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Pringle Bay Community Meeting

Baboon Management Program: Short Overview

Introduction

- From July 2014 to September 2019 – no baboon management by the municipality
- From 2015 to 2019 – discussions, negotiations and inter-governmental dispute with Department of Environmental Affairs leading to:
 - Agreement (Compactum of March 2019),
 - Overstrand Strategic Baboon Management Plan (SBMP), and
 - Qualified Constitutional Functional Assignment to S156(4) of the RSA Constitution – *only for the purpose of the control and management of the baboons by implementing the SBMP.*



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Strategic Baboon Management Plan

- Total of 14 baboon troops of varying sizes comprising about 450 baboons.
- Local areas are:
 - Priority 1: Pringle Bay, Betty's Bay/Kleinmond and Hermanus (Voelklip, Hermanus Heights and Fernkloof)
 - Priority 2: Hangklip, Onrus, Hemel-en-Aarde and Vogelgat
 - Priority 3: Rooiels and Franskraal

(New troops are being reported/discovered)



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Overstrand Municipality

11 towns

230km of coast line

Rooi Els

Pringle Bay

Kleinmond

Betty's Bay

Greater Hermanus

Stanford

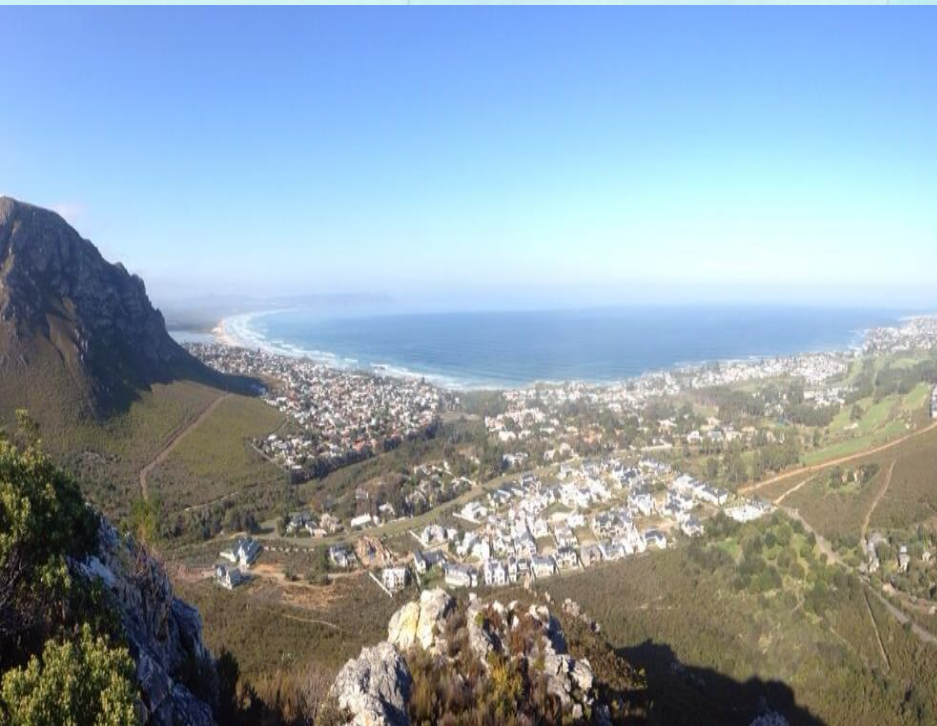
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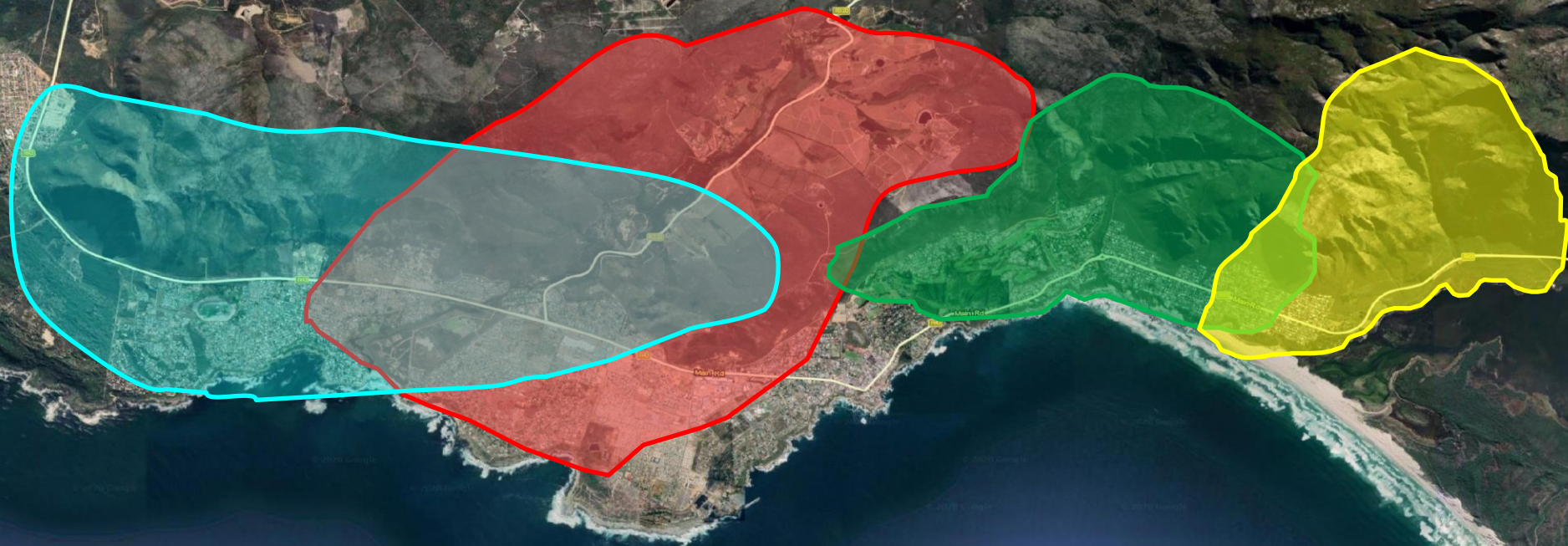
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Wolvengat/
Viljoenshof

