

KOGELBERG BIOSPHERE

AGM REPORT – JULY 2026



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KOGELBERG BIOSPHERE – WHO WE ARE

The Kogelberg Biosphere vision is – “*the Cape Floral Kingdom’s model sustainable living environment for all*”.

In order to achieve this vision the Biosphere focus on bringing together government agencies, private sector and NGOs to improve the lives of people via the 17 sustainable development goals.

Biosphere focused on the following projects in 2025/2026:

- **Awareness raising & Citizen Science**
- **Ensuring Water Security for the Biosphere**
- **Nature Based Solutions**
- **Protecting Nature**





AWARENESS RAISING





CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT WITH UNESCO

As part of the Be Resilient Series of Projects, UNESCO Regional Office for Southern Africa (UNESCO ROSA) is implementing a project titled “Citizen Science as a Tool for Landscape Governance in SADC.”

This project, funded by the Flanders UNESCO Trust Fund (FUST) aims to strengthen landscape-wide governance frameworks and management in UNESCO-designated sites, through enhanced capacity and participation of stakeholders in citizen science and citizen monitoring projects.

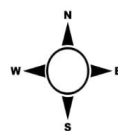
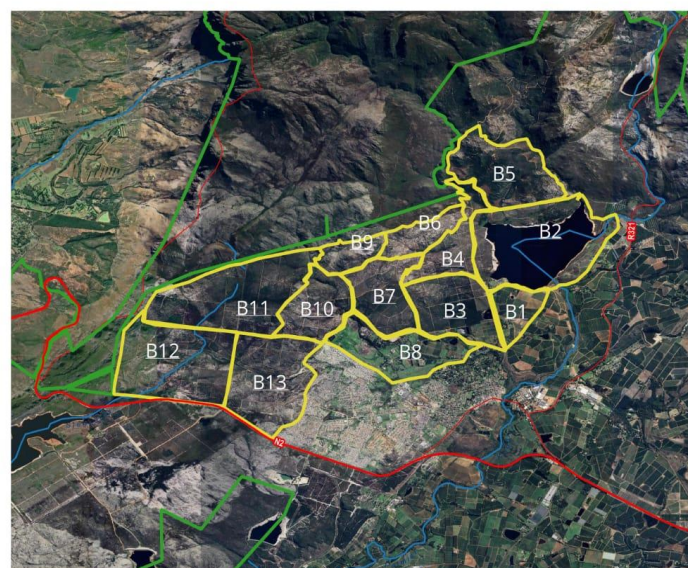




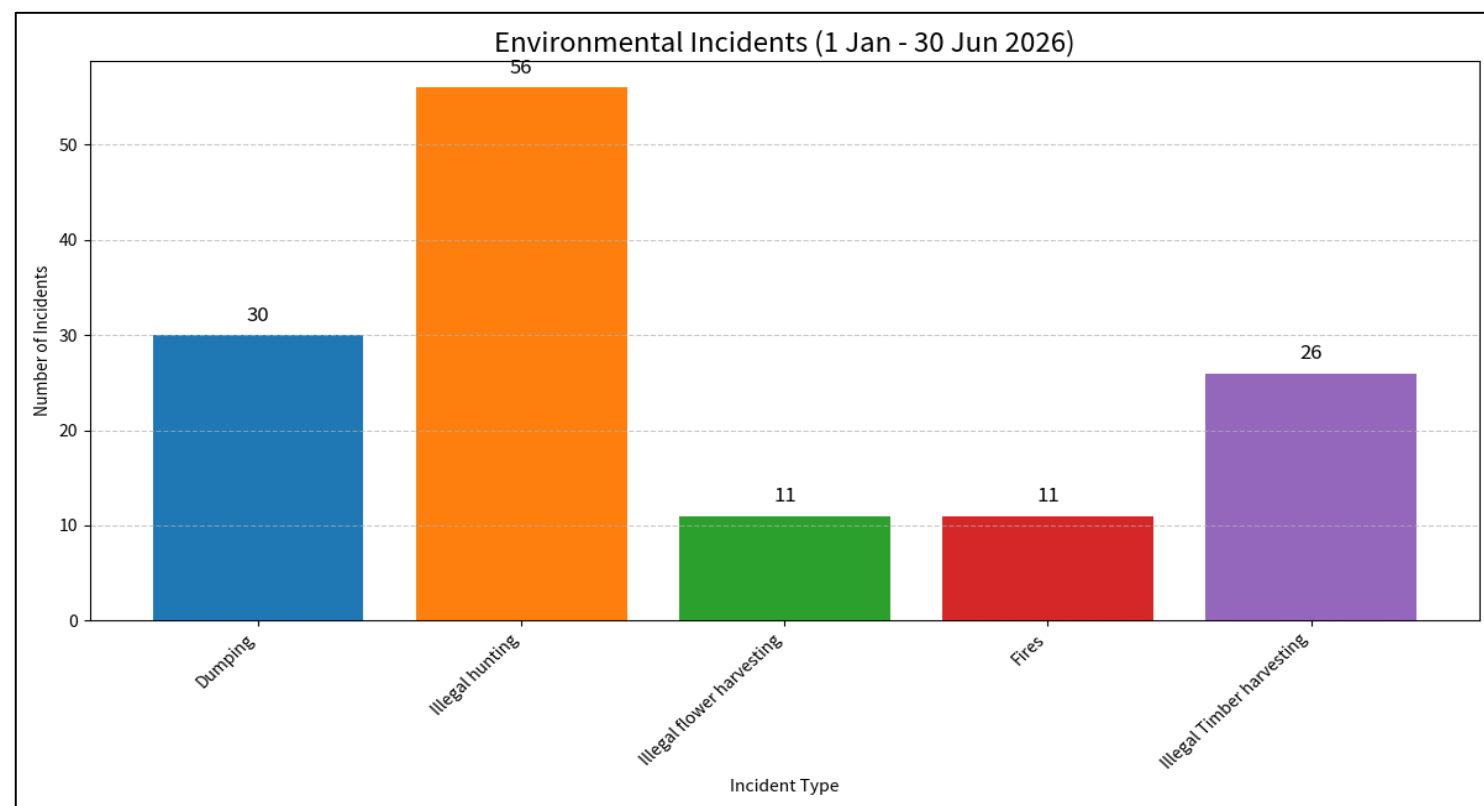
NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS

