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DAY 1

07:30 – 08:30__Registration

08:30 – 9:15__Welcome

09:15 – 10:00__Opening Address: Dr. Ayanda Sigwela

Thicket: Opportunities for human capacity development (John Barratt 1)

10:00 – 10:45__ Key Note Speaker: Dr. Bob Scholes (CSIR)

Measuring of ecosystem services, agriculture and human wellbeing at a landscape scale in Africa (John Barratt 1)

10:45- 11:15__Tea Break and transition

11:15 – 13:00__**MS 10:** Biometeorology, climatology, and ecology: modelled and remotely sensed estimates of thicket **(John Barratt 1)**

MS 2: Thicket Rehabilitation Initiatives in SANParks **(John Barratt 2)**

13:00 – 14:00__Lunch

14:00– 14:45__Key Note address: Prof. Christo Fabricius (NMMU, Saasveld) **(John Barratt 1)**

Complex systems, drivers and tipping points – critical to understanding social-ecological vulnerability and resilience in Thicket

14:45 – 16:45__**MS 6:** Culture and nature **(John Barratt 1)**

MS 5: Human-predator conflict in the Albany Thicket Biome **(John Barratt 2)**

16:45 – 17:15__Tea Break and transition

17:15 – 18:00__Keynote address feedback, integration and dialogue **(John Barratt 1)**

19:00 – 22:00__GALA dinner with live music (1820 Settlers Monument)

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DAY 2

08:00 – 08:30__Day Delegate registration

08:30 – 9:00__Welcome and opening

09:00 – 9:45__Key Note speaker: Prof. Marja Spierenburg (Vrij University Amsterdam) **(John Barratt 1)**

Private wildlife production and conservation in the Eastern Cape: impacts on farm dwellers' land rights and livelihoods

09:45 – 10:15__Tea Break and transition

10:15 – 12:00__**MS 4:** Shifting land rights and the future of conservation in the Albany Thicket Biome **(John Barratt 1)**

MS 9: Nature conservation on private lands, when farmers meet nature conservationists **(John Barratt 2)**

12:00 – 13:00__Lunch

13:00 – 13:45__Key Note speaker: Ron Thompson

The Principles and Practices of Wildlife Management **(John Barratt 1)**

13:45 – 15:45__**MS 7:** Tourists, hunters and ranchers **(John Barratt 1)**

MS 1: Land Degradation in subtropical thicket **(John Barratt 2)**

15:45 - 16:15__Tea Break and transition

16:15 – 18:00__**MS 12:** Crew with a great cause **(John Barratt 1)**

MS 11: Spekboom (restoration) research: achievements, current research and goals **(John Barratt 2)**

18:30 – 19:30__Thicket Forum AGM **(John Barratt 1)**

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DAY 3

08:00 – 08:30__Day Delegate registration

08:30 – 08:45__Welcome

08:45 – 10:00__Key Note Dialogue:

Dr. Dave Balfour (Eastern Cape Parks and Tourism Agency)

Thicket conservation and the role of ECPTA (John Barratt 1)

Dr. Mike Knight (SANParks)

SANParks Conservation of the Thicket: Lessons learnt and the way forward (John Barratt 1)

10:00 – 10:30__Tea Break and transition

10:30 – 12:15__**MS 8:** Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site: Past, Present, and Future **(John Barratt 1)**

MS 3: The Great Fish River Nature Reserve: a look back **(John Barratt 2)**

12:15 – 13:15__Lunch

13:15 – 15:00__**MS 13:** Ecosystem services, human wellbeing and policy in a new perspective

15:00 – 15:30__Reflections **(John Barratt 1)**

15:30 – 16:00__Closure and prize giving **(John Barratt 1)**



MINI-SYMPOSIUM 1

Land Degradation in Subtropical Thicket

1. Dr. James Gambiza	Zero Net Land Degradation: What does it mean and how do we get there?
2. Roy Heydenrych	Degrading "Spekboom" on Private Land - making room for biodiversity
3. Mike Powell	Pristine Albany Thicket for a one year crop of water melons – can Woolworths and Marks and Spencer please explain?
4. Piet Kruger	Challenges in managing subtropical thicket

MINI-SYMPOSIUM 2

Thicket Rehabilitation Initiatives in SAN-Parks (integrating science and management)

1. Bruce Taplin	The brief for thicket rehabilitation in the Frontier Region
2. Angela Gaylard	An adaptive planning process for integrating rehabilitation and scientific imperatives
3. Zelna Silcock	A structured thicket rehabilitation design to optimize Learning
4. Thembaletu Witbooi	Field monitoring protocols to test the outcomes of thicket rehabilitation
5. Ernest Daemane	Comparison of soil functioning across a degradation gradient: use of Landscape Function Analysis as the basis for evaluating the restoration of ecosystem processes

MINI-SYMPOSIUM 3

The Great Fish River Nature Reserve: a look back

1. Mazwi Mkhulisi	Land Restitution and the implications for Great Fish River Nature Reserve
2. Zimkitha Madikiza	Ecology of the woodland dormouse in a Riverine Combretum forest (Great Fish River Reserve, Eastern Cape)
3. Samantha Page	The feasibility of reintroducing African wild dogs (<i>Lycaon pictus</i>) to the Great Fish River Nature Reserve
4. Dr. Dean Peinke	Black Rhino – using science to guide management

