





### Costs, benefits and financial flows from water at a catchment scale: Linking green and grey infrastructure

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#### Water and Financial Flows



## Water Utility Cost Drivers

- Raw Water
- Energy (pumping and treatment)
- Chemicals
- Maintenance
- Human Resources
- Capital repayment



## uMngeni Catchment Case Study

Costs and Benefits of Investing in Ecological Infrastructure





#### The uMngeni catchment, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa















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#### KZN Reconciliation Strategy (DWAF, 2009)



## Costs and Benefits of Invsting in El to enhance water supply



# Costs – Invasive alien plant clearing and grassland restoration

Grassland/woodland categories	Average rehabilitation costs per ha	Alien Plant clearing categories	Average rehabilitation costs per ha	
Severely degraded	R 7836	>70% Canopy cover	R 14 566	
Moderately degraded	R 237	30-70% canopy cover	R 6 450	
Untransformed management	R 20	<30% Canopy cover	R 2 000	
		Restored management	R 150	

Costs were calculated on the basis of restoration and management scenarios for grassland and indigenous forest using information supplied by local organisations

1US\$=14ZAR 1Euro=16.5ZAR







#### Application of hydrological model



ACRU ...A Daily Time-Step, Conceptual-Physical, Process-Based Soil Water & Hydrological Budgeting Model

~Schulze (1995) and updates

Based on Warburton (2011) and 2011 land cover (Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife & GeoTerra Image)

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## **Benefits and Cost**

	Total additional yield*	Total additional baseflow	Total avoided sediment	Number of direct beneficiaries	NPV of total project cost	Water Cost (total cost : yield over 50 years – 6% discount rate to both costs and benefits	Water Cost (total cost : yield over 50 years – 6% discount rate to costs and 0% benefits
	m <sup>3</sup>	m <sup>3</sup>	m <sup>3</sup>	User population	R	R/m <sup>3</sup>	R/m <sup>3</sup>
Midmar	107 679 991	15 552 401	4 970 930	2 562 370	R 63 863 301	R 2.44	R 0.72
Albert Falls	15 283 944	8 626 877	3 450 870	2 599 811	R 17 973 109	R 5.02	R1.49
Henley/Piete	170 027 198	5 070 222	7 322 015	1 964 414	R 50 500 692	R 1.14	R0.34
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Nagle	4 223 375	26 295 543	24 431 540	2 611 713	R 33 805 461	R 29.97	R8.88
Inanda	43 169 206	26 497 528	6 063 435	1 388 728	R 41 362 996	R 3.99	R1.18
Durban	18 973 247	616 867	4 226 254	1 200 000	R 16 170 192	R 3.92	R1.16
(uMngeni							
Estuary)							
Total	359 356 960	82 659 438	50 465 045	4 500 000	R 223 675 751	R 2.52 *	
Additional benefits not quantified	<ul> <li>Meet provincial and national biodiversity objectives</li> <li>Maintenance and elevation of recreation values</li> <li>Maintenance of food security services</li> <li>Maintenance and elevation of visual, smells and sense of place values</li> <li>E-Flows</li> <li>Create long term jobs</li> <li>* Total over 50 years at 50% assurance of supply</li> <li>* Weighted average</li> </ul>						

Unit Reference Values (Rands/m <sup>3</sup> )					
Ecological infrastructure					
Baviaanskloof-Tsitsikamma (streamflow maximisation)	R1.17				
Baviaanskloof-Tsitsikamma (baseflow maximisation)	R4.67				
uMngeni (streamflow gains)	R2.50				
Built infrastructure					
Groundwater (borehole installation) <sup>1</sup>	R4.56 - R5.40				
Water transfer schemes <sup>1</sup>	R5.51				
Treatment of used water <sup>1</sup>	R7.15				
uMkhomasi Water Scheme <sup>2</sup>	R7.20 - R8.20				
Desalinisation <sup>1</sup>	R9.01				
Dam infrastructure					
Nandoni Dam <sup>3</sup>	R0.50 - R0.67				
Inyaka Dam <sup>3</sup>	R1.13				
Berg River Dam <sup>3</sup>	R2.00 - R2.82				
De Hoop Dam <sup>3</sup>	R3.79				
Spring Grove Dam <sup>4</sup>	R0.46 – R0.76				

Mander et al 2017 (drawn from different sources)



#### Priority catchments to conserve ecological infrastructure





## Water Utility Cost Drivers



Replace grey infrastructure??



#### Is the money available??

	UW bulk sales (1000m <sup>3</sup> )	Bulk water tarrif (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	Bulk water cost (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	Raw water cost (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	WRMC (R/m³)	Total income	Catchment mgmt income	WRMC as % Cost
2017	400007			<b>D0</b> 44	50.040		D0 407 740	0.070/
	409887	R5.33	R3.66	R0.44	R0.016	R2 187 000 000	R8 197 740	0.37%
Scen 1								
	409887	R5.33	R3.66	R0.44	R0.05	R2 187 000 000	R20 494 350	0.9
Scen 2								
	409887	R5.33	R3.66	R0.44	R0.10	R2 187 000 000	R42 471 750	1.8
Scen 3								
	409887	R5.33	R3.66	R0.44	R0.50	R2 187 000 000	R211 141 240	9.75

Irrigation (1000m <sup>3</sup> )	Irrigation Cost (R/m <sup>3</sup> )	Irrigation Income		
72 000	R0.02	R1 173 600.00		



## Conclusions

- Huge under-investment in Green Infrastructure relative to benefits
- Investment in Green Infrastructure reliant on external sources of funding
  - User pays verses subsidies and external funding?
- Cost-Benefit analysis suggest significant benefits for relatively low expenditure
  - What discount rate should be applied to NBS?
- Working with water utility to build a case and sustainable financial model

