

▪ **The role of Government:** governments should revise their National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans and align them with the current Biodiversity Plan;

▪ **The role of businesses:** Businesses should integrate the goals of the Biodiversity Plan into their Corporate Social Responsible strategies and projects.



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KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM
AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

**PLAY YOUR PART IN
PROTECTING
BIOLOGICAL
DIVERSITY**



Inspiring New Hope

- **Clean-up an area locally:** support governments, NGO's and other role players to clean-up a dumpsite, a beach, wetland or a riverside. Encourage friends and family to dispose of waste properly and to practice the waste hierarchy whenever possible.
- **Area Restoration:** Participate in restoration projects in your area. These could include planting indigenous plants, partnering with local authorities in the identification and removal of invasive alien plant species, and soil stabilisation and erosion control using applicable techniques;
- **Raise awareness about the importance of biodiversity:** Learn about the importance of biodiversity and how we as humans affect it directly and indirectly. Take the necessary actions and teach others to become environmentally literate and responsible;



- **Take pictures not samples:** When visiting parks or nature reserves, avoid taking samples of natural features. This can destabilise the ecosystem, for instance, taking an indigenous plant and planting it at another area where it does not occur naturally, that plant might invade and dominate the area and subsequently affect local biodiversity and ecosystem functioning. Instead, take pictures of natural features that stood out for you.
- **Report environmental crimes:** Whenever possible and safe, report environmental crimes such as poaching, wildlife trafficking and pollution to nearest authorities such as the South African Police Service as well the Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs at your respective District;



- **Responsible Consumption:** Whenever possible, invest in buying local foods that are sustainably produced. E.g. organic foods;
- **Rethink, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle** waste as much as possible;
- **Buy eco-friendly products,** learn about various eco-friendly certification schemes that are applicable in South Africa and read products in store to determine if they are considerate of the environment;
- **Support Environmental Organisations:** If possible, donate funds or volunteer at your nearest wildlife rehabilitation centres. Participate in projects such as the Citizen Science that encourages Citizens to monitor and record the distribution of species in an area, this should empower participants with the knowledge and skills in biodiversity monitoring;