MINI-SYMPOSIUM 4

Shifting land rights and the future of conservation in the Albany Thicket Biome

1. Dr. Georgina Cundill	Pursuing co-management as a resolution to land claims on protected areas in the Eastern Cape: Experiences and future directions
2. Ntsindiso Nongcavu	The Silaka experience
3. Ruth Kruger	The social and ecological opportunities and trade-offs of deproclamation as an outcome of land claims on protected areas
4. Dr. Gladman Thondhlana	Whose reality counts? Understanding shifting meanings of benefits for people in the Albany Thicket Biome
5. Mazwi Mkhulisi	Discussant to reflect on implications of presentations from ECPTA's perspective



MINI-SYMPOSIUM 5	
Human-predator conflict in the Albany Thicket Biome	
1. Kelly Marnewick	Effectiveness of livestock guarding dogs to open the session?
2. Frans Bussiahn	A practical perspective
3. Gareth Mann	Are lethal control methods the way forward?
4. Armand Kok	What are predator densities in the Thicket?
MINI-SYMPOSIUM 6	
Culture and nature	
1. Michelle Cocks	Culture inextricably entwined with nature: Implications for the conservation of cultural heritage and Albany Thicket in the Eastern Cape
2. Susi Vetter	"What is "Xhosa Forest"? Botanical and indigenous ways of classifying thicket vegetation"
3. Tony Dold	Cultural values of nature (video)
4. Michelle Cocks	Cultural landscapes approach
5. Michelle Cocks	Environmental education program, Inkubeko Nendalo
MINI-SYMPOSIUM 7	
Tourists, hunters and ranchers: The role of the game and hunting industry in thicket.	
1. Ron Thompson	Relative-cover factor: The importance for black rhino management
2. Justin Gird	EXTRALIMITALS: Managing giraffe in the thicket
3. Craig Tambling	Changes in buffalo herd dynamics and vigilance behaviour in Sundays River Succulent Thicket after reintroduction of large predators in Addo Elephant NP
4. Howard Gird	EXTRALIMITALS: Managing sable antelope in the thicket
MINI-SYMPOSIUM 8	
Baviaanskloof World Heritage Site: Past, Present, and Future	
1. Japie Buckle	Management history of the Baviaanskloof WHS
2. Tracy Potts	Pending
3. Brian Reeves	An overview of planning, monitoring and research on the Baviaanskloof WHS
4. Sizwe Mokolise	Aligning wilderness area principles with the mandate
MINI-SYMPOSIUM 9	
Nature conservation on private lands, when farmers meet nature conservationists.	
1. Jasper der Vries	The importance of trust in nature restoration
2. Marijn Zwinkels	Debate session on the different view of land use in Sub-tropical Thicket
3. Kira Wiles	Determining the feasibility of a landowner enterprise in the Western Baviaanskloof: An external stakeholder analysis
MINI-SYMPOSIUM 10	
Biometeorology, climatology, and ecology: modelled and remotely sensed estimates of thicket.	
1. Dr. Bob Scholes	The national carbon sinks assessment
2. Stefan Smit	NDVI to estimate vegetation cover change in the Baviaanskloof catchment area

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3. Kathleen Smart	Radiative forcing trade-offs in the thicket: carbon sequestration versus albedo
4. Dugal Harris	Very high resolution remote sensing of <i>P. afra</i> canopy cover
5. Dr. Tony Palmer	Estimating the water use of thicket in AENP
MINI-SYMPOSIUM 11	
Thicket (<i>restoration</i>) research: achievements, current research and goals.	
1. Marius van der Vyver	Spekboom thicket restoration research: Achievements, current research and goals
2. Yolandi Els	Investigating the impact of introducing herbivores (goats) to restored spekboom thicket
3. Cosman Bolus	Carbon and biodiversity monitoring on degraded subtropical thicket lands: Progress and lessons learned from the DEA's, Working-for-Land Programme
4. Kyra Lunderstedt	Biodiversity monitoring on degraded subtropical thicket lands: Preliminary findings from Addo and Baviaanskloof.
MINI-SYMPOSIUM 12	
Crew with a great cause	
1. Adriaan Grobler	Threatened species in conservation planning: The case of the Baakens Valley, Port Elizabeth
2. Andrea Beyer	The real linkages required in conservation practice
3. Clayton Weatherall-Thomas	CREW in Nelson Mandela Bay: A plant conservation priority
4. Lukhanyo Makaka	Conserving the Metropolitan Open Space System in the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan
MINI-SYMPOSIUM 13	
Ecosystem services, human wellbeing and policy in a new perspective	
1. Maura Talbot	Creating a space for 'Payment for Watershed/Ecosystem Services' to emerge
2. Odirilwe Selomane	Ecosystem services and human wellbeing: are we measuring the right things?
3. Dieter Van den Broeck	The Worlds divides: where do we put our attention