

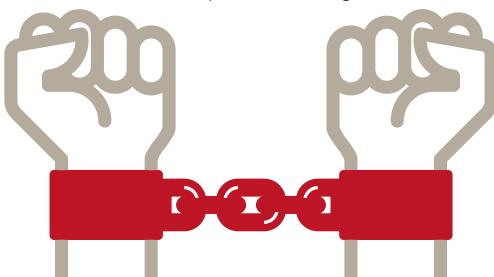
PENALTIES

Fines of up to **R10 million** or, **imprisonment** for a maximum of **10 years** or, **both** a fine and imprisonment.



LN-NO ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

1	27	The clearance of an area of 1 hectare or more, but less than 20 hectares of indigenous vegetation, except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for: (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.
2	15	The clearance of an area of 20 hectares or more of indigenous vegetation, excluding where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for: (i) the undertaking of a linear activity; or (ii) maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.
3	12	The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan. (e) In Western Cape: (i) Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004; (ii) Within critical biodiversity areas identified in bioregional plans; (iii) Within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high water mark of the sea or an estuarine functional zone, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line or even in urban areas; or (iv) On land, where, at the time of the coming into effect of this Notice or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning.



CONTACT US

To help prevent illegal clearing of indigenous vegetation, report any unlawful environmental activities to the following:

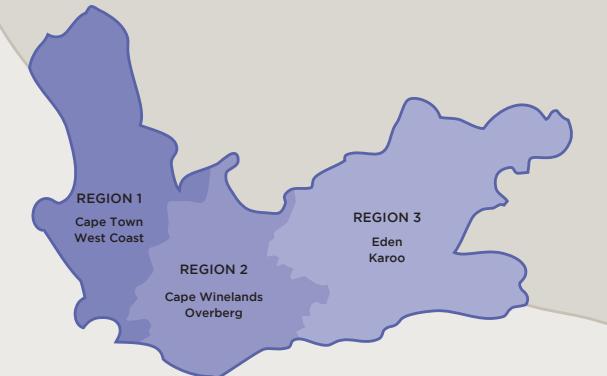
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BETTER TOGETHER.



UNLAWFUL CLEARING OF INDIGENOUS VEGETATION



ENVIRONMENTAL REQUIREMENTS: NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT (NEMA)

NEMA

This National Act makes provision for the identification and Assessment of activities that are potentially harmful to the environment and which require authorisation from the competent authority based on the findings of an Environmental Assessment.

NEMA is comprised of 3 Listing Notices containing a total of 123 listed activities that are threshold dependent.

If the proposed activity exceeds the threshold, NEMA is triggered, and the landowner must submit a Basic Assessment or scoping report and an Environmental Impact Assessment (depending on the activity) for Environmental Authorisation from the appropriate competent authority:

- Western Cape Government Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning: general developments.
- National Department of Environmental Affairs: protected areas and energy.
- Department of Mineral Resources: mining.

CONSEQUENCES OF CLEARING INDIGENOUS VEGETATION WITHOUT ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

If the vegetation clearing triggers a listed activity under NEMA, three mechanisms of enforcement may follow:

- Compliance Notice (s31L of the NEMA)
- Directive (s28 (4) of the NEMA)
- Criminal Prosecution

FAILURE TO OBTAIN
ENVIRONMENTAL
AUTHORISATION WHERE
REQUIRED IS A

CRIMINAL OFFENCE!



* Please refer to NEMA Listing Notices 1, 2 and 3 of 2014 for the full conditions of all listed activities.

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF VEGETATION IN THE ENVIRONMENT?

Vegetation supports critical functions in the biosphere, at all possible spatial scales.

- Regulates flow of biochemical cycles, like soil nutrients.
- Serves as wildlife habitat and energy source for vast array of animals including pollinators.
- Strongly affects soil characteristics.
- Psychologically and physiologically important to humans for food, medicine etc.
- Determines an ecosystem's resilience to threats and changes, especially climate change.



WHAT ARE THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF NATURAL VEGETATION CLEARANCE?

Habitat & Biodiversity Loss

A habitat is a natural place where abiotic and biotic factors interact. When a habitat is lost it stimulates the loss of biodiversity and various ecological interactions. This in turn creates a knock-on effect and affects food, shelter, reproduction, resilience etc. of the biodiversity found in a habitat. These effects lead to extinction which expose the vulnerabilities of the environment. These effects can affect society as a whole.

