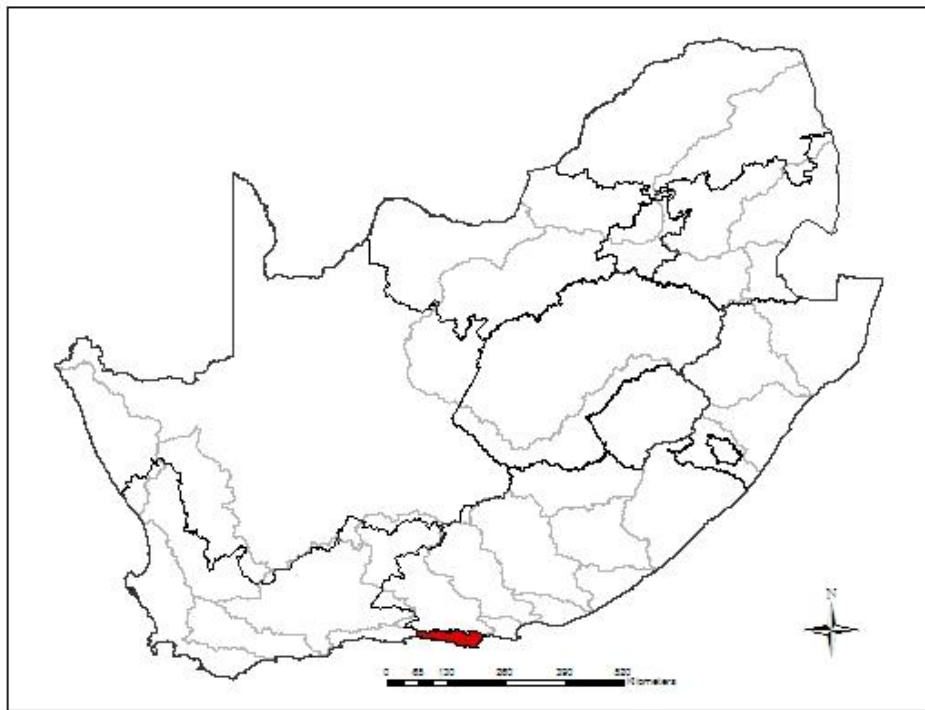




# Kromme catchment “Towards a Living Landscape”

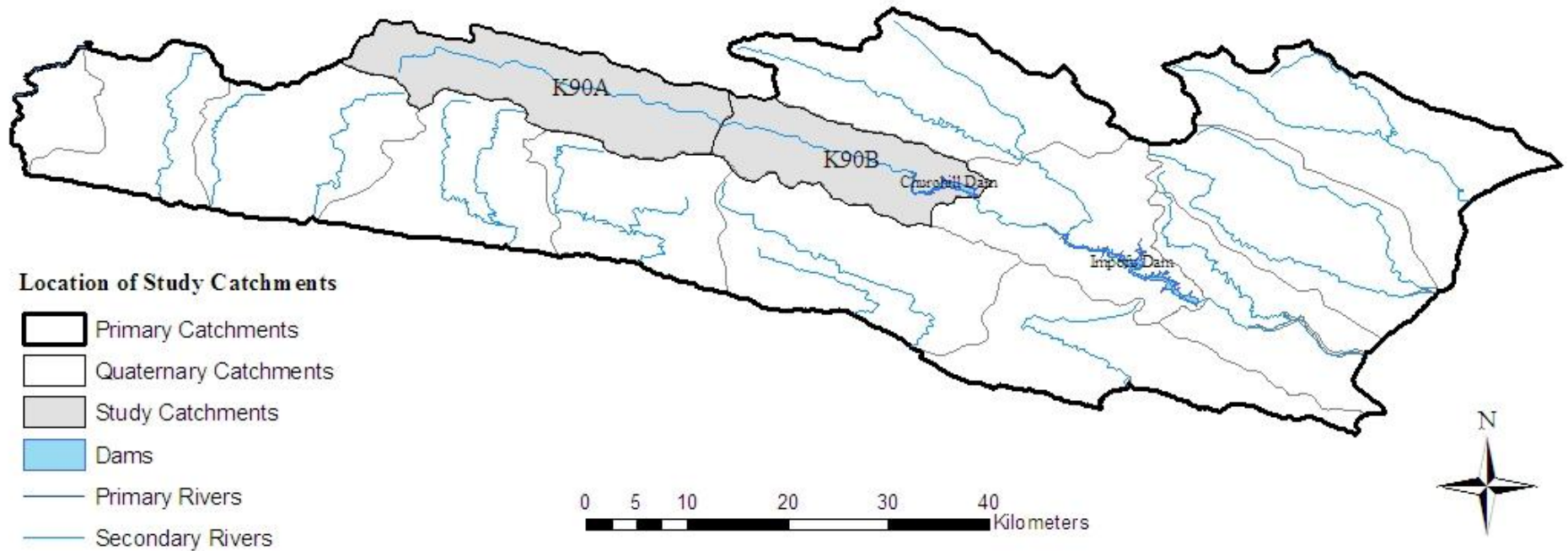


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### Location of Study Site in South Africa

- Study Area
- Primary Catchments
- South African Provinces



### Location of Study Catchments

- Primary Catchments
- Quaternary Catchments
- Study Catchments
- Dams
- Primary Rivers
- Secondary Rivers



## *Project aims:*

- 1. Building partnerships*
- 2. Trust and understanding on the landscape*
- 3. Work as a catalyst towards funding and organisations*
- 4. Working on solutions towards a sustainable lands use*



## ***What did we do so far:***

- 1. Workshop in November at the Learning Village*
  - ✓ Lot of knowledge, time for action*
  - ✓ Improve communication in the catchment*
- 2. Interview with the farmers/ land users*
- 3. Workshop in March with farmers/ land users*



## ***Interview with the farmers/ land users (pre-results)***

- ✓ There are a lot of relatively new farmers in the Kromme river catchment;
- ✓ Farming is getting more difficult in the last ten years;
- ✓ In general landowners think wetlands are an important part of the Kromme river system;
- ✓ However most of the landowners do not see any personal benefits from wetlands;
- ✓ Almost all farmers dislike alien vegetation and have problems with them;
- ✓ Most farmers love wildlife on their land.



## ***Interview with the farmers/ land users (pre-results)***

- ✓ All farmers try to farm in a way that farming in fifty years is still possible;
- ✓ A lot of farmers are interested in a voluntary conservation agreement IF they receive incentives;
- ✓ Almost all farmers are interested in workshops about farming and conservation issues, (no talkshops);
- ✓ Almost all farmers are interested in opportunities for tourism.
  
- ✓ There are only a few people everybody knows;
- ✓ Generally landowners only know near neighbours, or the people on the side of Kareedouw they are on;
- ✓ In general they are very willing to work with different organizations, also nature conservation organizations.



## ***Workshop in March with farmers/ land users***

- ✓ Concerns about water rights AND improve their farming practises
- ✓ Improve water quantity and quality for the municipality downstream, with no financial recompense.
- ✓ The need to start a “Kromme River Communication Forum” or committee.
- ✓ The need to improve communication within the farming community
- ✓ Concerns were expressed in terms of alerting government to the potential of the area, and planting ideas for the government to reclaim farms in the area.



## To discuss today?

- ✓ What should the focus of the forum be?
- ✓ What are the tasks of a forum?
- ✓ How to structure a forum?
  
- ✓ Who needs to be in the forum ?
- ✓ What are the benefits of a forum for your organisation?
  
- ✓ New forum or join a existing platforms?

*“ I sensed an infinite scream passing through nature “*

