksesvolle *Gansbaai Carols* is in die Gansbaai Gholfklub se saal aangebied, wat baie goed ondersteun is - en wát 'n fees was dit nie! Baie geluk aan Michelle en haar gedugte span, wat baie vooraf harde werk ingesit het om 'n sukses van die dag te maak.

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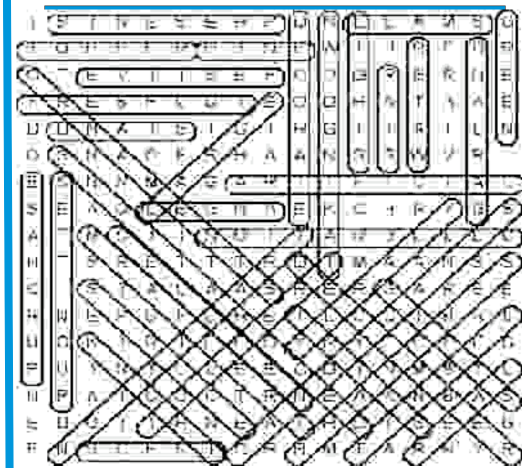

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Dankbare Gansbaai Tennisklublede

Die Gans-Berg Nuus (21 November 2025) het berig oor die vreugde onder die Gansbaai Tennisklublede ná die oprigting van 'n stewige en netjiese omheining rondom die tennisbane. “Die omstandighede by die tennisbane het intussen merkbaar verbeter ná 'n tydperk van gereelde vandalisme,” het die klubvoorsitter, André Snyman van De Kelders, gesê. “Die nuwe, stewige en netjiese omheining is 'n groot aanwins vir die klub.”

Nou het die Gansbaai Tennisklub nóg meer rede tot vreugde. Die oordoen van die bane was aanvanklik uitgestel tot die nuwe begrotingsjaar, maar fondse is intussen beskikbaar gestel - en siedaar, die bane is pragtig deur Gansbaai Munisipaliteit oorgedoen. “Met die tennisbane wat nou ook oorgedoen is, kan ons breed glimlag oor Gansbaai se spoggerige tennisbane,” het André gesê. “Ons is sommer trots om ander tennisklubs vir wedstryde te nooi.”

André, die bestuur en die spelers dra graag hul opregte dank en waardering aan Gansbaai Munisipaliteit oor vir die knap verbeterings, en vertrou dat die tennisbane nie weer onder vandalisme sal deurloop nie.

Gansbaai se herstelde tennisbane.

Hardus Botha

Weather Forecast / Weer Voorspelling

Friday 01/01/2026	Saturday 02/01/2026	Sunday 03/01/2026	Monday 04/01/2026	Tuesday 05/01/2026	Wednesday 06/01/2026
24°	21°	22°	22°	22°	22°
Fresh Breeze 9 m/s from south-east 0 mm precipitation.	Gentle Breeze 4 m/s from south-west 0 mm precipitation.	Fresh Breeze 9 m/s from south-east 0 mm precipitation.	Moderate Breeze 7 m/s from south 0 mm precipitation.	Moderate Breeze 6 m/s from west 0 mm precipitation.	Fresh Breeze 9 m/s from west 0.3 mm precipitation.

