

FIELD VISIST-SOUTHERN CAPE

GROUP B

BACKGROUND

- It was a forest where local community always come to harvest medicinal plants
- It existed more than 9 year. It has 38h

witfontein plant nursery



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Witfontein Plant Nursey

- The Nursey is part of nature conservation and managed by government. (DEA)
- The area used to be Forestry area, but Healers use to enter without permits to harvest medicines. Hence the creation of the nursey.
- It's co managed with Rastafarians and healers.
- Community have free access to the nursey to harvest medicine plants for different use.

Programs

- Awareness raising
- Environmental education.
- Other programs with primary schools and churches.

Challenges

- Indigenous people don't have their land / territories.
- Financial constraints to carry out more intended projects.
- Aloe trappers face some challenges as concerns ownership of lands and working equipments, low capacities

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- The project is part of National records system. (Record, Document & Preserve)
- It's a community initiated project and its run by the community. They shared objectives. (Job creation, skill development & SMME Dev)
- We appreciated the history of the town and the khoi san living around the area.
- Taken through Attagua and outenikwa Khoi-San history and the BCP they have Produced , Its also a Research Centre & TK

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Benefits/ Success Stories

- Run radio live programs on different Indigenous issues. (language)
- Conduct workshops (IK Memory legacy)
- Revive people's culture; Natural experience of honey to remember their past.
- Attract tourist.
- Depend on the plant for ABS.





Recommendations

- Khoi-San groupings across South Africa should harmonise their struggles .
- Use BCP as a guiding tool for the protection, conservation of natural resources and TK
- Aloe trappers cooperative needs capacity building on human rights; land rights and safety equipment for their work
- Involvement of youth and women.
- Recognition of the communities and their cultural practices including their IP languages
- Involve government to take up issues with ministries
- ABS should also be guiding principle to both indigenous communities, government and the researchers with both TK, Natural resources.
- Look for existing examples from other countries