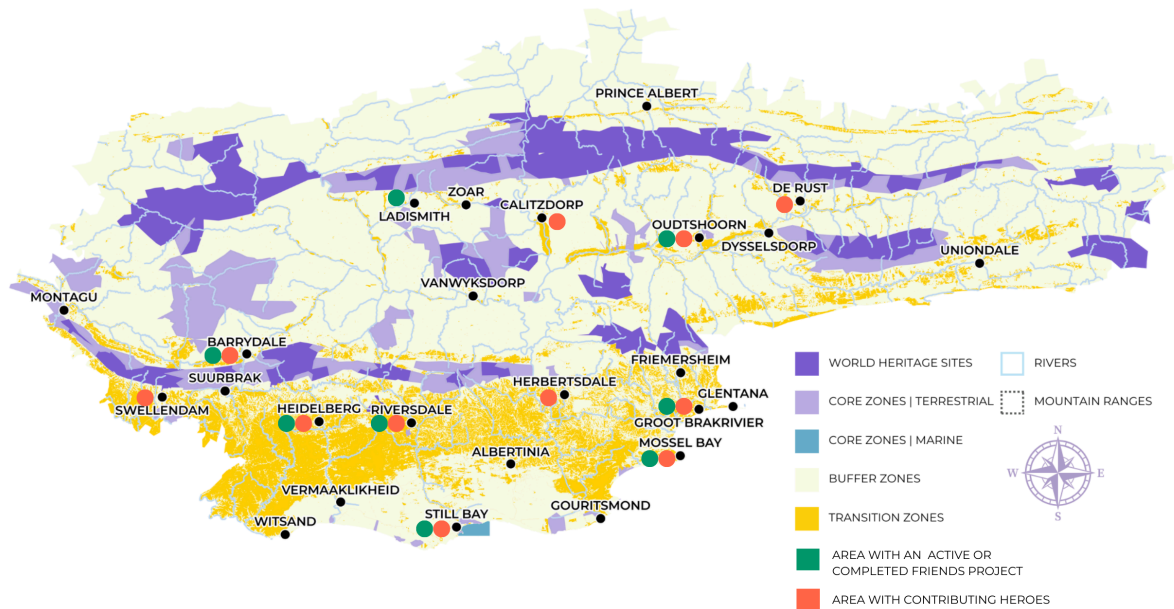




Impact Report 2024-2025

Friends of the Biosphere (FOB) connects local businesses with community volunteers to enable hands-on, nature-positive action across the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve. The support from business and volunteers has helped transform passion into practical impact within one of South Africa's most extraordinary landscapes, the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve.



The Numbers



The Impact

Environmental Value

- Clearing of invasive alien plants in high conservation value areas
- Protection and restoration of indigenous plant and animal species
- Removal of tons of litter from beaches, rivers, and coastal environments
- Improved ecosystem health and resilience

Community & Social Impact

- Establishment of food gardens supporting early childhood centres and vulnerable communities
- Creation of green spaces at schools and in urban areas
- Increased environmental awareness through murals, signage, and hands-on projects
- Strengthened community pride, stewardship, and volunteerism

Thank You

We extend our sincere gratitude to all partners and stakeholders whose commitment, collaboration, and contributions continue to shape the success of the Friends of the Biosphere Programme.

As the programme moves steadily toward self-sufficiency and long-term sustainability, it stands as a gateway for community members to engage with and contribute to the Gouritz Cluster Biosphere Reserve's vision of people and nature thriving together.

We are only just getting started, and we look forward with optimism and excitement to what 2026 will bring.

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