Biosphere Rangers:

- The Biosphere appointed 2 rangers in January managed by our Project Coordinator. The rangers patrol the DFFE areas, do environmental education and assist with implementing the UNESCO CS project.
- Stakeholder involvement - Trails End Bike Hotel, Worcester Farm Watch, Elgin Foundation, Elgin Grabouw Cycling Academy.



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NATURE BASED SOLUTIONS continue

Grabouw Forest Information Centre:

Situated at the Elgin Grabouw Country Club, the centre serves as a welcoming entry point opened March 2026.

The result of a powerful partnership — funded by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, Economic Development and Tourism (DEDAT), built by the Elgin Grabouw Cycling Academy, and supported by passionate local stakeholders.



DFFE State Forest Land Custodianship:

Considerable effort, involving consultation with several key stakeholders, was invested in developing proposed sustainable land use alternatives for abandoned State Forest land within the KBR. These include agriculture projects for emerging farmers, adventure sport tourism ventures, and catchment restoration for increasing security of water supply, amongst others.

For most initiatives, public-private-partnerships will be essential. Economic and social development aims feature foremost in this regard. DFFE Minister Aucamp indicated strong support for the proposals and undertook to engage with the Department of Public Works and Infrastructure to advance matters.

Current engagements are focused on the latter Department, with the aim of having the KBR NPC act as an agent for the Public Works and Infrastructure in directing future land custodianship responsibilities for the affected State Land.





WATER SECURITY

Invasive alien clearing Kogelberg Biosphere:

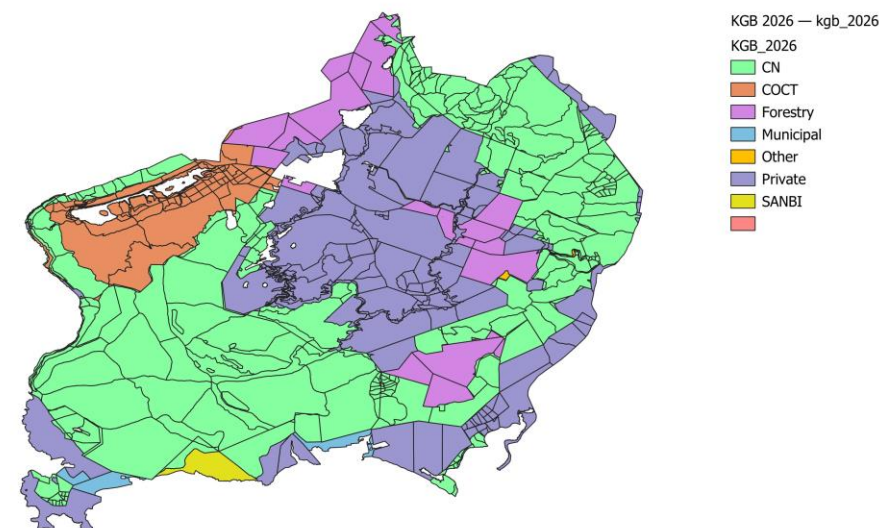
The Biosphere is manage invasive alien program with funding from Department of Agriculture Landcare, WWF and private landowners contributions. Teams are working on Ithemba Properties & Arabella Southern Sun land.

