

## Management of fragments and fragmented landscapes - filling in the gaps

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Aim of the workshop was to introduce two decision support frameworks, one a "BioBlitz" assessing fragment health, the other a framework to prioritise fragments for management actions. Both framework were identified as being required in a previous workshop held at Fynbos Forum 2007, and were filled with research outputs generated over the last few years. Workshop participants had the opportunity to comment on whether the frameworks make sense, how they could be improved and whether information was missing. The general consensus was that, although it is important that we do have these frameworks available, they need to be more specific, and should be refined. Furthermore, it was feared that this approach might be reinventing the wheel, as prioritising exercises were done repeatedly, and we need to move away from planning towards implementation.

The knowledge transfer (from researchers to conservation authorities / land owners / decision makers) needs to be approached differently, ideally by engaging with the people on the ground directly, and equip them to not only understand the knowledge that is being transferred, but to make everyone aware of what is happening, and help them communicate the message (that is available in papers, books, booklets, pamphlets). Ideas and comments made at the workshop will be incorporated into the communication strategy developed for the project, and will hopefully be extended beyond this.