



Waterberg District Municipality

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Chapter 1

Profile overview



About

The Waterberg District Municipality, established in 2000, is in South Africa's Limpopo Province. It's the largest of five districts, spanning 45,000 km2. Our mission is to nurture skilled human capital for a sustainable economy in energy, minerals, and eco-tourism. Their vision aims to become Southern Africa's energy hub and eco-tourism hotspot.

Overview

761590

Population size

South Africa

Country

Africa

Region



Preciousstone Raputsoa, Mayor of Waterberg District Municipality

Head of government

Platform engagement statistics



9

Actions made on the Action Platform

Achievements

Profile awards

The city has updated their profile and achieved the following:



Starter profile
67% complete



Frontrunner profile
80% complete



Star profile
0% complete

The Nature Pathway

The city has engaged with the Nature Pathway to integrate nature throughout their city's plans, policies and operations.



Starter profile
0% complete



Frontrunner profile
0% complete



Star profile
0% complete

Tools & resources hub

The city has made uploads to the CitiesWithNature tools & resources hub, which provides a knowledge-sharing platform for cities to share information and inspire one another.



Starter profile
0% complete



Frontrunner profile
0% complete



Star profile
0% complete

Action Platform

The CitiesWithNature Action Platform is endorsed by the UN Convention on Biological Diversity for cities to make commitments, share their actions and set targets for people and nature to flourish.



Starter profile
100% complete



Frontrunner profile
100% complete



Star profile
50% complete

Chapter 2

The Action Platform



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Action area 1

Protect and restore nature

Commitment Made:

Protect, connect and restore ecosystems

Decrease conversion of natural areas and maintain natural/semi-natural areas

Description of how city is taking action

Approximately 84.8% of the Waterberg District is natural or near natural land cover. Instruments that are critical in providing the policy and strategic frameworks for maintaining the wild or natural nature of the Waterberg, include the Waterberg District Municipality LBSAP, the WDM Bioregional Plan and the WDM Environmental Management Framework.

Restore and/or rehabilitate terrestrial, freshwater and coastal ecosystems.

Description of how city is taking action

The WDM LBSAP Outcome 2.1 proposes that "Water resources and their supporting aquatic ecosystems are identified, protected and restored to secure the supply of water and other benefits from aquatic systems, using existing planning tools."

Increase the extent of areas in the city that are conserved through Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs).

Description of how city is taking action

Outcome 3.3 of the WDM LBSAP proposes that: "The network of protected areas, conservation areas and Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) includes a representative sample of ecosystems and species and is effectively managed."

Integrate ecosystem protection considerations across policies, plans and programmes.

Description of how city is taking action

The WDM LBSAP Outcome 3.2 proposes that "The value and importance of biodiversity for different sectors (especially mining, agriculture and tourism) is clarified, e.g. service delivery support, risk mitigation, adaptation and resilience value, economic value and revenue generation, to facilitate the integration of biodiversity into sector planning." Similarly, the WDM LBSAP Outcome 3.4 proposes that "Biodiversity considerations are embedded into district and local municipal planning and mechanisms for effective alignment between WDM objectives and local municipal inputs are clarified."

Commitment Made:

Conserve and restore fauna and flora

Restore habitat for threatened and locally valued species

Description of how city is taking action

The WDM LBSAP proposes that: "Given the importance of for example ecotourism in the district, the WDM has a strategy for investing in the protection, restoration and enhancement of key/priority biodiversity assets in the district so as to secure continued benefits to society." (Outcome 5.1)

Other commitments under this action area

Manage invasive alien species

Control Pollution

Climate change adaptation and mitigation



Action area 2

Use nature sustainably

Commitment Made:

Equitable benefits through sustainable use of wild species

Ensure the sustainable management and use of wild terrestrial, freshwater and marine species to provide nutritional, food security, medicinal and livelihood benefits for urban communities, especially sustainable customary use by vulnerable groups

Description of how city is taking action

The WDM LBSAP defines its vision: "To conserve, manage and sustainably use biodiversity in the Waterberg District Municipality to ensure equitable benefits and to support a thriving green economy." In addition, Outcome 1.2 of the WDM LBSAP proposes that "Bioprospecting opportunities are scoped and assessed for economic, market and harvesting feasibility. Benefit streams and beneficiaries are identified, with emphasis on poorer communities and achieving equitable distribution of benefits."

Commitment Made:

Promote people's access to green and blue spaces

Increase equitable and inclusive access to nature to enhance people's health and wellbeing.

Description of how city is taking action

The WDM emphasises that the re-imagining and creation of social, health, environmental and economic benefits of "Open space" in both urban and rural contexts, must be realised. Open space has long been recognized as a key building block of inclusive communities. But, for the WDM, open space needs to be strategically leveraged in support of both the rural and urban poor. Thus, one of the three priority projects identified in the WDM LBSAP focuses on Urban Green Open Space to support Local Economy. Since open spaces seem to be quite well utilised by small-, medium- and micro-enterprises, this presents an opportunity to leverage Corporate Social Responsibility to support small business in urban open spaces.