- **250 ha cleared during 2025/2026 period.**
- **CREW recorded 40 red listed plant species**
- ***Erica ribisaria* – critically endangered**



- **Invasive alien plant species map for the entire Biosphere**
- **Development of Invasive Alien Species Management Plan for the Biosphere**
- **Drafting of OM Alien clearing regulations**
- **Sugarbird Project partnership**
- **Groenlandberg area – Firebreak (WWF funding)**

Kogelberg Biosphere AIP Map
Ownership

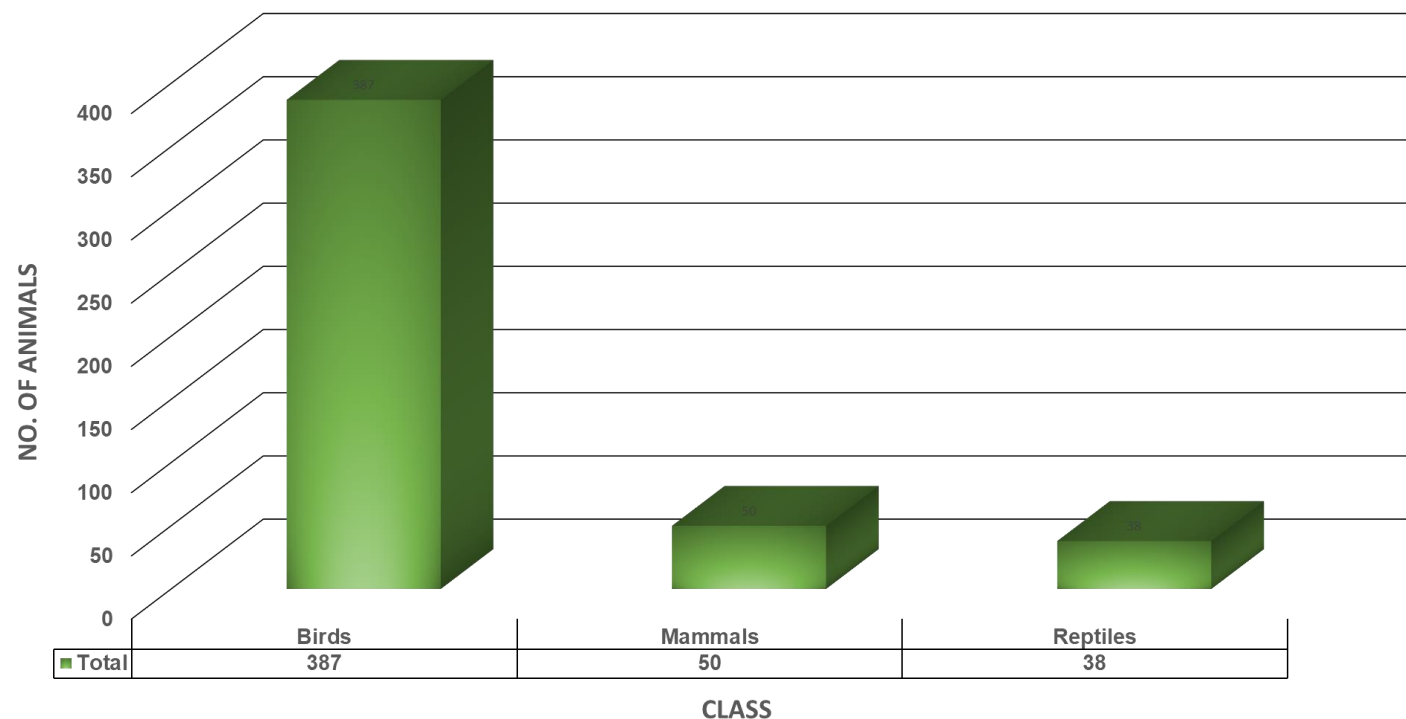




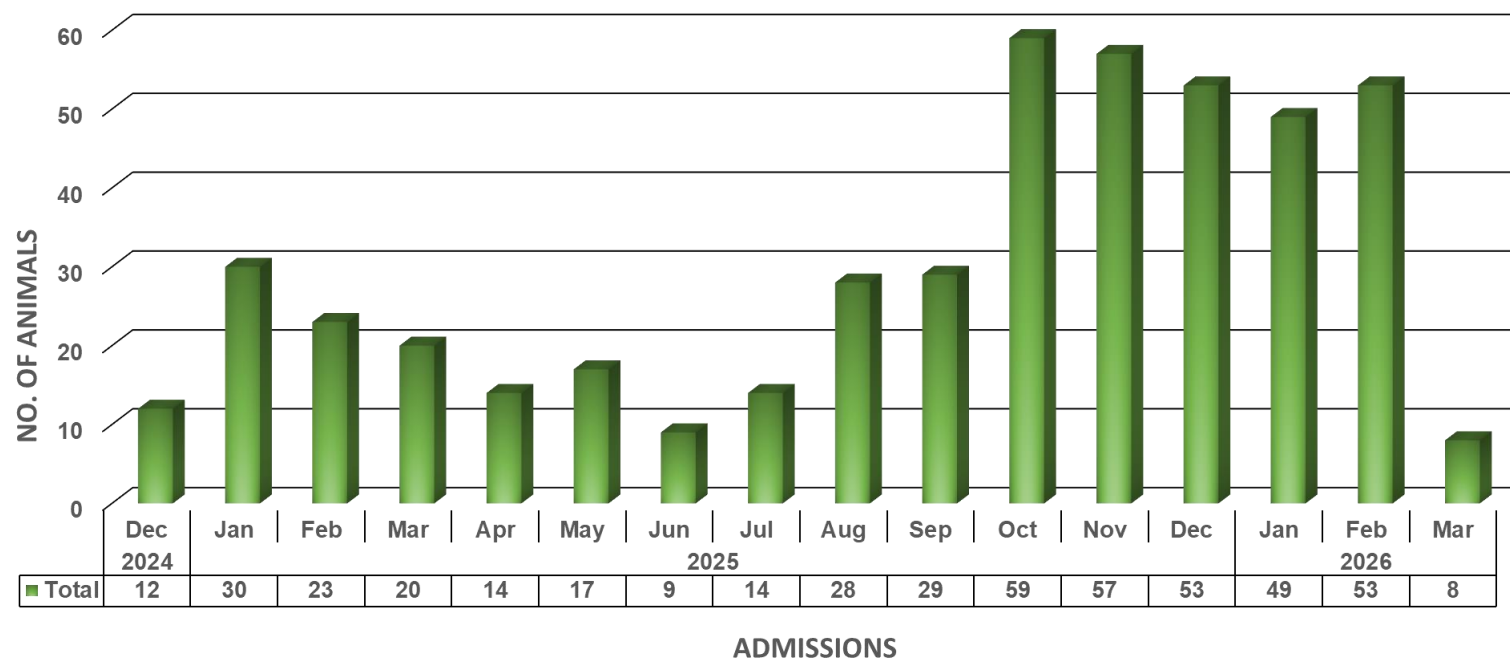
PROTECTING NATURE

Wildlife Rescue and Training Centre

CASES PER CLASS



ADMISSIONS PER MONTH



The Kogelberg Biosphere Wildlife Rescue Centre
situated in Betty's Bay, treat injured wild
animals and release them back into the wild.

*Do you want to
contribute and
help an animal
in need?* ♥

YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING:

- Vitamin B, E, K, Dolomite
- Bactroban or any antiseptic wound cream
- Activated Charcoal in tablet form
- Cohesive bandages in all sizes
- Syringes in all sizes

Every donation makes a difference.
Thank you for giving our wildlife a second chance.

**PLEASE DROP YOUR DONATION
IN OUR WILDLIFE DONATION
BOX AT RECEPTION**

