

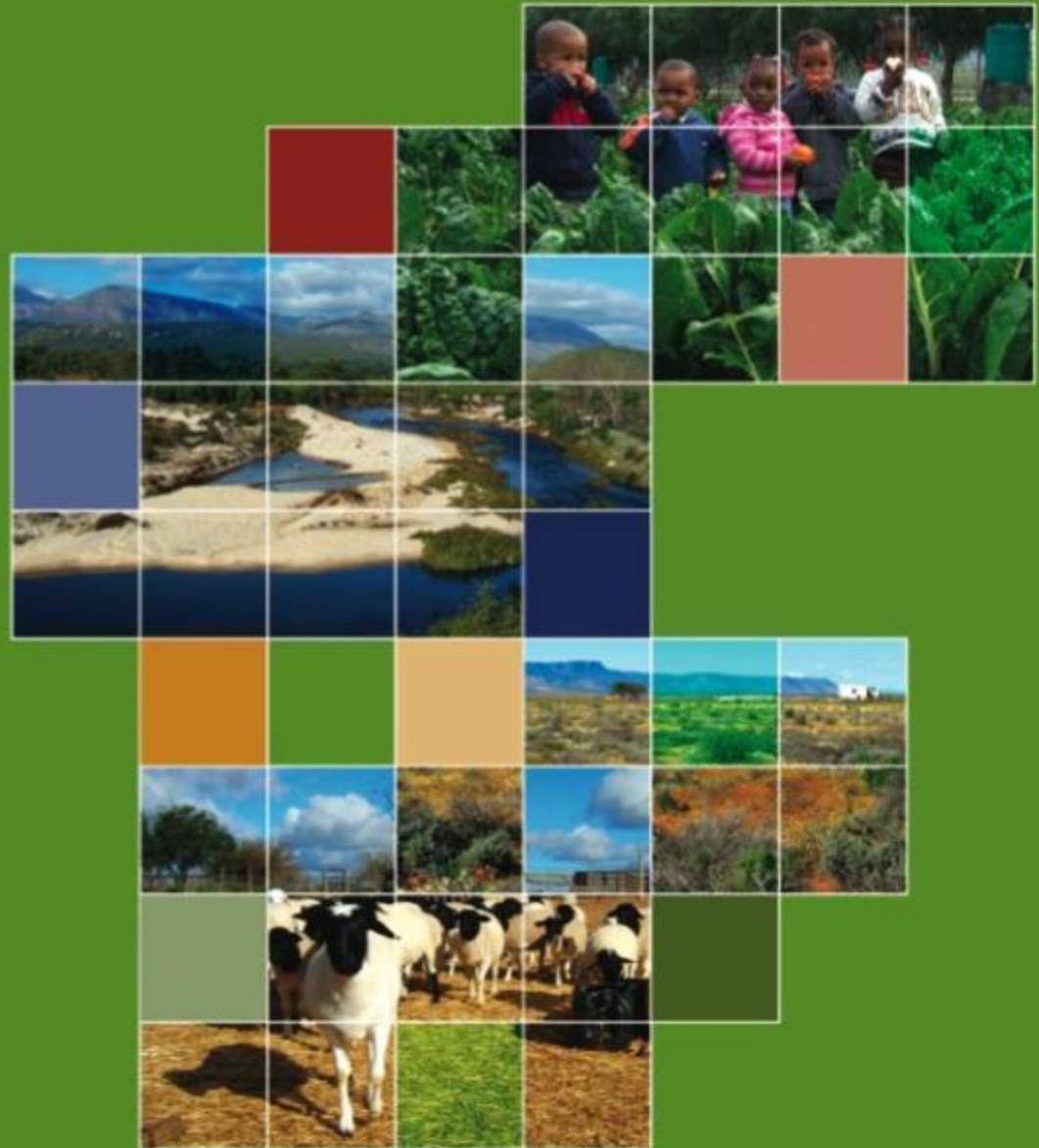




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**Olifants/Doring**  
**& Sandveld Rivers**  
**Pilot Training**  
**Project**  
**for Water Users**  
**Associations**