Other commitments under this action area

Biodiversity in urban agriculture, aquaculture and forestry



Action area 3

Develop tools and solutions

Commitment Made:

Use relevant knowledge, including traditional knowledge, for effective biodiversity management

Promote the value of nature through awareness and education campaigns

Description of how city is taking action

The WDM LBSAP states in Outcome 4.1 that it commits to building "awareness of the value of biodiversity is enhanced through effective messaging and nature-oriented demonstrations as well as mainstreaming of the value of biodiversity into primary and secondary education curricula."

Commitment Made:

Mobilize resources for biodiversity actions

Increase financial and technical support for biodiversity actions

Description of how city is taking action

The WDM set out finance-related commitments in the LBSAP as follows: Outcome 5.2: An investment strategy addresses a wide diversity of biodiversity types, ranging from intact ecosystems, to semi-intact ecosystems to man-made ecosystems and accommodates biodiversity in urban as well as rural settings. And Outcome 5.3: The financial instruments and avenues available for investing in nature and biodiversity are known and understood.

Other commitments under this action area

Mainstreaming biodiversity values

Sustainable production and consumption

Equitable and effective participation of indigenous peoples and local communities in biodiversity-related decision-making

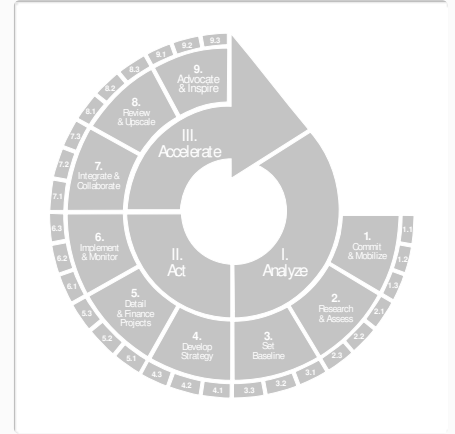
Chapter 3

Nature Pathway



Nature Pathway

The Nature Pathway assists cities with integrating nature throughout their city's plans, policies and operations.



I. Analyze

1. Commit & mobilize

No uploads or resources have been linked

2. Research & assess

No uploads or resources have been linked

3. Set Baseline

No uploads or resources have been linked

II. Act

4. Develop strategy

No uploads or resources have been linked

5. Detail & finance projects

No uploads or resources have been linked

6. Implement & monitor

No uploads or resources have been linked

III. Accelerate

7. Integrate & collaborate

No uploads or resources have been linked

8. Review & upscale

No uploads or resources have been linked

9. Advocate & inspire

Chapter 4

City Biodiversity Index



City Biodiversity Index

The City Biodiversity Index (CBI) is a self-assessment tool for cities to evaluate and monitor the progress of their biodiversity conservation efforts against their own individual baselines.

This city has measured the following total CBI score out of 112 points:

4 Points

Native biodiversity in the city

Core Component Total Score: 4 of 36 points



Indicator 9

Proportion of invasive alien species

Your cities proportion of invasive alien species is 5.5%

Score: 3 points
Submitted: April 30, 2024



Indicator 1

Proportion of natural areas in the city

The total area natural, restored and naturalised areas is currently 296250 squared meters. Divided by the total area of the city of 45000 squared meters. Multiplied by 100% equals 658.3%.

Score: 4 points
Submitted: October 02, 2024



Indicator 8

Proportion of protected natural areas

Area of protected or secured natural areas is 713% of total area of the city

Score: 4 points
Submitted: October 02, 2024

Ecosystem services provided by biodiversity

Core Component Total Score: 1 of 20 points



Indicator 12

Recreational services

Your cities area of parks, nature conservation areas and other green spaces with natural areas and protected or secured accessible natural areas is 164 ha. This is 0.164 ha per 1000 persons

Score: 1 points
Submitted: October 02, 2024

Governance and management of biodiversity

Core Component Total Score: 4 of 56 points



Indicator 17

Policies, rules and regulations – existence of local biodiversity strategy and action plan

The status of LBSAP (or any equivalent plan); number of associated CBD initiatives for your city is: **2**

Score: 2 points

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Indicator 19

State of green and blue space management plans in the city

Your city's green and blue space management score is: 2

Score: 2 points

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Indicator 20

Biodiversity-related responses to climate change

Your city's plans for biodiversity-related responses score is: 1

Score: 1 points

Submitted: October 02, 2024



Indicator 21

Policy and/or incentives for green infrastructure as nature-based solutions

Your city's status of policies, regulations and incentives to promote and support the implementation of green infrastructure as nature-based solutions in cities score is: 1

Score: 1 points

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Indicator 28

Community science

The number of community scientists in your city per 1 million residents is 2680.7

Score: 4 points

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Chapter 5

Tools & resources



Tools & resources

All tools & resources the city has uploaded to the CitiesWithNature Tools & resources hub.

Waterberg District Municipality has not yet posted any tools and resources



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