

Joint 4th Annual Thicket Forum Meeting
& 42nd Annual Congress of the Grassland Society of Southern Africa

THICKET FORUM MEETING:

Time	Description	Speakers	Hosts, Session Chairs & Notes
	Tuesday, 17 July 2007		
18:00 – late	OPENING DINNER: Eastern Cape Theme Evening, featuring <i>Boet 'n Swaer</i>		Host: Gillian K McGregor, Rhodes University Welcome: Bill Rawlston, Coastal & Environmental Services
	Wednesday, 18 July 2007		
08:30 – 09:30	<u>Opening of the 4th Annual Thicket Forum Meeting</u>	Opening Address: Sam Mfenyana, Acting HOD, Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development & Environmental Affairs Keynote Address: Ms Leonie S Joubert , author of <i>scorched, South Africa's changing climate</i>	Chair: Gillian K McGregor
09:30 – 10:30	Question and Answer session, followed by Announcements		Chair: Gillian K McGregor
10:30 – 10:45	TEA		
10:45-11:45	Platform Session & Discussion: Livelihoods in the Thicket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voices from the forest: the interdependence of biological and cultural diversity (<i>Michelle Cocks and Tony Dold</i>) • Conserving our Thicket: The Africulture Model (<i>Philip L Crous</i>) 	Chair: Abigail I Kamineth
11:45 – 13:00	Platform Session & Discussion: Conservation, Rehabilitation and Stewardship of Thicket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Title to be confirmed</i> (<i>Victoria Wilman</i>) • Carbon stocks in the subtropical thickets of Baviaanskloof (<i>Mike Powell, Anthony J Mills and Charlie M Shackleton</i>) • <i>Provisional title:</i> Carbon economy of the 	Chair: To be confirmed

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		Thicket (<i>Ayanda Sigwela</i>)	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH		
14:00 – 15:30	Platform Session & Discussion: Current and Proposed Research in the Thicket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phylogeographic Studies in Southern African Thicket: <i>Schotia</i> (<i>Syd Ramdhani, Michelle Behenna, Richard M Cowling and Nigel P Barker</i>) Control of bush encroachment in the coastal areas of the Eastern Cape (<i>Simphiwe P Nobatyi</i>) Sharing the Labour Force through effective negotiations – insights in the pollination of Aloes (<i>Christo Botes, Steve Johnson and Richard M Cowling</i>) The significance of flavonoid variation in <i>Portulacaria afra</i> (spekboom) (<i>Bertie (A) M Ras</i>) 	<p>Chair: Pieter W Conradie</p> <p><i>Standard presentations, 15 minutes each with 5min question time</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	TEA in conjunction with		
15:45 – 16:45	Poster Session & Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engaging civil society in Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality's conservation action (<i>Abigail I Kamineth, Morgan Griffiths and Howard Bulkin</i>) Livestock in Municipal commonage: What is really happening in the Makana Local Municipality? (<i>Nick A Davenport and James Gambiza</i>) An investigation of the effects of thicket removal at a site in Sundays River Valley (<i>Lauren van der Merwe and Gillian K McGregor</i>) Seed germination and seedling survival in coastal Thicket: initial results (<i>Clayton R Weatherall-Thomas and Eileen E Campbell</i>) The extent of public green space and alien species in ten small towns of the Thicket Biome, South Africa (<i>Matthew McConnachie, Charlie M Shackleton and Gillian K McGregor</i>) 	<p>Chair: Lynn Phillips</p> <p><i>Each person to "talk" to their posters for 5 to 10 mins</i></p>
17:00 – 18:00	<i>Thicket Forum Annual General Meeting</i>		

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18:00 onwards	FREE EVENING		
	Thursday, 19 July 2007		
08:30 –10:10	Platform Session & Discussion: Planning and Implementation in the Thicket	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research for implementation: what we must think about and what we must do (<i>Richard M Cowling</i>) • Experiences in bioregional programme implementation (<i>Mandy Cadman</i>) • Mapping land manager factors which affect implementation of the STEP (<i>Andrew T Knight</i>) • Eastern Cape Biodiversity Plan: Mainstreaming biodiversity in land use decision-making in the Eastern Cape Province (<i>Derek Berliner, P Desmet and A Young</i>) 	Chair: Andrew T Knight
10:10 – 10:40	TEA		
10:40 – 13:00	Discussion: Range, Forage and Thicket: Challenges in the 21 st Century & Issues in the Game Industry, with a focus on extra-limital species	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An investigation of lion populations in Eastern Cape reserves (<i>Michaela K Piehl and Gillian K McGregor</i>) • <i>Prof. Ric Bernard, Dept of Zoology, Rhodes University</i> • <i>Dr. Norbert Dräger, Veterinarian</i> • <i>Angus Sholto-Douglas</i> 	Chair: Dave A Balfour
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH		
15:40 – 17:20	Thicket Forum: Wrap up, Overview and Way Forward		Chairs: Gillian K McGregor and Andrew T Knight
15:20 – 15:40	TEA		
18:30 onwards	GALA DINNER (Sponsored by the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture)	Opening Address: to be announced	Master of Ceremonies: Dr James Gambiza, Rhodes University