RESTORATION BEGINS WITH AWARENESS

... A case study with primary school learners in the Baviaanskloof

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Presentation outline

- Intro ... three questions at the beginning
- Methods
- Outcomes
- Conclusions & Recommendations

Intro ... 3 questions at the beginning

• Why restoration awareness?

• Why Baviaanskloof?

• Why children?

What do we need to know before restoration begins?

- Perception/appreciation of ecos. serv. (ES)
- Awareness about landscape degradation
- Personal relation to the area
- Who (do they think) should act?

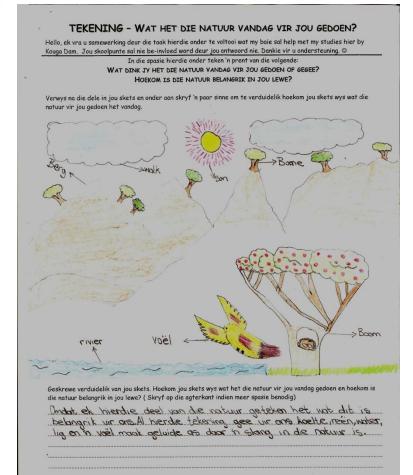
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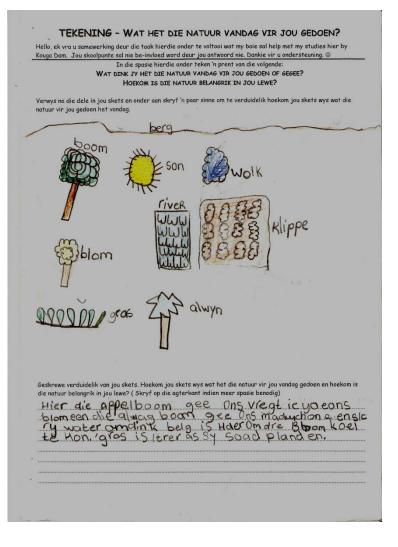
Respondents

- 107 learners (57 girls, 50 boys)
- Local primary school
- Age 9 15 years

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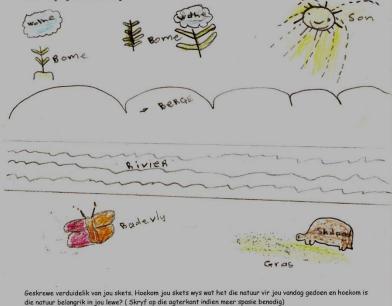
- Data collection methods
- Drawing
- Questionnaire survey
- Group discussions
- Pebble distribution method (PDM)
- Scenario stories
- Interviews with locals, observation



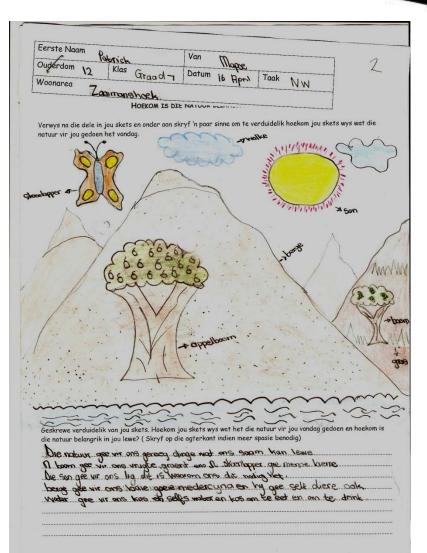


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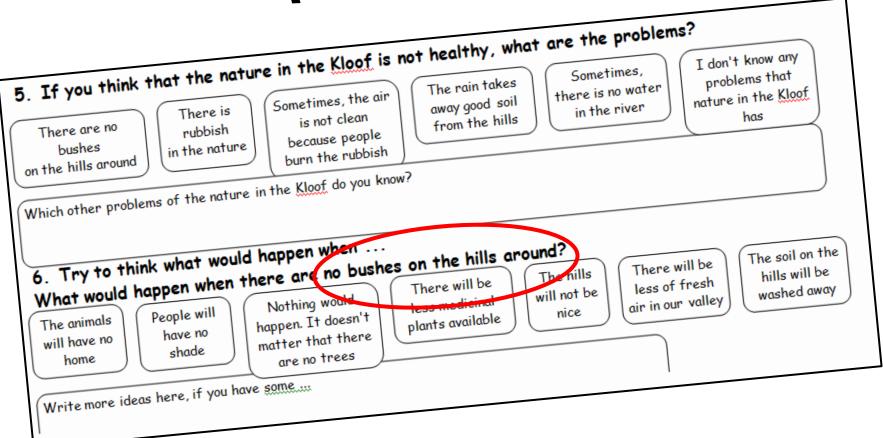
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Questionnaire



ES's provided by vegetation

- Froauction fce/
 Food
- Raw material
- Medicinal resources



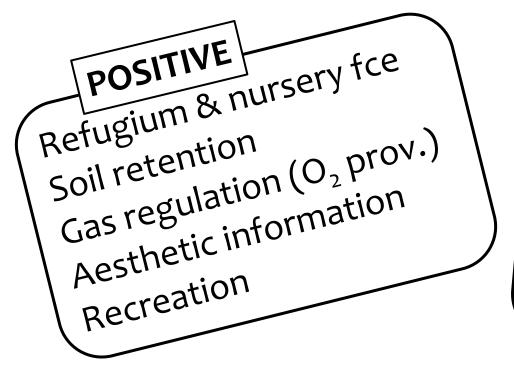


- Climate regulation
- Soil retention
- Waste treatment

Information fce

- Aesthetic info
- Recreation

Positive × Not Clear Perceptions



Food provision?

