SUMMARY OF THE GARDEN ROUTE DISTRICT COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME 2025/2026 – 2030/2031

The Garden Route District Coastal Management Programme (CMP) 2025/2026 – 2030/2031 provides a strategic framework for the coordinated, sustainable and equitable management of the district's coastal zone. Prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act 24 of 2008), it aligns district coastal management priorities with applicable national and provincial programmes and the National Estuarine Management Protocol.

The Programme covers the coastal areas of Hessequa, Mossel Bay, George, Knysna and Bitou Local Municipalities, from the Breede Estuary at Witsand in the west to the Bloukrans River in the east. It addresses coastal public property, coastal access land, the coastal protection zone, estuaries and associated natural and cultural resources, within the respective responsibilities of the relevant authorities.

The coastal vision is: *"Adaptive coastal management for a future of sustainability, prosperity, awareness, responsibility, equality, natural beauty and abundance."*

The CMP sets out 14 coastal management objectives. Key priorities include safeguarding fair and environmentally responsible public coastal access; managing coastal development and infrastructure; reducing risks from climate change, coastal erosion, flooding and storms; conserving and rehabilitating coastal biodiversity; improving estuary management, water quality and pollution control; protecting coastal cultural heritage; strengthening disaster preparedness, compliance and enforcement; and promoting environmental education, research and monitoring. It also supports sustainable livelihoods, responsible tourism, recreation and economic opportunities that maintain the ecological integrity and distinctive character of the Garden Route coast.

Implementation is guided by priority strategies and actions identifying responsible institutions, indicative timeframes, resource requirements and performance indicators. The Garden Route District Municipal Coastal Committee facilitates cooperation, stakeholder participation and monitoring of implementation. The Programme is subject to review at least once every five years, as required by the Act.

OPSOMMING VAN DIE GARDEN ROUTE-DISTRIK SE KUSBESTUURSPROGRAM 2025/2026–2030/2031

Die Kusbestuursprogram (KBP) vir die Garden Route-distrik, 2025/2026–2030/2031, bied 'n strategiese raamwerk vir die gekoördineerde, volhoubare en billike bestuur van die distrik se kussone. Die program is opgestel ooreenkomstig die Wet op Nasionale Omgewingsbestuur: Geïntegreerde Kusbestuur, 2008 (Wet 24 van 2008), en bring die distrik se kusbestuursprioriteite in ooreenstemming met toepaslike nasionale en provinsiale programme en die Nasionale Estuariumbestuursprotokol.

Die Program dek die kusgebiede van die plaaslike munisipaliteite Hessequa, Mosselbaai, George, Knysna en Bitou, vanaf die Breëriviermonding by Witsand in die weste tot by die Bloukransrivier in die ooste. Dit sluit openbare kuseiendom, kustoegangsgrond, die kusbeskermingsone, riviermondings en verwante natuurlike en kulturele hulpbronne in, binne die onderskeie verantwoordelikhede van die betrokke owerhede.

Die kusvisie lui: *"Aanpasbare kusbestuur vir 'n toekoms van volhoubaarheid, voorspoed, bewustheid, verantwoordelikheid, gelykheid, natuurskoon en oorvloed."*

Die KBP stel 14 kusbestuursdoelwitte uiteen. Sleutelprioriteite sluit in die beskerming van billike en omgewingsverantwoordelike openbare toegang tot die kus; die bestuur van kusontwikkeling en infrastruktuur; die vermindering van risiko's wat met klimaatsverandering, kuserosie, oorstromings en storms verband hou; die bewaring en herstel van kusbiodiversiteit; die verbetering van estuariumbestuur, watergehalte en besoedelingsbeheer; die beskerming van die kus se kulturele erfenis; die versterking van rampgereedheid, nakoming en wetstoepassing; en die bevordering van omgewingsopvoeding, navorsing en monitering. Dit ondersteun ook volhoubare bestaansmiddele, verantwoordelike toerisme, ontspanning en ekonomiese geleenthede wat die ekologiese integriteit en unieke karakter van die Garden Route-kus behou.