Getytafels / Tide Tables

Dag / Day	High	High	Low	Low
2 January	0217	1431	0821	2050
3 January	0305	1519	0912	2135
4 January	0350	1604	0959	2216
5 January	0433	1648	1045	2257
6 January	0515	1730	1129	2336
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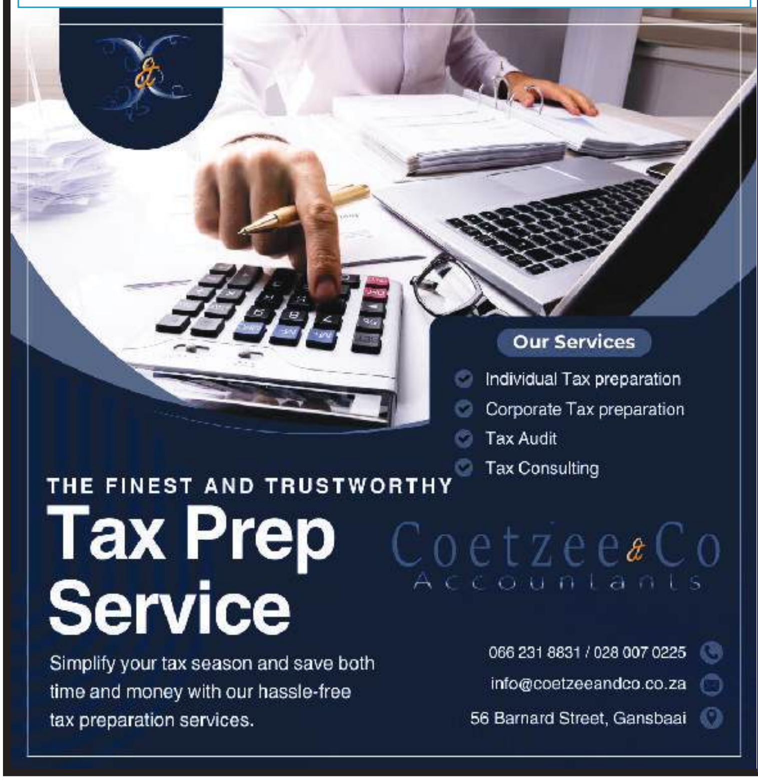

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Western Cape's conservation estate grows by 47 000 hectares

Anysberg.

The Western Cape has added some 47 000 hectares to its conservation estate through the declaration of two new nature reserves and the expansion of two others. This significant expansion in protected areas provides space for Cape mountain zebras to breed and improves the protection of many threatened succulent plants, mammals and bird species across the province.

The declarations have increased the size of two existing nature reserves - Anysberg in the Karoo and the Knersvlakte in Namaqualand by a combined 41 000 hectares. The two newly declared reserves are Waterkloof near Ladismith and Zebraskop in the Gamkaberg area of the Klein Karoo, which add a further 6 000 hectares to this number. All four declarations were made possible with land purchased by WWF South Africa using funds raised through the Leslie Hill Succulent Karoo Trust and other sources.

Together, these properties improve ecological integrity and enhance landscape connectivity. Landscape connectivity is increasingly being appreciated in conservation efforts, creating vital corridors that allow wildlife to move more freely between protected areas. The declarations also count towards South Africa's ambition of conserving 30% of land and marine areas by 2030 - the very ambitious conservation goal set out by the United Nations.

The extension protects 14 vegetation types from both the Succulent Karoo and Fynbos biomes, five of which were previously unrepresented in any protected area. It also strengthens ecological linkages between Anysberg, Sanbona Nature Reserve, Destiny Nature Reserve and the Klipgat stewardship site. This landscape is rich in biodiversity, hosting around 180 bird species, several antelope species, aardvark, leopards, Cape mountain zebras and the Critically Endangered riverine rabbit. The expansion also supports climate change adaptation by helping to maintain essential ecological processes.

In Namaqualand, the Knersvlakte Nature Reserve has been expanded by 34 084 hectares, which is the largest single addition since its establishment in 2014. The 3 952-hectare Zebraskop Nature Reserve has been established to support the Cape mountain zebra genetic programme by securing essential lowland habitat with the potential to double the genetically important Gamkaberg zebra population.

The newly declared 2 062-hectare Waterkloof Nature Reserve forms part of the Klein Swartberg Mountain catchment and will be managed by CapeNature as part of the Swartberg Complex. Declaration summary: Anysberg, Waterkloof, Zebraskop and Knersvlakte: Anysberg 6 918ha; Waterkloof 2 062ha; Zebraskop 3 952ha; Knersvlakte 34 084ha. Total 47 017ha.
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