Soil Erosion

Soil Erosion commonly occurs following conversion of natural vegetation to agricultural land - carrying away fertile soil as well as fertilizers, pesticides and other agrochemicals. When natural vegetation is cleared and when farmland is ploughed, the exposed topsoil is often blown away by wind or washed away by rain. The lack of vegetation cover has a detrimental effect on the environment and its ability to deliver services.

WHAT IS INDIGENOUS VEGETATION?

- Defined in NEMA as: vegetation consisting of indigenous plant species occurring naturally in an area, regardless of the level of alien plant infestation.
- Land where the topsoil has not been lawfully disturbed during the preceding ten years.



WHAT IS NATURAL VEGETATION CLEARANCE?

Any human activity that results in the permanent eradication, removal or elimination of vegetation.



Ploughing of land, bulldozing of an area, eradication or removal of vegetation cover with chemicals etc. provided that this will result in vegetation being eliminated, eradicated or removed.



Burning of vegetation (e.g. firebreaks). Mowing grass or pruning does not constitute vegetation clearance unless it results in permanent removal, eradication or elimination of vegetation.



The removal or destruction of naturally occurring vegetation or forests, primarily due to human activities. E.g. Land clearing and deforestation.

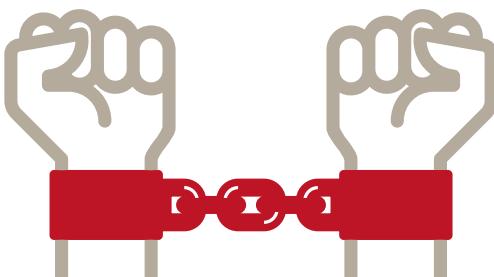
STRAWWE

Boetes wat nie **R10 miljoen** oorskry nie of **gevangenisstraf** vir 'n maksimum van **10 jaar** of **beide** 'n boete sowel as gevangenisstraf.



LN-NR AKTIWITEIT BESKRYWING

1	27	Die opruiming van 'n gebied van 1 hektaar of meer, maar minder as 20 hektaar inheemse plantegroei, behalwe waar sodanige opruiming van inheemse plantegroei benodig word: (i) die onderneming van 'n lineére aktiwiteit; of (ii) instandhoudingsdoeleindes wat onderneem word in ooreenstemming met 'n instandhoudingsbestuursplan.
2	15	Die opruiming van 'n gebied van 20 ha of meer inheemse plantegroei, uitgesonderd waar sodanige opruiming van inheemse plantegroei benodig word: (i) die onderneming van 'n lineére aktiwiteit; of (ii) instandhoudingsdoeleindes wat onderneem word in ooreenstemming met 'n instandhoudingsbestuursplan.
3	12	Die opruiming van 'n gebied van 300 vierkante meter of meer inheemse plantegroei, behalwe waar sodanige opruiming van inheemse plantegroei benodig word vir instandhoudingsdoeleindes wat onderneem word in ooreenstemming met 'n instandhoudingsbestuursplan. (e) In die Wes-Kaap: (i) Binne enige ekosisteem wat kritis bedreig of bedreig is ingevolge artikel 52 van die NEMBA of voor die publikasie van so 'n lys, binne 'n gebied wat geïdentifiseer is as kritis bedreig in die Nasionale Ruimtelike Biodiversiteitsbeoordeling 2004; (ii) Binne kritiese biodiversiteitsareas wat in biostreekplanne geïdentifiseer is; (iii) Binne die aktiewe sone of 100 meter binnelands vanaf die hoogwatermerk van die see of 'n estuarium-funksionele sone, watter afstand ook al die grootste is, uitgesonderd waar sodanige verwydering sal plaasvind agter die ontwikkelingsterugsetlyn op ewe in stedelike gebiede; of (iv) Op land, waar sodanige grond ten tyde van die inwerkingtreding van hierdie kennisgewing of daarna as oopruime gesoneer is, bewaring gehad het of 'n gelykwaardige sonering gehad het.



