CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP
Options for landowners

- All 3 options are voluntary
- Each option is tailored to your needs as a landowner
- None of these options mean ceding ownership rights to Cape Nature Conservation
- Existing types of protected areas (e.g., private nature reserve, natural heritage site, mountain catchment area) can be accommodated within any of these options

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<td>WHICH OPTION APPLIES TO YOUR LAND</td>
<td>• Priority areas adjacent to statutory reserves or sufficiently large to be self-contained ecosystems.</td>
<td>• Suitable for any conservation worthy land (especially wetlands and water catchments), not excluding small and isolated fragments.</td>
<td>• Any natural land is suitable but not a good option if your land has rare or endangered habitats, unless this initial designation. is seen as part of a plan to progress to higher conservation security</td>
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<td>POSSIBLE LAND USE LIMITATIONS</td>
<td>• No development or land use rights will be allowed, but access and residence rights are unrestricted</td>
<td>• Land must be managed in a way that will support natural processes</td>
<td>• Very few, but the area needs to retain its natural character</td>
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<td>BENEFITS TO THE LANDOWNER</td>
<td>• Substantial assistance with habitat management</td>
<td>• Specific agreements for fire, alien, plant and animal management</td>
<td>• Advice &amp; support through basic extension services</td>
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<td>• Increased recognition and marketing exposure</td>
<td>• Advanced extension services (e.g., alien clearing planning)</td>
<td>• Assistance with management plans and farm maps</td>
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Frequently Asked Questions about Stewardship Options

What are the benefits of becoming a custodian of natural habitat on your property?

- Natural vegetation (particularly wetlands) can act like a filter and preserve the quality of drinking water that collects in dams
- Clearing alien plants and implementing firebreaks will reduce the risk of damaging fires
- Conserving vegetation on slopes will prevent soil erosion
- Your income-base can be diversified through the wise use and marketing of your natural resources (e.g. ecotourism opportunities, professional hunting)
- By becoming involved in conservation on your land, you will have access to support, advice and assistance from dedicated Cape Nature Conservation staff
- By conserving natural habitats on your property, you may be keeping certain plants and animals from extinction, while dramatically improving the survival chances of many others!

CONTRACT NATURE RESERVES

Q: If I sell my property, will the restrictions stipulated in the contract apply to the owner?
A: Yes, the same restrictions will apply. However, a new contract will have to be negotiated.

Q: Will I have to remove existing infrastructure from the area that becomes the contract nature reserve?
A: No, all existing infrastructure may remain.

Q: Will Cape Nature Conservation have unlimited access to my property if it becomes a Contract Nature Reserve?
A: No, but terms and conditions regarding access can be negotiated within the agreement.

Q: Can I be assured that Cape Nature Conservation can support the terms of the contract agreement in the future?
A: Yes, Cape Nature Conservation is a government agency tasked with the mandate of nature conservation throughout the province, and is committed to this long-term vision.

CO-OPERATION AGREEMENTS

Q: Who will bear the legal costs for drawing up a co-operation agreement?
A: This will be negotiated, but where possible, Cape Nature Conservation will facilitate reduced costs.

Q: What will the consequences be if I choose to terminate the co-operation agreement?
A: You will be liable for the total cost of Cape Nature Conservation’s management interventions and assistance over the period for which the agreement was valid.

Q: Will I be able to utilise an independent arbitrator if conflict arises over the legalities of the agreement?
A: Yes, you are fully entitled to make use of such services.

CONSERVATION AREAS

Q: Is a conservation area applicable to an individual property, a collectively managed-multi-landowner area (e.g. conservancy), or both?
A: Both. It can apply to a single property or a group of properties, like a conservancy

Q: What do basic extension services include?
A: General advice, support and assistance, as well as input into the drafting of management plans.

Q: Will other people in the area be allowed access to my conservation area?
A: No. Specific rules and agreements can be dictated by each individual landowner.