

PROJECT PORTRAIT

Collecting Literature on Biodiversity of Overberg
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What is this project about?

This project collected and organized research related to the biodiversity of the Overberg region in the Western Cape. The study was done in partnership with Flower Valley Conservation Trust on behalf of the Agulhas Biodiversity Initiative (ABI).

Brenda Daly, student in the UCT Library and Information Studies Centre, carried out this collation supervised by Michelle Kahn.

The process

With information on known past researchers and the defined geographical and relevant areas focused on, a comprehensive search strategy was formed. This identified databases and web-based literature.

Findings were screened for relevance based on quality, biodiversity, and geographic coverage. Unpublished/grey material was included.

A total of 136 publications were collected. These covered areas such as: Marine Resources, Sustainable Use, Alien Invasive, Plant Studies, Eskom EIA Resources, Climate Change, Resources Management, Terrestrial, Socioeconomic, and Wetland & Water.

Using the research

The results were published on the Agulhas Biodiversity Initiative (ABI) website. They are open for use by parties in Overberg for improved decision-making in terms of biodiversity management. The report is also available on the Co-op website.

The project was completed in **August 2015**.



Stunning fynbos in the ABI region

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