

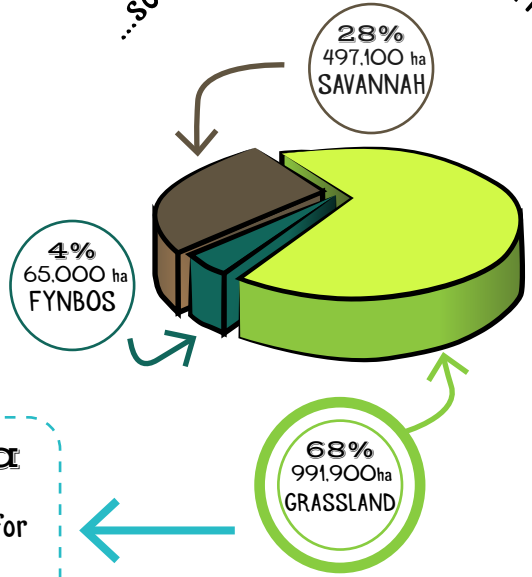
GRASSLANDS: LINKING FORESTRY TO WETLANDS

42 of South Africa's river ecosystems are found in grasslands...



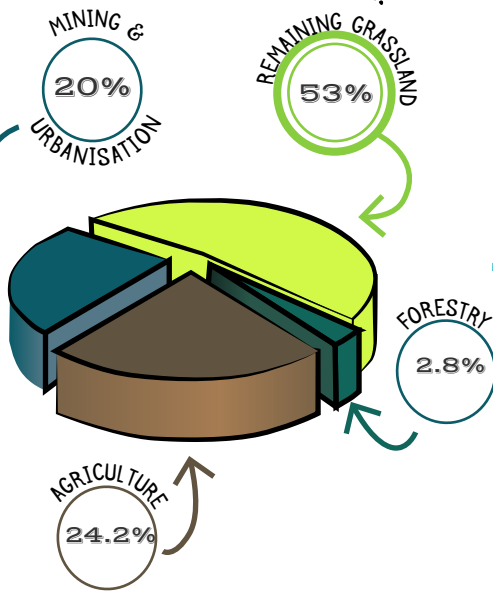
Why is wetland conservation so important to the forestry industry?

...so is 68% of South Africa's timber plantations.



991,900ha sounds like a lot but it only accounts for 2.8% of grassland lost.

South Africa has lost almost 50% of its grassland.



Only 3% of remaining grassland is PROTECTED.

As a result 83% of the river ecosystems are threatened.

48% is Critically Endangered!

While forestry isn't a major contributor to grassland and wetland loss, it has played a role in the past.

This is why the forest industry is now committed to grassland and wetland rehabilitation.