



## WESSA EP Region Organisation Profile - 2012

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<b>Legal Status</b>	Section 21 Company (Not for Profit)
<b>Provinces in which your organisation is active:</b> All provinces in South Africa	
<b>Organisation Vision</b>	
WESSA is a membership based environmental organisation that embraces professionalism and sound corporate governance, fostering collaborative partnerships to succeed in our Mission. With enthusiasm and a spirit of unity, we work to achieve a South Africa that is wisely managed by all to ensure environmental sustainability	
<b>Organisation Mission</b>	
"To promote public participation in people caring for the earth"	
<b>Background information on the organisation</b>	
<p>Formed in 1928, WESSA is the oldest environmental society or association the country. The founding members were concerned mainly about the destruction and possible extinction of single wildlife species due to excessive hunting practices. However, as the organisation grew over the decades, establishing itself as a leading conservation voice in South Africa, WESSA itself was able to understand that the need for adopting best conservation practices needed to be extended to also incorporate wider environmental issues. WESSA was one of the first organisations to understand that in order to preserve entire species, we need to preserve entire habitats and in order to do that, we need to look at the cumulative impact of both the individual and large organisation practices. Like any forward thinking and fluid organisation, we are constantly looking at new ways to do business to expand our vision and mission.</p> <p>WESSA is a volunteer-based NGO (Approximately 7000 members: individuals, companies, organisations and schools), with employed professional staff and volunteers. We are governed by a Board established in terms of the recommendations of the King II Report. WESSA is registered as a Section 21 company registered as an Incorporated Association not for gain.</p>	

WESSA aims to conserve the Earth's vitality and diversity by:

- Promoting sound environmental values and sustainable lifestyles
- Integrating conservation and development
- Encouraging and generating individual and community action
- Securing the protection and wise use of natural resources
- Promoting and participating in environmental education
- Influencing policy and decision making
- Acting as an environmental watchdog

WESSA's focus areas are conservation and environmental education, with cross-cutting themes of water management, biodiversity conservation, sustainable development and climate change response. We strive to achieve these aims through objective engagement and active development of partnerships and networks.

<b>WESSA EP Region Partners &amp; Funders</b>	
<b>Partners</b>	<b>Current Funders</b>
Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality	Mazda Wildlife Fund
Eastern Cape Provincial Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs (DEDEAT)	Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund
SA National Parks	Cadburys
Born Free Foundation (Shamwari)	Coca-Cola Fortune
National Department of Agriculture, Forestry & Fisheries	Orion
National Department of Basic Education	Dumisa/Thontsi Water Education Programme
National Department of Higher Education	ABB
SA National Defence Force	USAID
Eco-Schools (Foundation For Environmental Education, UNESCO)	WWF-SA/Nedbank Green Trust
Blue Flag (FEE, UNESCO)	Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality
Transition Network	Algoa Bus Company
Wilderness Foundation – SA	Lion Roars Foundation
SAMREC	Dynamic Commodities
Zwartkops Conservancy	Canon EC
Botanical Society/CREW	
Birdlife Eastern Cape	
SABC TV & Radio	
SA Police Service	
Printed regional and local media	

<b>Current WESSA EP Programmes &amp; Projects</b>
Eco-Schools Programme – 31 schools from St Francis Bay to NMBM to Paterson, with another 5 school Eco-Clubs (Annual programme, since 2003)
Enjongweni Community Garden Project (4 year contract, 2009-2010)
Nelson Mandela Bay Urban Conservation Programme (2011-2013)
Eastern Cape Forum for Environmental Education & Sustainability
Baakens Valley Ranger Programme (1 year contract, 2012-2013)
Blue Flag (Annual programme, since 2004)
Cape Recife Conservancy (Annual programme, since 2008)
Baviaanskloof Mega-Reserve Project Management/Liaison Committee (Annual forum participation, since 2005)
Marine Week Expo (Annual forum participation, since 2004)
Coega IDZ Environmental Monitoring Committee (Annual forum participation, since 2004)

Aloes EMC (Annual forum participation, since 2004)
Eastern Cape Biodiversity Implementation Programme (Annual forum participation, since 2006)
Transition Network (New forum)
USAID Stepping Up To Sustainability (2011-2012)
DEDEAT Climate Change Training Project (2012)
Camdeboo Municipality Water Saving Training Programme (2 month contract, 2012)