

Annexure C: Landowner results

Landowners, land user groups (LUGs) and funders

FVCT “has coordinated a Land User Incentive (LUI) Programme in the Overberg since 2013, called the ABI Alien Clearing Programme (Watson, *et al.*, 2018). The Natural Resource Management (NRM) guidelines were adopted to implement the ABI Alien Clearing Programme, using Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) guidelines and conditions for employment of contractors & workers; and DFFE rates.

The FVCT implementation model consist of three types of participants or beneficiaries namely: Land User Groups (LUG), Landowners & Contractors (Watson, *et al.*, 2018). Nine LUGs represent 100 landowners in the Agulhas Plain.

Landowners

Out of 100 landowners, only 21 participated in the interviews. The 21 landowner participants represented seven different LUGs; refer to Figure 1a below.

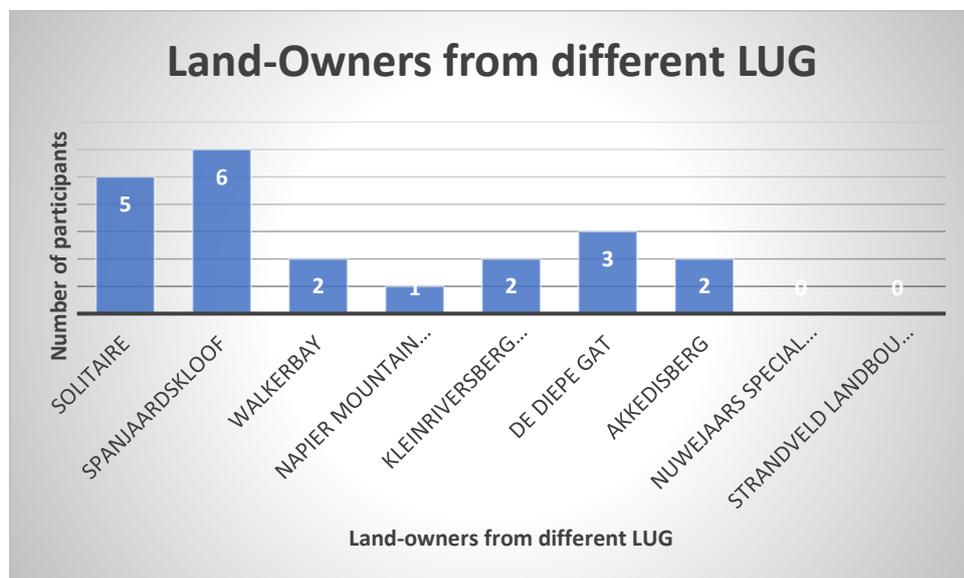


Figure 1a: Graph showing landowners from different LUGs

Amongst the interviewed participants they indicated the use their private property for the following activities: See Figure 1b.

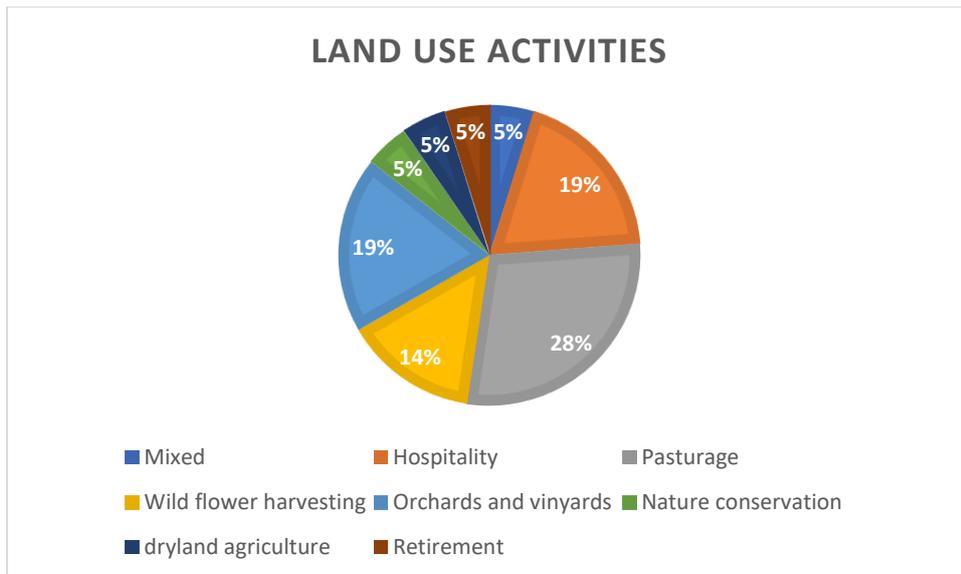


Figure 1b: Show top three land use activities on landowners' private property.