Die uitvoering word gerig deur prioriteitstrategieë en -aksies wat verantwoordelike instellings, aanduidende tydraamwerke, hulpbronbehoeftes en prestasie-aanwysers identifiseer. Die Garden Route-distrik se Munisipale Kuskomitee bevorder samewerking, deelname deur belanghebbendes en die monitering van die uitvoering. Die Program moet minstens een keer elke vyf jaar hersien word, soos deur die Wet vereis.

ISISHWANKATHELO SENKQUBO YOLAWULO LONXWEME YESITHILI SASEGARDEN ROUTE 2025/2026–2030/2031

INkqubo yoLawulo loNxweme yeSithili saseGarden Route (CMP) 2025/2026–2030/2031 ibonelela ngesikhokelo sobuchule solawulo olulungelelanisiweyo, oluzinzileyo nolunobulungisa kummandla wonxweme wesithili. Iqulunqwe ngokuhambelana noMthetho weSizwe woLawulo lokusiNgqongileyo: uLawulo oluHlangeneyo loNxweme, ka-2008 (uMthetho 24 ka-2008), kwaye ilungelelanisa izinto eziphambili kulawulo lonxweme lwesithili kunye neenkqubo zesizwe nezephondo ezifanelekileyo, kwakunye neProthokholi yeSizwe yoLawulo lwamaChweba eMilambo.

Le Nkqubo ibandakanya imimandla eselunxwemeni yoomasipala basekhaya baseHessequa, eMossel Bay, eGeorge, eKnysna naseBitou, ukusuka kwichweba loMlambo iBreede eWitsand ngasentshona ukuya kuMlambo iBloukrans ngasempuma. Ijongana nepropathi yoluntu eselunxwemeni, umhlaba olungiselelwe ukufikelela koluntu elunxwemeni, indawo yokhuselo lonxweme, amachweba emilambo kwakunye nemithombo yendalo neyenkcubeko enxulumene nazo, ngokwemisebenzi noxanduva lwabasemagunyeni abafanelekileyo.

Umbono wolawulo lonxweme ngulo: “Ulawulo lonxweme oluziqhelanisa neemeko eziguqukayo ukuze kubekho ikamva lozinzo, lempumelelo, lolwazi, loxanduva, lokulingana, lobuhle bendalo nentabalala.”

I-CMP ichaza iinjongo ezili-14 zolawulo lonxweme. Izinto eziphambili ziquka ukuqinisekisa ukuba uluntu lufikelela elunxwemeni ngokulinganayo nangendlela enoxanduva kokusingqongileyo; ukulawula uphuhliso lonxweme neziseko zophuhliso; ukunciphisa imingcipheko ebangelwa lutshintsho lwemozulu, ukhukuliseko lonxweme, izikhukula nezaqhwithi; ukulondoloza nokubuyisela indalo eyahlukeneyo yonxweme; ukuphucula ulawulo lwamachweba emilambo, umgangatho wamanzi nolawulo longcoliseko; ukukhusela ilifa lenkcubeko eliselunxwemeni; ukomeleza ukulungela iintlekele, ukuthotyelwa nokunyanzeliswa kwemithetho; nokukhuthaza imfundo, uphando nokubekwa kweliso kwimiba yokusingqongileyo. Ikwaxhasa iindlela zokuphila ezizinzileyo, ukhenketho olunoxanduva, imisebenzi yolonwabo kunye namathuba ezoqoqosho agcina impilo yezixokelelwano zendalo neempawu ezizodwa zonxweme lwaseGarden Route.

Ukuphunyezwa kweNkqubo kukhokelwa zizicwangciso-buchule namanyathelo aphambili achaza amaziko anoxanduva, amaxesha aqikelelweyo, iimfuno zezibonelelo nezalathisi zokulinganisa inkqubela. IKomiti kaMasipala yoLawulo loNxweme yeSithili saseGarden Route iququzelela intsebenziswano, ukuthatha inxaxheba kwabachaphazelekayo nokubekwa kweliso ekuphunyezweni kweNkqubo. Le Nkqubo kufuneka ihlolwe kwakhona ubuncinane kube kanye qho kwiminyaka emihlanu, njengoko kufunwa nguMthetho.