TREE MET ONS IN VERBINDING

Rapporteer enige onwettige omgewingsaktiwiteite aan die volgende om onwettige skoonmaak van inheemse plantegroei te voorkom:

Nasionale 24-uur Tolvrye Omgewingsmisdade en -incidente Hulplyn

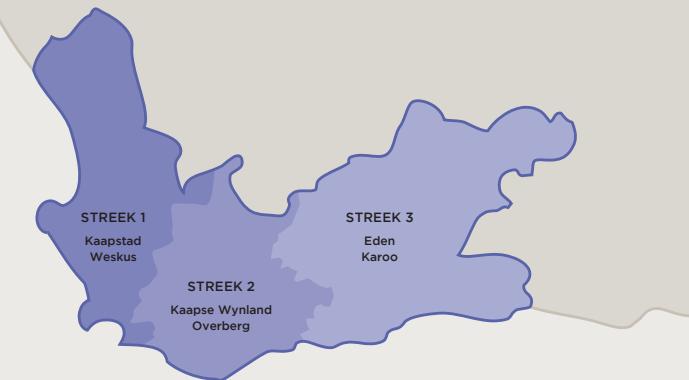
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Wes-Kaap Sentraal Klagtes

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BETER TESAME.



ONWETTIGE SKOONMAAK VAN INHEEMSE PLANTEGROEI



OMGEWINGSVEREISTES: WET OP NASIONALE OMGEWINGSBESTUUR (WNOB)

WNOB

Hierdie Nasionale Wet maak voorsiening vir die identifisering en beoordeling van aktiwiteite wat potensieel skadelik vir die omgewing is en wat magtiging van die bevoegde owerheid vereis op grond van die bevindings van 'n omgewingsbeoordeling.

Die WNOB bestaan uit 3 noteringskennisgewings wat 'n totaal van 123 gelysde aktiwiteite bevat wat drempelafhanklik is.

As die voorgestelde aktiwiteit die drempel oorskry, word die WNOB geaktiveer en die grondeienaar moet 'n basiese beoordelings- of omvangbepalingsverslag en 'n omgewingsimpakstudie (afhangend van die aktiwiteit) voorlê vir omgewingsmagtiging van die toepaslike bevoegde owerheid:

- Wes-Kaapse Departement van Omgewingsake en Ontwikkelingsbeplanning: algemene ontwikkelings.
- Nasionale Departement van Omgewingsake: beskermd gebiede en energie.
- Departement van Minerale Hulpbronne: mynbou.

GEVOLGE VAN DIE SKOONMAAK VAN INHEEMSE PLANTEGROEI SONDER OMGEWINGSMAGTIGING

Indien die opruiming van plantegroei 'n genoteerde aktiwiteit onder NEMA veroorsaak, kan drie wetstoepassingsmeganismes volg:

- Kennisgewing van nakoming (a 31L van die NEMA)
- Direktief (a 28 (4) van die NEMA)
- Strafregtelike vervolging

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TE BEKOM WAAR DIT
VEREIS WORD, IS 'N
KRIMINELE OORTREDING!



* Raadpleeg asseblief WNOB-kennisgewings 1, 2 en 3 van 2014 vir die volledige voorwaardes van alle gelysde aktiwiteite.

HOEKOM IS PLANTEGROEI IN DIE OMGEWING BELANGRIK?

Plantegroei ondersteun kritieke funksies in die biosfeer, op alle moontlike ruimtelike skale.

- Reguleer die vloei van biochemiese sikklusse, soos grondvoedingstowwe.
- Dien as 'n natuurlike habitat en energiebron vir 'n groot verskeidenheid diere, insluitend bestuiwers.
- Beïnvloed die grondeienskappe in 'n groot mate.
- Sielkundig en fisiologies belangrik vir mense vir voedsel, medisyne, ens.
- Bepaal die veerkrachtigheid van 'n ekosysteem teen bedreigings en veranderinge, veral klimaatsverandering.



WATTER NEGATIEWE UITWERKING HOU DIE SKOONMAAK VAN NATUURLIKE PLANTEGROEI IN?

Habitat & Biodiversiteitsverlies

'n Habitat is 'n natuurlike plek waar abiotiese en biotiese faktore met mekaar saamwerk. As 'n habitat verlore gaan, stimuleer dit die verlies aan biodiversiteit en verskillende ekologiese interaksies. Dit skep weer 'n uitwerking op voedsel, skuiling, voortplanting, veerkrachtigheid, ens. Van die biodiversiteit wat in 'n habitat voorkom. Hierdie gevolge lei tot uitsterwing wat die kwesbaarhede van die omgewing blootstel. Hierdie gevolge kan die samelewing as geheel beïnvloed.

Gronderosie

Gronderosie kom gereeld voor na die omskakeling van natuurlike plantegroei na landbougrond - wat vrugbare grond en kunsmis, plaagdoders en ander landbouchemikalieë wegvoer. Wanneer natuurlike plantegroei skoongemaak word en as landbougrond geploeg word, word die blootgestelde bogrond dikwels deur wind weggewaai of deur reën weggespoel. Die gebrek aan plantbedekking het 'n nadelige uitwerking op die omgewing en die vermoë om dienste te lewer.