Funding used on private property		
Cleared land	Yes	21
	No	0
Own or Assistance funding used	Own Funding	5
	Assistant Funding	5
	Combined Funding	11
Type of funder	WfW	1
	LandCare	1
	Own	4
	Combination	15

Table 1a: Shows the type of funding used to clear landowners' private property. The sample is based on 21 participants of the study.

All 21 participants properties were cleared using Flower Valley stakeholders' funding and/or landowner funding. Before signing the agreement with FVCT most of the landowners' properties were at initial stage and were cleared to follow-up or maintenance stage.

According to Watson *et al.* (2018):

- FVCT's objective is to improve Natural Resource Management and livelihoods within the Fynbos Biome

- FVCT’s key sub-objective is to implement NRM strategies and methodologies that improve ecosystem functioning and achieve local socio-economic objectives in strategically important biodiversity areas in the Overberg.

Based on the landowners’ survey presented in the Table 1b. below, FVCT has achieved the above-mentioned objectives. 62% lives have had improved income, 76% think their property value has increased after clearing and removal of alien invasive plants category 1a & 1b. Furthermore, 100% of the interviewed participants see improvement in the ecosystem and 90% think removal of alien invasive species has reduced veld fire risk in the Fynbos biome area. In addition, according to the survey, 62% of interviewed participants see the positive impact of the project in their community, whilst, 33% are neutral and 5% think the project had negative impacts on the community.

	Yes	No	Unsure
Has the alien clearing project helped you in terms of improving your income?	13	6	2
Has the alien clearing project helped you in terms of improving the value of your property?	16	2	3
Do you think the project has improved the ecosystem s in the area?	21	0	0
Do you think the project has reduced the veld fire risk in the area?	19	0	2

Table 1b: Shows the impact of FVCT programme on the Agulhas Plain landowners’ private property.

Landowners view’s on FVCT & ABI:

- Improve on the following:
 - Long-term & short-term planning
 - Make room for improvement
 - Be consistent
 - Be fair and improve on communication
 - Training & support to manage teams
 - Mapping
 - Either bigger or small properties should be done in a consistent manner.
 - Consult with landowners and other professionals for assistance
 - Sources of funding

- Quality check and control

In addition, 100% of the participants feel they have enough knowledge to deal with the teams although 42% think support given by ABI was insufficient and 61% say the project did not have sufficient communication, refer to Table 1c below. The main shortfall of the project is insufficient communication from the conservancy, ABI and FVCT. The voted top 3 preferred channels of communication are emails, physical meetings and WhatsApp, refer to Table 1d below.

	yes	no	unsure
Was the support in field given by ABI sufficient	11	9	1
Do you feel you have enough knowledge to deal with the teams	21		
Did the project communicate sufficiently with you that you felt comfortable with what is going on?	9	13	

Table 1c: Shows landowners' views on the knowledge and communication on the project

Preferred channel of communication						
email	WhatsApp	Phone calls	Meetings	Newsletter	Webinars	Website
12	13	3	13	1	1	1

Table 1d: Shows preferred channel of communication

Also based on the survey, ABI and FVCT roles are not clear to landowners: 38% of the participant think ABI should coordinate, plan and provide support, 11% are not sure on the kind of role ABI should play, whilst 5% recommend ABI to do research and another 5% say ABI should remain as it is.

What is the role of ABI?			
Coordinate, Plan & provide support	Do research	Continue as it is	Not sure
8	1	1	11

Table 2a: Landowners' views on ABI roles

Out of 21 landowner participants, 81% are not sure of FVCT's role, 10% think FVCT should coordinate, plan and provide support, 5% say FVCT role must be to conduct research and 5% say FVCT should continue as it.

What role should FVCT play?			
Coordinate, Plan & provide support	Do research	Continue as it is	Not sure
2	1	1	17

Table 2b: Landowners' views on FVCT roles