

## Fabulous Flora of the Western Cape XX (Group name and date)

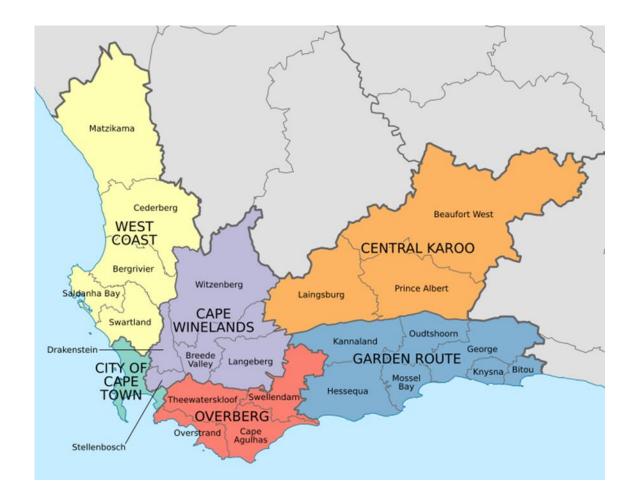
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#### Who are we?



CapeNature is the part of government that protects natural occurring plant and animal life (biodiversity) in the Western Cape.



NOW - Introducing our incredible staff...



## What are we going to do today?

- Look at the incredible flora that is found in the Western Cape
- Look at the threats to this flora
- Look at what can be done about the problem





# What is your current understanding of the problem?

Quick activity - have a quick discussion around why the audience thinks our flora is special and under threat.



## Incredible floral biodiversity



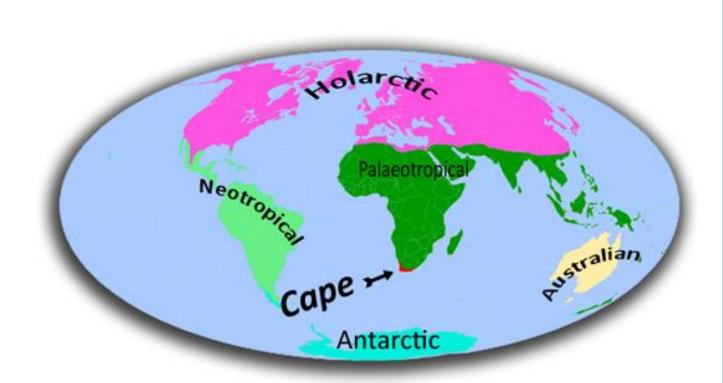






## Unique and irreplaceable flora

The Western Cape is home to the Greater Cape Floral Region – the smallest but most diverse of the six Floral Kingdoms of the world.





### Many species found nowhere else in the world

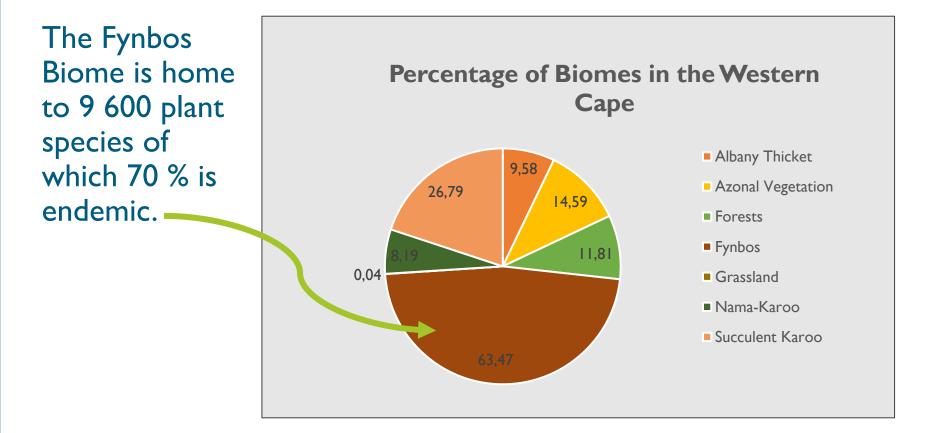
13 489 recorded plant species in the Province of which 50% are endemic.

# 50 %

Almost 7 800 species found nowhere else in the world!



## The Biomes of the Western Cape

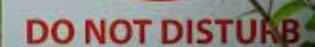




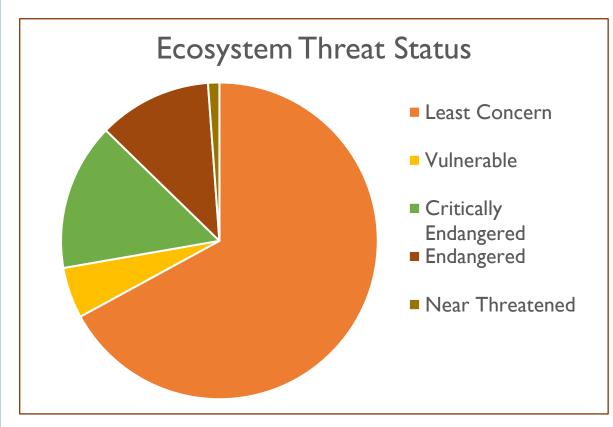
## The problem

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## **INVASIVE PLANTS**



#### **Ecosystem status**



Ecosystems are units that have been identified and delineated as part of a hierarchical classification system, based on biotic and/or abiotic factors. Factors used to map and classify ecosystems differ in different environments. Ecosystem types can also be defined as vegetation types.



## **Primary pressures to biodiversity**

- Urban growth
- Agricultural expansion
- Climate Change
- Invasive alien species
- Over-exploitation of natural resources
- Altered fire regimes
- Increased pollution and mining

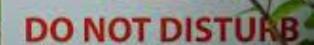




## The solution

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## **INVASIVE PLANTS**



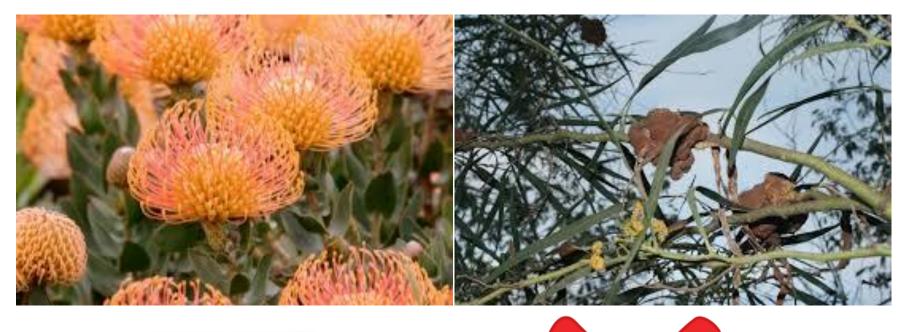
## There are many things

Much of the behavior change and actions needs to come from large scale industry, but there are things that individuals can do:

Quick activity – name some of the things you think may help towards solving some of the threats to biodiversity.



#### Plant indigenous, remove invasive







#### **Respect local habitats**











## REPORT FIRE AND SMOKE

Reporting a fire quickly can mean the difference between minor damage and total devastation. Help us act quickly and report smoke or fire.



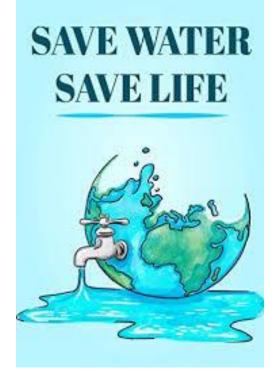


## **Report smoke or** fire



#### Save resources such as energy and water







Question? What will you do differently from today?



## THANKYOU.