Buffeljagsbaai




HERMANUS FOUR TROOPS

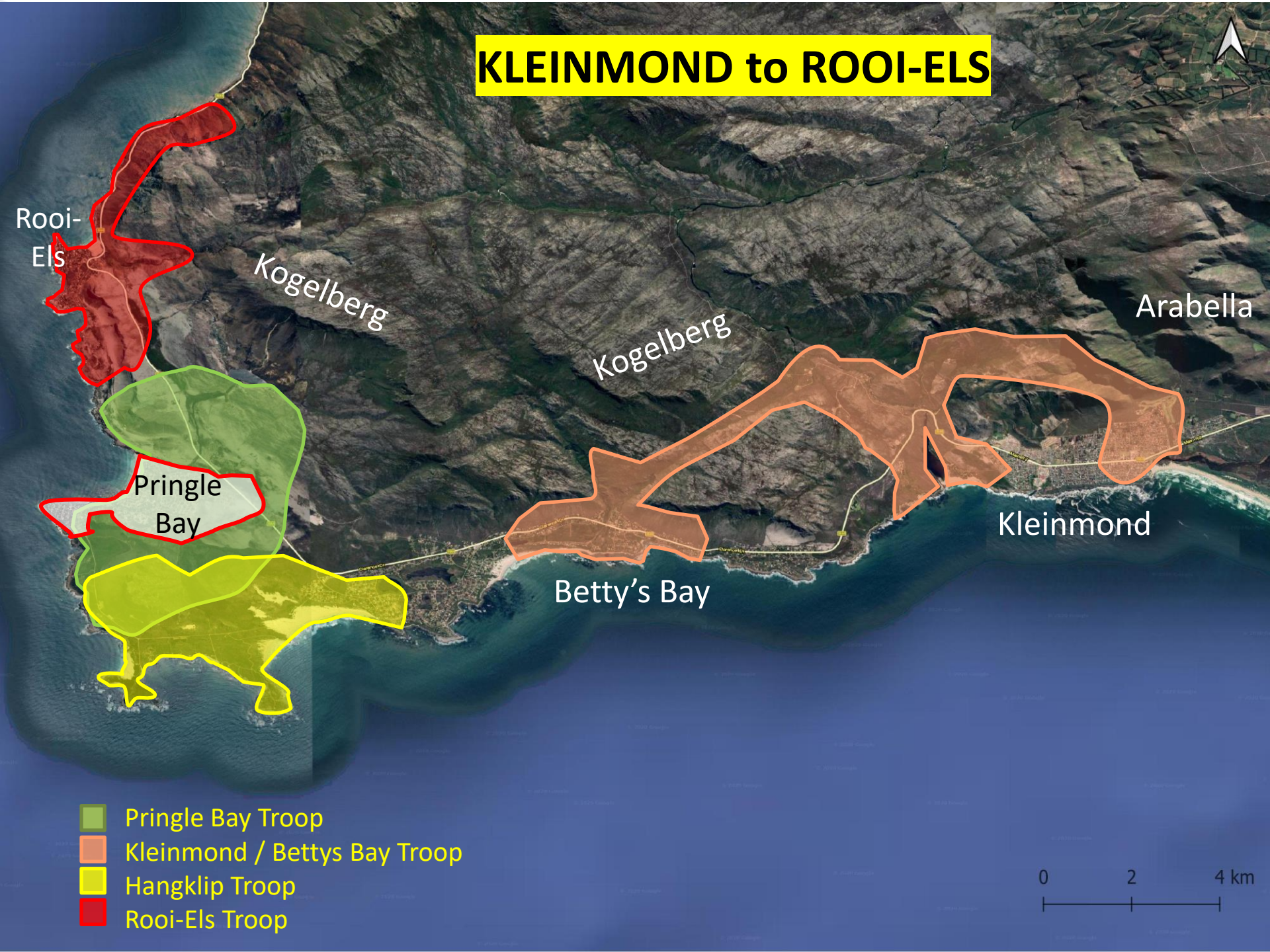


-  Onrus Troop
-  Hamilton Russel Troop
-  Voëlklip Troop
-  Vogelgat Troop

0 1 2 km



KLEINMOND to ROOI-ELS



Rooi-
Els

Kogelberg

Kogelberg

Arabella

Pringle
Bay

Betty's Bay

Kleinmond

- Pringle Bay Troop
- Kleinmond / Bettys Bay Troop
- Hangklip Troop
- Rooi-Els Troop

0 2 4 km

Strategic Baboon Management Plan

Purpose

The sustainable management of local baboon populations, by keeping them out of urban areas.



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Strategic Baboon Management Plan

Approach

1. Adaptive management, informed by sound monitoring, evaluation and scientific research,
2. Provision of effective regulatory requirement and support,
3. Baboon troop monitoring and fences, including virtual fences, to keep baboons out of the urban areas,
4. Waste Management to ensure that waste is inaccessible to baboons,
5. Public communication and awareness to enable stakeholder co-operation, and
6. Citizen partnership to enable localised institutional support.



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Strategic Baboon Management Plan

Implementation

(2019 – 2024)

- Implementation started in October 2019.
- Service provider (Human Wildlife Solutions) appointed in October 2019 in terms of the MFMA and Municipal Supply Chain Policy (S36 (1)(a)(ii)).
- Started with the latest approved Management Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for Baboon Management provided by Cape Nature. Develop own SOP in future.
- Implementation of Guidelines and SOP in accordance with Permits issued annually by Cape Nature.



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Strategic Baboon Management Plan

Implementation (2019 – 2024)

- Phased implementation started in October 2019.
- Phase 1:
 - Hermanus (Voelklip)
 - Pringle Bay (took over community based program)
- Phase 2: Kleinmond / Betty's Bay
 - Planning and community participation started in June 2020
 - Implementation to start on 19 April 2021
- Baboon Liaison Committees/Groups established in all areas.



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Strategic Baboon Management Plan

Implementation (2019 – 2024)

Ongoing research, development and adaptive management will be applied going forward, considering:

- available and new information,
- community input,
- available natural habitat,
- topography,
- environmental aspect such as fires and droughts, and
- new technologies and methodologies.



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Thank you