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## Kwelera National Botanical Garden developments

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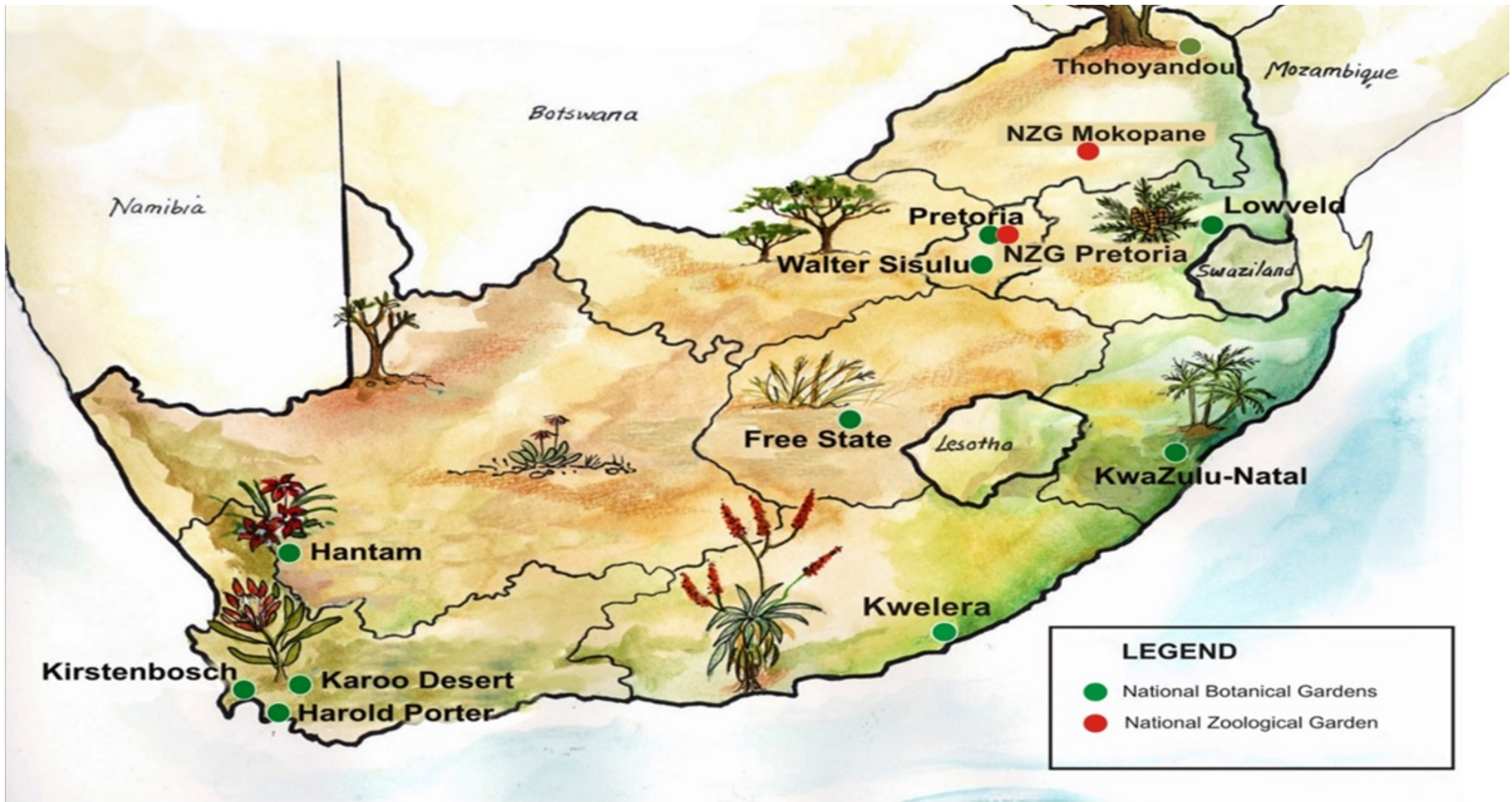
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# Overview