WAT IS INHEEMSE PLANTEGROEI?

- Gedefinieer in WNOB as: plantegroei wat bestaan uit inheemse plantspesies wat natuurlik in 'n gebied voorkom, ongeag die vlak van indringing deur uitheemse plantegroei.
- Grond waar die bogrond gedurende die voorafgaande tien jaar nie wettig versteur is nie.



WAT IS DIE SKOONMAAK VAN NATUURLIKE PLANTEGROEI?

Enige menslike aktiwiteit wat lei tot permanente uitwissing, verwydering of skoonmaak van plantegroei.



Ploeg van grond, skoonmaak van 'n gebied met stootskrapers, uitwissing of verwydering van plantbedekking met chemikalieë, ens. mits dit sal lei tot die uitwissing of verwydering van plantegroei.



Verbranding van plantegroei (bv. Brandbane). Die sny van gras of snoei word nie geklassifiseer as die skoonmaak van plantegroei nie, tensy dit permanente verwydering, uitwissing of skoonmaak van plantegroei tot gevolg het.



Die verwydering of vernietiging van natuurlike plantegroei of woude, hoofsaaklik as gevolg van menslike aktiwiteite. Bv. skoonmaak van grond en ontbossing.

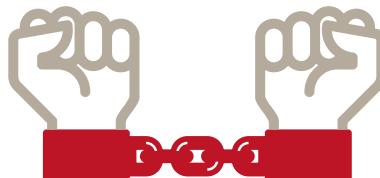
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LN- UMSEBENZI INKCAZO INOMBOLo

1	27	Ukuocwa kwendawo eyihktare e-1 okanye nangapezulu, kodwa ngaphantsi kweehktare ezingama-20 zeziyalo zemveli, ngaphandle kwalapho kufuneka khona oko kucocwa kweziyalo zemveli - (i) ukwenziwa komsebenzi ofanelekileyo; okanye (ii) iinjongo zolondolozo olwenziwe ngokwesicwangciso solawulo lolondolozo.
2	15	Ukuocwa kwendawo yeehektare ezingama-20 okanye ngaphezulu kweziyalo zemveli, ngaphandle kwalapho kucocwa khona kweziyalo zemveli kufunwa - (i) ukwenziwa komsebenzi ofanelekileyo; okanye (ii) iinjongo zolondolozo olwenziwe ngokwesicwangciso solawulo lolondolozo.
3	12	Ukuocwa kwendawo eziimtha ezingama-30 eskwere okanye ngaphezulu kweziyalo zemveli ngaphandle kwalapho kucocwa khona kweziyalo zemveli kufunwa ngeenjongo zokugcina kwenziva ngokwesicwangciso solawulo lolondolozo. (e) eNtshona Koloni: (i) Ngaphakathi kuyo nayiphi na imeko yezityalo nezilwanyana eisengozini yokuchaphazel ngokudibeneyo ngokwecandelo lama-52 le-NEMBA okanye ngaphambi kokupapashwa kolu luhlu, ngaphakathi kwendawo echongiwego njengemngcipheko woVavanyo IweeNdawo eziPhilayo zeSizwe yowama-2004; (ii) Ngaphakathi kweendawo ezaahlukenylo zebhayiloji ezichongiwego kwicicwangciso zezityalo; (iii) Ngaphakathi kwindawo esebezayeo ye-littoral okanye i-100 leemitha ngaphakathi kumhlaba ophakamileyo wamanzi olwandle okanye indawo yokusebenza kwecalala, nawuphi na umgama mkhulu, ngaphandle kwalapho ukususwa kuya kubakho emva komda wokubuya umda kwiindawo ezipidolphini; okanye (iv) Kumhlaba, apho, ngexesa lokuqalisa kokusebenza kwesi Saziso okanye emva koko loo mhlaba wabekwa kwindawo evulekileyo, ulondolozo okanye umda olinganayo.

