







Table Bay Nature Reserve - Milnerton Racecourse Section



MONTHLY EMS REPORT

REPORT No.: 74

PERIOD: November 2013

DATE: 29 November 2013

FIELD WORK / CONTRACTS	1
<p>Reserve Management Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Weed handpulling - 30th Oct, 6th, 13th Nov ✘ Alien clearing - 30th Oct ✘ Path maintenance - 13th Nov ✘ Flora monitoring - 19th Nov 	
INVASIVE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Large Port Jackson's were cleared on the 30th Oct in the southern area. ✘ Handpulling of weeds was undertaken on the 30th Oct, 6th & 13th Nov in the southern area of the Reserve. Handpulling for the year is now complete. ✘ The kikuyu growing along Sandown Crescent & La Camargue will be sprayed with herbicide in summer. 	
FIRE MANAGEMENT	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Regrowth in Burn Block 3 (N Area) was monitored on 19th Nov. (See 7. Biophysical Monitoring). 	
REHABILITATION	4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Nothing to report. 	
INFRASTRUCTURE MANAGEMENT	5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Stormwater outlets: All outlets are open and functioning. ✘ Signage & Fences: Tourism signage with the CCT Tourism Dept. The "No Cycling" signboard on the gate to the northern area has faded. To be replaced. ✘ Path maintenance: Path maintenance was undertaken from the style to the boardwalk on the 13th Nov. ✘ Boardwalk: On the 21st Nov a plank on the boardwalk in the northern area was repaired. ✘ Rain gauge: A rain gauge was erected in BB2 of the southern area on the 13th Nov. 	
 	
FAUNA MANAGEMENT & OBSERVATIONS	6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ On the 12th Nov the monthly avifauna count was undertaken by HvZ in the northern and southern areas. 23 species were sighted in the northern area and 27 in the southern area. Sightings for Oct & Nov have been uploaded onto the CCT Biodiversity Database. ✘ African black duck ducklings were found by Royal Ascot residents. The ducklings were released in the southern area of the Reserve. 	
   	
<p>Cape Dwarf Chameleon Fynbos Blue African Black duck ducklings</p>	

DAM	27 November 2012		Mnth	Rainfall Data (mm)						
	19 November 2013			2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
			Jan	0	3	3	2.5	13	5.75	7.5
			Feb	28	12	8	5	5.5	2.5	41
			Mar	20	7	0	8.5	5.5	18	26.5
			Apr	65	18	44	7	30	78	48.5
			May	61.5	54	166	121	47	61	41.5
			Jun	111	107	81	100.5	55	81.5	148
			Jul	106	175	96.5	62	70	111.5	74
			Aug	102	87	80	60.5	101	100	232
			Sep	18	160	67	14.5	42	60	64
			Oct	20	15	45.5	30.5	20	36	20
			Nov	34	60.5	82	36.5	31	15.5	89
			Dec	24	5	9	10.5	32.5	3	

✘ Rain gauge data supplied by Niel van Wyk records 20mm in total for Oct & 89mm for Nov.

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH	8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ Compiling of the annual newsletter is underway. ✘ Gold Circle no entry warning signage in English, Afrikaans and Xhosa has been compiled and will be erected in December underneath the Gold Circle Do's & Don'ts posters in the stables. This is to inform the grooms in horse training facilities that no personnel are permitted to enter the Reserve, and they can be fined if caught. 	

GENERAL INFORMATION / OBSERVATIONS / MEETINGS	9
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✘ On the 4th Nov the interviews were held for the site manager position at Milnerton Racecourse. Landi Louw was appointed as the new site manager and she will start on the 1st January 2014. ✘ On the 8th Nov a concern was raised by a Stable Yard resident that the Northern Area was becoming a thoroughfare between the Gold Circle stable complex and The Paddocks shopping centre. A photograph of transgressors was also supplied. Gold Circle management was made aware of the issue & requested to reiterate to the stable owners and grooms that entry into the Nature Reserve is prohibited. Additional warning signs have been produced in 3 languages to be erected in the stables. 	

ITEMS TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE UPCOMING MONTHS	10	
Regular monthly / bi-monthly tasks		
✘ Path maintenance & ad hoc alien clearing / litter cleanups	✓	Ongoing
✘ Vegetation & water level monitoring / bird counts		
✘ Updating of flora species list		
✘ Handpulling / weeding of alien grasses	✓	Oct-Nov
✘ Annual report	¼	Dec
✘ Grysbok introduction		Dec
✘ Fauna management plan	¾	Jan
✘ Road signage		2014
✘ Update maps		2014