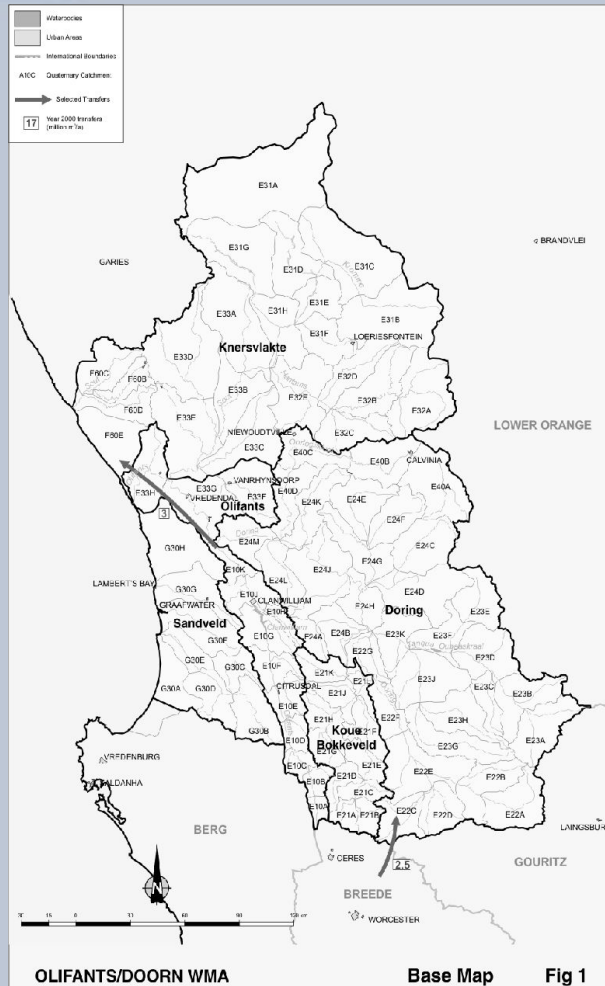
October 2007 - March 2008



## Geographic Focus

The seven focus areas within the Olifants/Doring and Sandveld River Catchment include:

- Upper Olifants
- Lower Olifants
- Northern Sandveld
- Krom Antonies River
- Knersvlakte , Southern Namakwaland and Hantam
- Kouebokkeveld
- Ceder-Doring and Ceres Karoo





## Capacity Building for WUAs within the Olifants/Doring Catchment

The project training framework has been developed to build the capacity of water users, particularly members of the established Water Users Associations (WUAs) within the Olifants/Doring and Sandveld Catchments. The training framework focuses on the management and protection of water resources throughout the Olifants/Doring and Sandveld Catchments. Funding has been made available to pilot the training framework in the Olifants-Doring and Sandveld Catchment in the Western and Northern Cape. After careful monitoring and evaluation the training will then be taken to catchments in the other Water Management Areas throughout South Africa.



## Training Strands

The training focuses on the following aspects of catchment management:

**Strand 1: Our water resources and why they need protection** (rivers, wetlands, estuaries and groundwater in the catchment)

**Strand 2: Issues and actions:** water resource protection concerns and how to address them (water quality and quantity and associated issues)

**Strand 3: Ecological functioning of water resources in the catchment** (rivers, wetlands, estuaries and the role of groundwater in the catchment)

**Strand 4: Policy tools for protecting our water resources** (National Water Act and other legislation; implications e.g. reserve and classification)

**Strand 5: Institutional processes for protecting our water resources** (Catchment Management Agencies, Water User Associations, Catchment Management Forum establishment and functions)

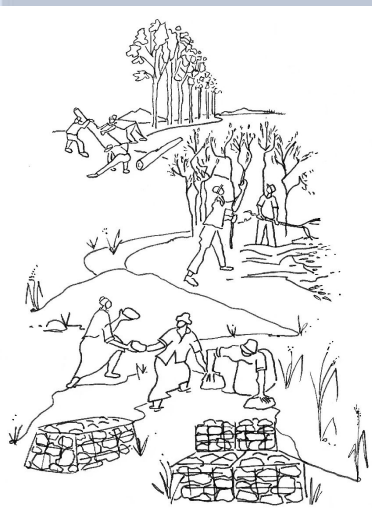
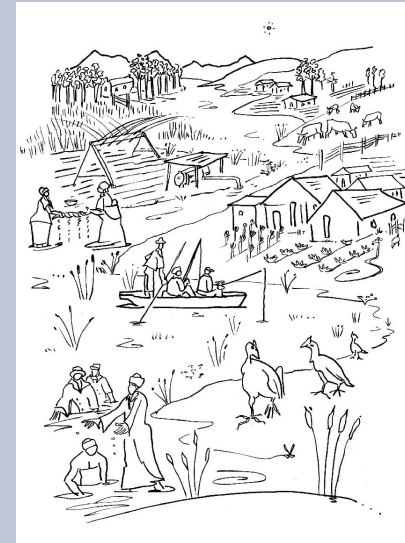