For more information about the Wildlife Rescue Centre:
Facebook - KogelbergBiosphereWildlifeRescueCentre
Website: <https://kogelbergbiosphere.org.za/wildlife-rescue/>

♥ Please donate to our Pharmacy account

♥ Together, we can give our local wildlife a voice, hope and a future.



**Fence removal - 8km of bottoms
3 strands & 5km of old wire**





2025/2026 HIGHLIGHTS

- **TPA with DOA**
- **Appointment of Biosphere Rangers & Info Centre Guides**
- **UNESCO project**
- **x3 Permitted Soft Release Sites**
- **Rescue Centre Partnerships**
- **Sugarbird Project partnership**



Funding support from:

- **DEA&DP**
- **Department of Agriculture Landcare**
- **WWF**
- **Hans Hoheisen Trust**
- **Frank Robb Charitable Trust**
- **Lombardi Trust**
- **Sugarbird Project**
- **UNESCO**
- **Wines 2 Whales**





A BIG THANK YOU TO:

- **Kogelberg Staff and Contractors**
- **All our Stakeholders, members and community supporting our projects.**
- **All our project partners**
- **Government Entities**
- **LT Accounting Services**
- **Volunteers at the Wildlife Rescue Centre.**
- **Continued support from Board of Directors.**
- **Support and advice from Professional Advisory Group.**
- **Every member of the public that support us!**

