



## **Kromme workshop 4 29-08-2012**

### Programme:

- 13.00 Welcome with coffee/tea
- 13.15 Introduction of stakeholders
- 13.20 Presentation Marijn Zwinkels about Living Lands Approach
- 13.25 Presentation about Report Lisa
- 13.30 Presentation Thomas about the water scarcity
- 13.35 Presentation Elodie
- 13.40 Introduction to next steps
- 13.45 Coffee break
- 13.50 Discussion group: What are the priorities of the forum?
- 14.20 Presentation about feedback last workshop in May
- 14.55 Formation of core group
- 15.05 closing speech

### Minuits:

- Communication is important: Although the river Kromme binds the people, there is at the moment no cooperation and communication.
- A forum is needed to make improve communication and cooperation, but more people need to come to these meetings.
- The Gabians needs to be wider according to the farmers, at the moment the river gets around them.
- The Gabians are also not maintained in a proper way
- The Black Wattle is a big problem; it kills Palmiet and degrades the ground.
- Palmiet should be planted
- There are main topics of interest:
  - Water management
  - Alien clearing
  - River restoration
  - Wetlands
  - Floods
  - Communication between farmers
- The sand comes from the mountains
- Planning for future floods can help to decrease the impact
- The roads are a big problem with floods, water needs to managed away from roads
- Fire management and burning of Fynbos: burning at regular intervals will make vegetation come backer easier
- The long objective of the river forum should be protection and conservation of the Kromme river area
- Also short term objectives should be made

- What we have to look at to achieve that. Short term objectives. Side Rivers that are coming in influencing the water flow in the big river, rocking it, pushing, and holding it back. Stop water flow in Kromme River. When small streams come in, there's a lot of damage. On some farms the river flow was changed, so the mouth is not where it was 100 years ago. That's a problem. Most damage was caused by Side Rivers and debris.
- Proper study of the water flows in a flood situation. Scientific study, to give attention to the things that might be important in the future need to address the real problem. Make sure that the river flows down quicker or unobstructed, in some areas. The potential points of damage, where they lie. Otherwise you're just fixing small problems. Rectify for the next 50 years.
- Therefore the main objectives are: objectives, science and side rivers
- Living Lands can help: We can initiate things, organize new meetings.
- What is the best way to set it up? Who would be willing to help? It must come from the inside.
- Because some topics need a lot of money, government involvement is needed. Most things cannot be done by single farmers
- Farmers are also not allowed to do things; the governmental organization must do it.
- The communication with these organization is described as difficult
- To forum needs a vision and mission statement to make clear what the goals are
- Meeting time is problem, each farmer has another preference
- Boerevereniging can be used to discuss topics of the Kromme Forum. Representatives of the Kromme forum can go the Boerevereniging meetings
- What should be the next step: Formal letter for Boerevereniging, invite governmental organization and other stakeholders
- More farmers are needed in the forum; different farmers can do different things.
- Living Lands has lot of connection with department of Agriculture and WFW. We can organize a meeting with them to discuss those issues
- What more can you do? Email, flyers, promotion etc.
- First step must be to develop the common goal and mission statement. Without that we cannot do anything
- Later a new meeting to get things together
- Meetings need to be shorter, first meeting with farmers was too long
- Next meeting will be with governmental institutions and Farmers