## Training Focus

The focus will be on developing the understandings and skills needed by the WUAs to identify and address issues affecting their particular water resources.

It will also entail developing the groups' understanding of the dynamics of the entire catchment, and their place in the protection of the overall water resource.

The training will have a strong 'action' orientation and will lead to the development of 7 micro-projects.

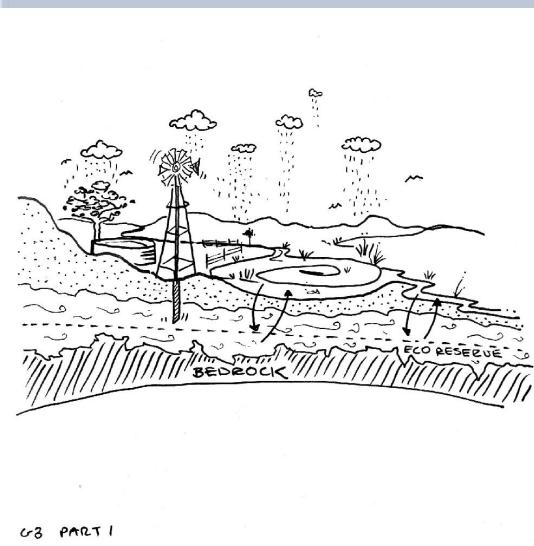


## Training Materials

A full set of training materials have been developed for WUAs in Afrikaans & English.

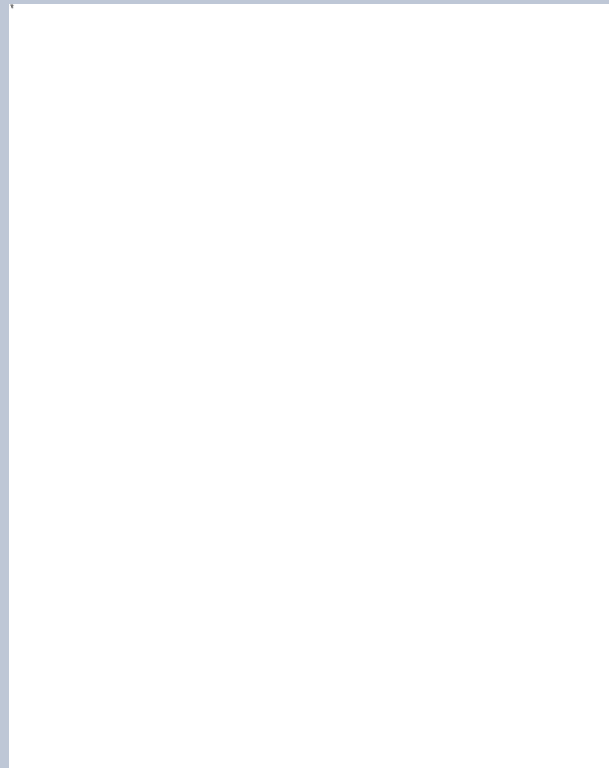
The training resources consist of:

- 4 Overview documents
- 3 Concept Guideline documents
- 4 Water Resource Booklets
- A course CD with all materials and reference documents for use by WUAs



## Projects

The WUA's micro projects will be implemented by April 2008.  
(R30,000.00 per project)





## Next Steps

- Development of project background information document
  - Refine the training schedule
  - Printing of training materials in Afrikaans & English
  - Communicate with all relevant stakeholders
- Meetings with the 7 Water User Associations & Linking with other meetings, partners and initiatives in the Olifants/Doring Catchment
  - Start the training by mid-October 2007
- Develop specific micro-project proposals and implementation plans

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