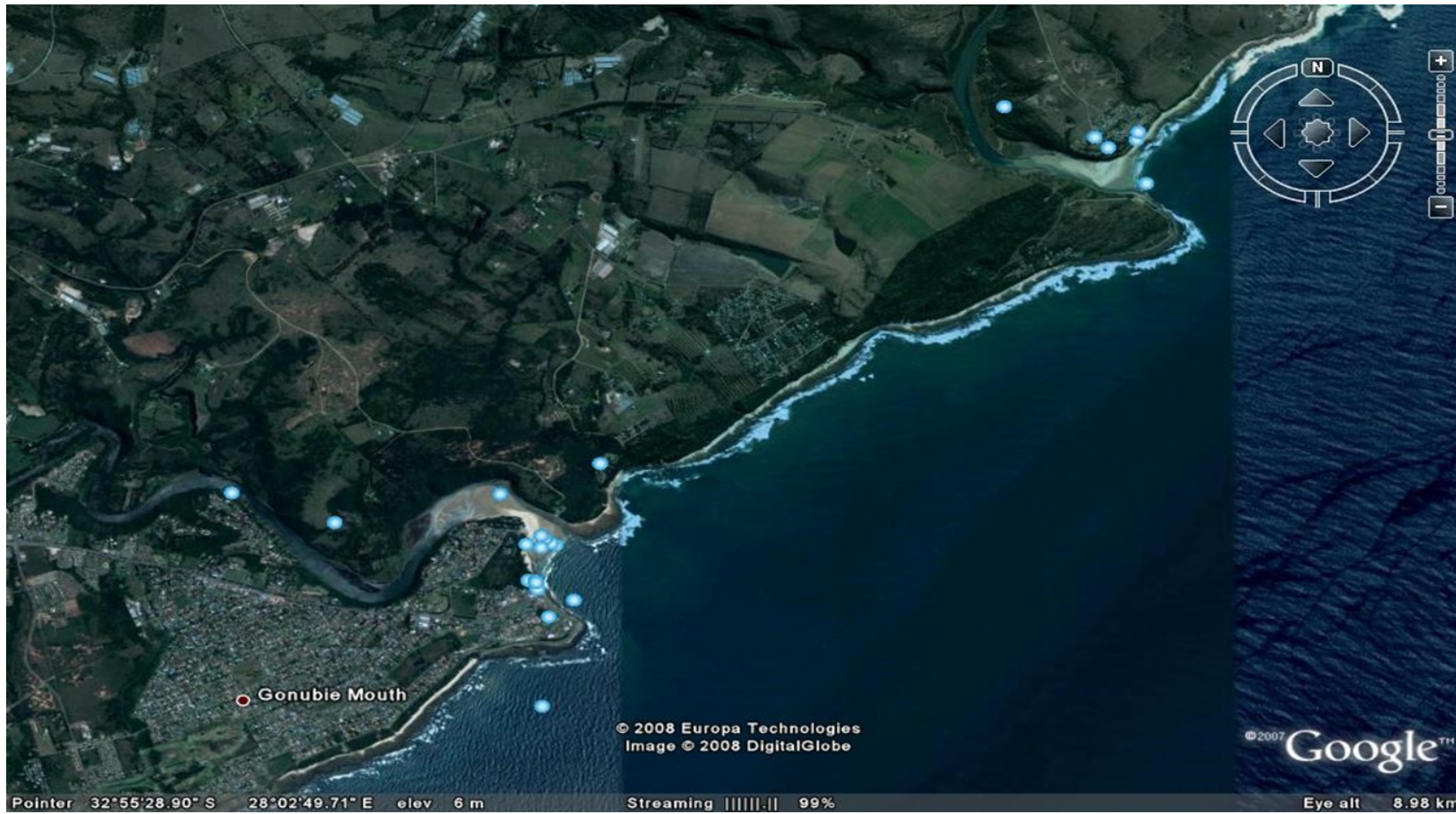
## **KWELERA**

National Botanical Garden

- SANBI has a network of 11 Botanic garden in the country
- Kwelera is SANBI's 10<sup>th</sup> National Botanic Garden
- It is 20km North of East London in the Buffalo City Municipality in EC.
- It extends from the Kwelera estuary to Gonubie estuary in the wild coast.
- Launched in September 2014 and opened in 2015 August.
- The total area is 170 ha of land 160 which a pristine and 10 ha will be the cultivated area.
- 160 ha land portion now co-managed by SANBI and ECPTA
- Representative of coastal dune forest, coastal grassland, Albany Thicket
- There are two villages that are nestled in our garden Sunrise On Sea and Kwelera Village



# KWELERA NATIONAL BOTANICAL GARDENS







# DFFE GARDEN EXPANTION STRATEGY

- The Department's aim was to establish a botanical garden in each province.
- To preserve the environment for future generations.
- By conserving of our biodiversity .
- Creating awareness and environmental education
- Through the living plant collections and plant displays in Botanic Gardens
- Released funding for phase one to commence

# Infrastructure development underway(vc)







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National Botanical Garden  
Visitors' Centre



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Visitors Centre

Back side of the  
Visitors Centre









# What are we doing now

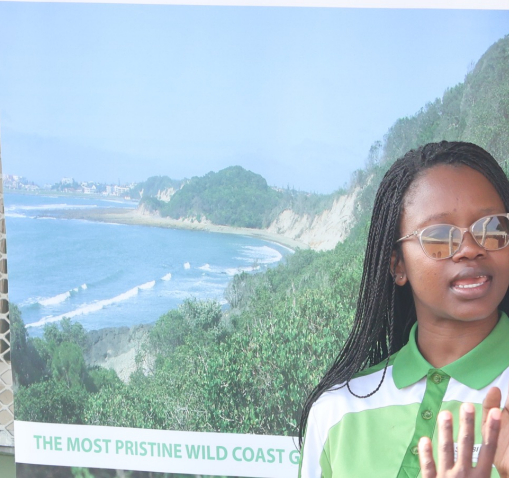
- Alien and invasive species management in the 160 ha of land
- Established a production nursery
- Selling plants to the public , promoting indigenous plants.
- Bulking up skeletal plants
- Environmental education







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## Arbor week

- Planting of trees in nearby schools and communities



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## Environmental Education

- Annual Beach cleanups
- Commemoration of biodiversity events , like water weeks,



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... whether you like it  
or not.  
-Gail Kibbeny

# BALANCE OF INFRASTRUCTURE

- Second phase of infrastructure funding , new nursery structures and plant sales area
- Herbarium, seed bank
- Restaurant
- Landscaping
- Admin buildings
- Environmental education centre

# THANK YOU