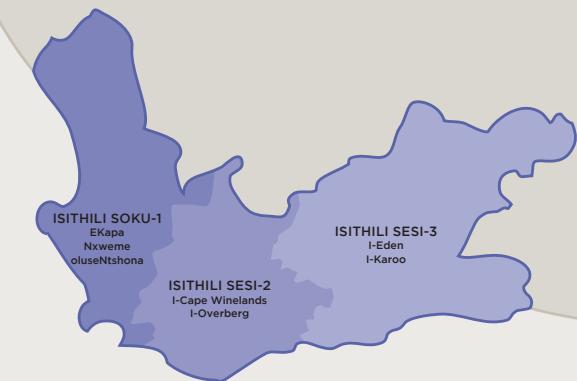


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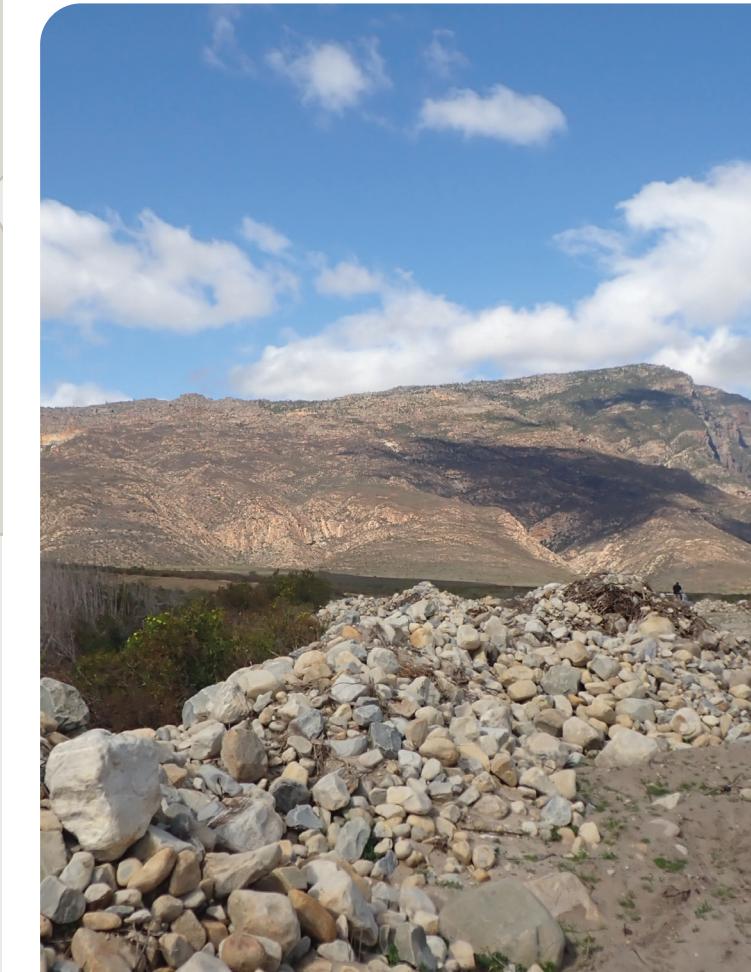
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IIMFUNKUSUNGQONGILEYO: UMTHETHO KAZWELONKE WOLAWULO LOKUSUNGQONGILEYO (I-NEMA) I-NEMA

Lo Mthetho kaZwelonke wenza isibonelelo sokuchongwa kune nokuHlolwa kwemisebenzi enokuba yingozi kwindalo kwaye efuna ugunityaziso olusuka kwigunya elinobuchule ngokusekwe kwizinto eziphandiwego zoVavanyo IweNdalo.

I-NEMA inezintlu ezi-3 zeZaziso zoDweliso ezinoluhlu Iwezinto ezili-123 eziphandiwego ezixhasayo.

Ukuba umsebenzi ocetywayo ungaphezulu komda, i-NEMA yenzekile, kwaye umnini-mhlaba kufuneka angenise uVavanyo oluSisiseko okanye ingxelo yokuphonononga kune noVavanyo IweMpembelelo kokusiNgqongileyo (kuxhomekeka emsebenzini) kuGunnyaziso IweNdalo kwigunya elifanelekileyo:

- ISebe leMicimbi yeNdalo esiNgqongileyo kune noCwangciso loPhuculo loRhulumente weNtshona Koloni: uphuhliso ngokubanzi.
- ISebe leSizwe leMicimbi yokusiNgqongileyo: iindawo ezikhuselwego kune namandla.
- ISebe leZimbiwa;ukumba.

IZIPHUMO ZOKUCOCWA KWEZITYALO ZEMVELI NGAPHANDLE KOGUNYAZISO LOKUSUNGQONGILEYO

Ukuba ukucocwa kwezityalo kubangela imisebenzi edweliswe phantsi kwe-NEMA, iindlela ezintathu zokunyanzelisa zingalandela:

- Isaziso sokuThobela (s31L se-NEMA)
- Isikhokelo (s28 (4) se-NEMA)
- Ukutshutshiswa kolwaphulo-mthetho

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UGUNYAZISO
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APHO KUFUNEKAYO
LITYALA LOLWAPHULO-
MTHETHO!