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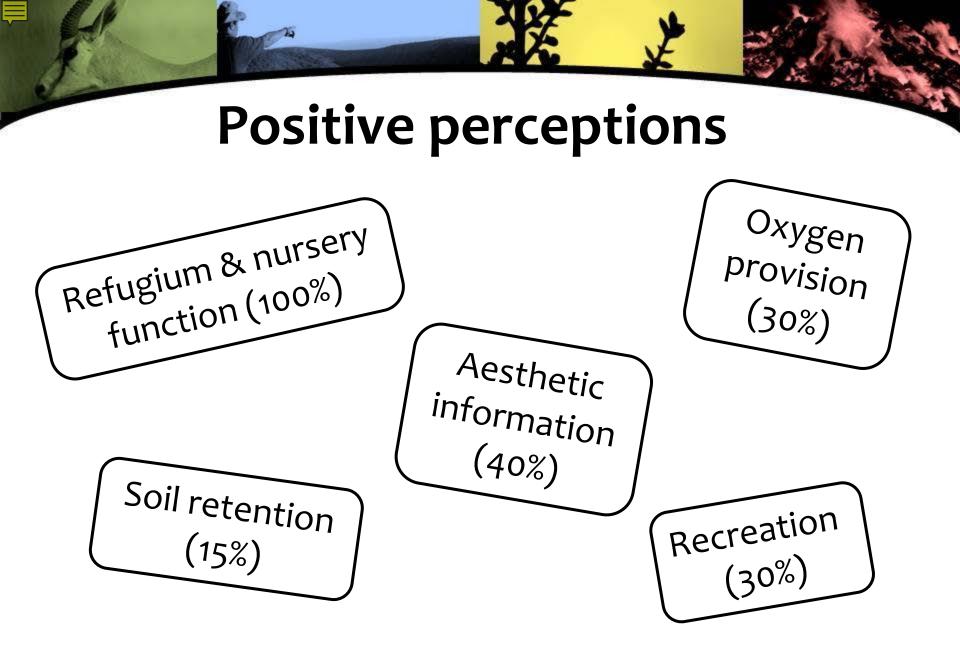
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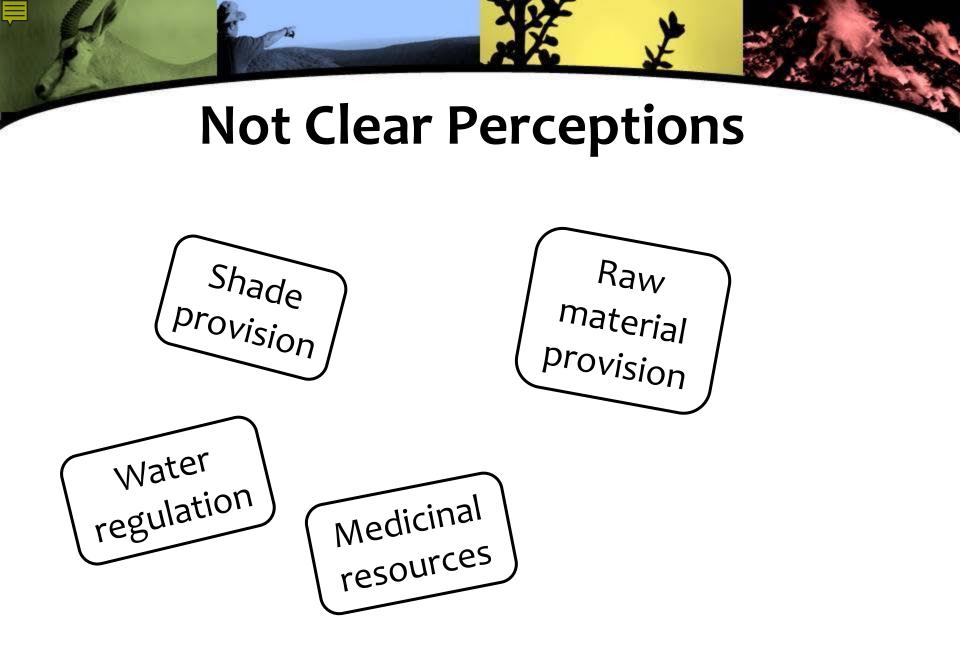
Waste treatment

Climate reg.

Raw materials

Medicinal res.





Perception of Landscape Degradation

LD seen as a loss of:

- Homes of animals (60%)
- Shade for people (50%)
- Aesthetic information (40%)

Causes : livestock (50%) Solution: restoration (60%)

Personal relation to the Baviaanskloof

Wish to stay/live in the Baviaanskloof

| | City (office job) | Kruger NP (tourist guide) | Baviaanskloof (tourist guide) |
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| Girls | 30% | 30% | 40% |
| Boys | 60% | 20% | 20% |

Who should take an action?

Everyone else but not me or people from the community!

Conclusions

- Learners perceive ES's from all ecosystem function groups
- The relevance of these perceptions for restoration activities differs
- Learners have some misconceptions or not clear perceptions of ES provided by vegetation
- One third of them has very **positive relation** to the Baviaanskloof

Recommendations

Before restoration begins, find out:

- Do the stakeholders recognize LD?
- Do they perceive it as a problem?
- Are they aware of what they loose/gain?
- Are they aware what to do and why?
- Do they want to cooperate?

Thank you for your attention



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