* Nceda ujunge kwiZaziso zoDweliso Iwe-NEMA esoku-1, esesi-2 kune nesesi-3 zowama-2014 ngazo zonke iimeko zemisebenzi ekuluhlu.

HOEKOM IS PLANTEGROEI IN DIE OMGEWING BELANGRIK?

Izityalo zixhasa imisebenzi ebalulekileyo kwizinto eziphilayo, kuzo zonke izikali ezikhoyo ezinokwenzeka.

- Ukuwalulwa kokuhamba kwemijikelezo ye-biochemical, njengezakhi zomhlaba.
- Isebenza njengendawo yokuhlala yasendle kune nomthombo wamandla kwizilwanyana ezinizni kubandakanya nee-pollinators.
- Ichaphazela kakhulu iimpawu zomhlaba.
- Ngokwengqondo nangokomzimba kubaluleke kakhulu ebantwini ukuze ufumane ukutya, amayeza njl njl.
- Chonga ukomelela kwenkubo ye-ecosystem kwizoyikiso kune notshintsho, ngakumbi utshintsho Iwemozulu.

ZEZIPHI IIMPENBELELO EZIMBI ZOKUCOCWA KWEZITYALO ZENDALO?

Ukuphulukana nendawo yokuhlala kune nezinto eziphilayo

Indawo yokuhlala yindawo yendalo apho izinto ezikhaphakileyo kune ne-biotic zidibana. Xa indawo yokuhlala ilahlekile iphakamisa ilahlekko yantlukwano kune nonxibelewano olwahlukeneyo Iwendalo. Oku ke kudala ukuba kube yimpembelelo kwaye kuchaphazela ukutya, indawo yokuhlala, ukuzala, ukomelela, njl njl. Ezi ziphumo zikhokelela ekutshabalaliseni okuveza ubungozi bendalo esinqongileyo. Ezi ziphumo zinokuchaphazela uluntu xa lilonke.

Ukukhukuliseka komhlaba

Ukukhukuliseka komhlaba kwenzeka rhoqo emva kokuguqulwa kwezityalo zendalo ukuya kumhlaba wokulima- ukuthwala umhlaba ochumileyo kune nezichumisi, ukubulala izitshabalalisi kune nezinye izinto zezolimo. Xa izityalo zendalo zicociwe kwaye xa umhlaba wefama ulinyiwe, umhlaba ongaphezulu utyhilekileyo uvuthuzwa ngumoya okanye uhlanjwe yimvula. Ukunqongophala kokugubungela kwezityalo kunempembelelo eyonakalisayo kokusingqongileyo kune nokukwazi ukuhambisa iinkonzo.



YINTONI IZITYALO ZEMVELI?

- Zichazwe kwi-NEMA njenge: izityalo ezibandakanya iintlobo zezityalo zemveli ezenzeka ngokwemvelo kwindawo, ngaphandle komgangatho wokuxhaphaka kwezityalo zasemzini.
- Umhlaba apho umhlaba ongaphezulu ungakhange uphazanyiswe ngokusemthethweni kwiminyaka elishumi edlulileyo.



YINTONI UKUCOCWA KWEZITYALO ZEMVELI?

Nawuphina umsebenzi wabantu obangela ukupheliswa okusisigxina, ukususa okanye ukucima isityalo.



Ukulinywa komhlaba, ukuthathwa kwenkuntyula yendawo, ukutshabalalisa okanye ukususa isiciko sezityalo ngemichiza njl.njl ngokuxhomekeka ekubeni oku kuya kukhokelela ezityalweni ziphele, zicinywe okanye zisuswe.



Ukutshiswa kwezityalo (umz. ukudubula komlilo). Ukucheba ingca okanye ukuthena akwenzi ukuba kucocwe izityalo ngaphandle kokuba kukhokelela ekususweni ngokupheleleyo, ekucinyweni okanye ekuphelisweni kwezityalo.



Ukukhutshwa okanye ukutshataliswa kwezityalo zendalo okanye amahlathi avele ngokwendalo, ngokuyintloko ngenxa yemisebenzi yabantu. Umz. Ukucocwa komhlaba kune nokugawulwa kwamahlathi.