



Development and implementation of biodiversity offsets policy in South Africa

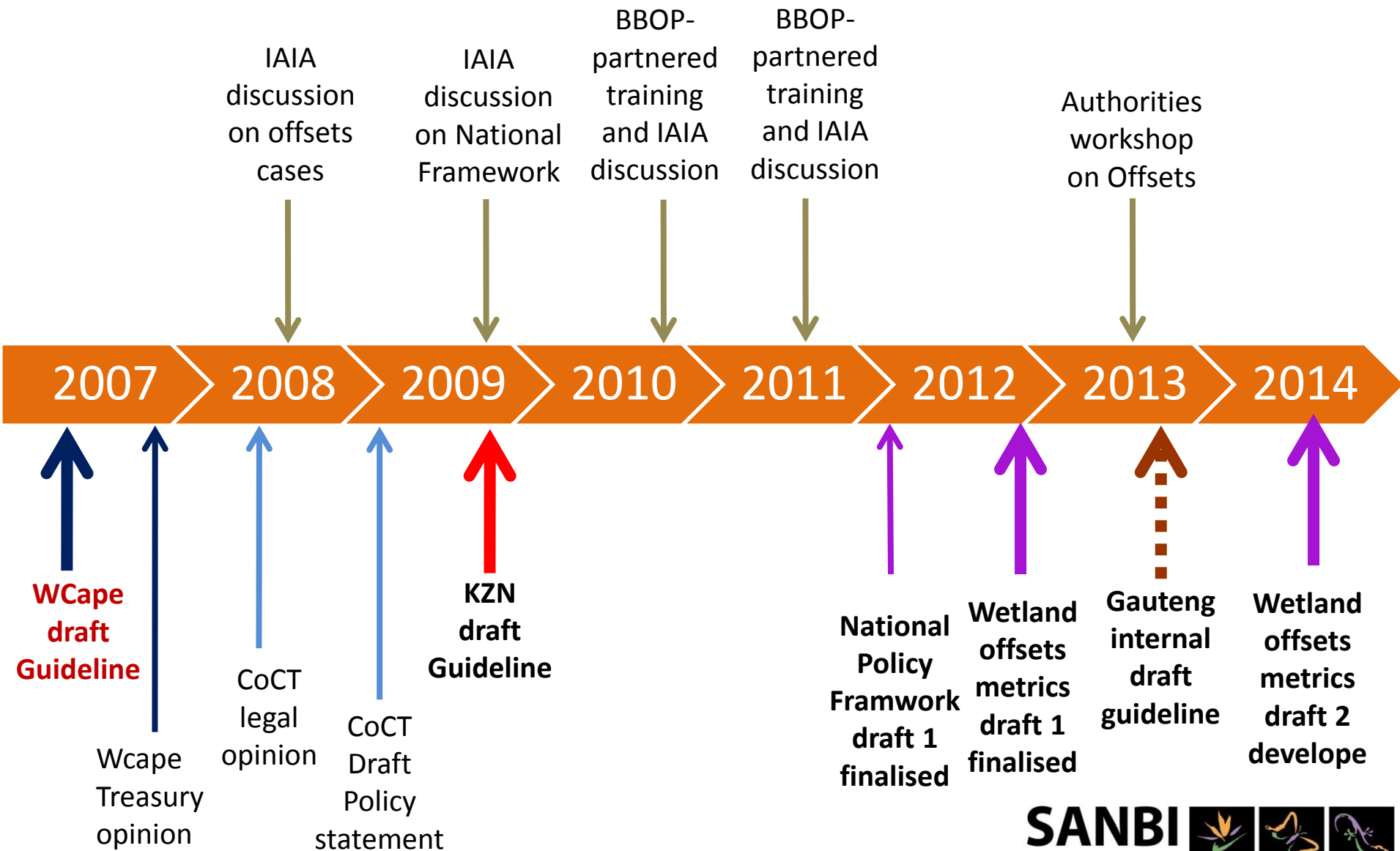
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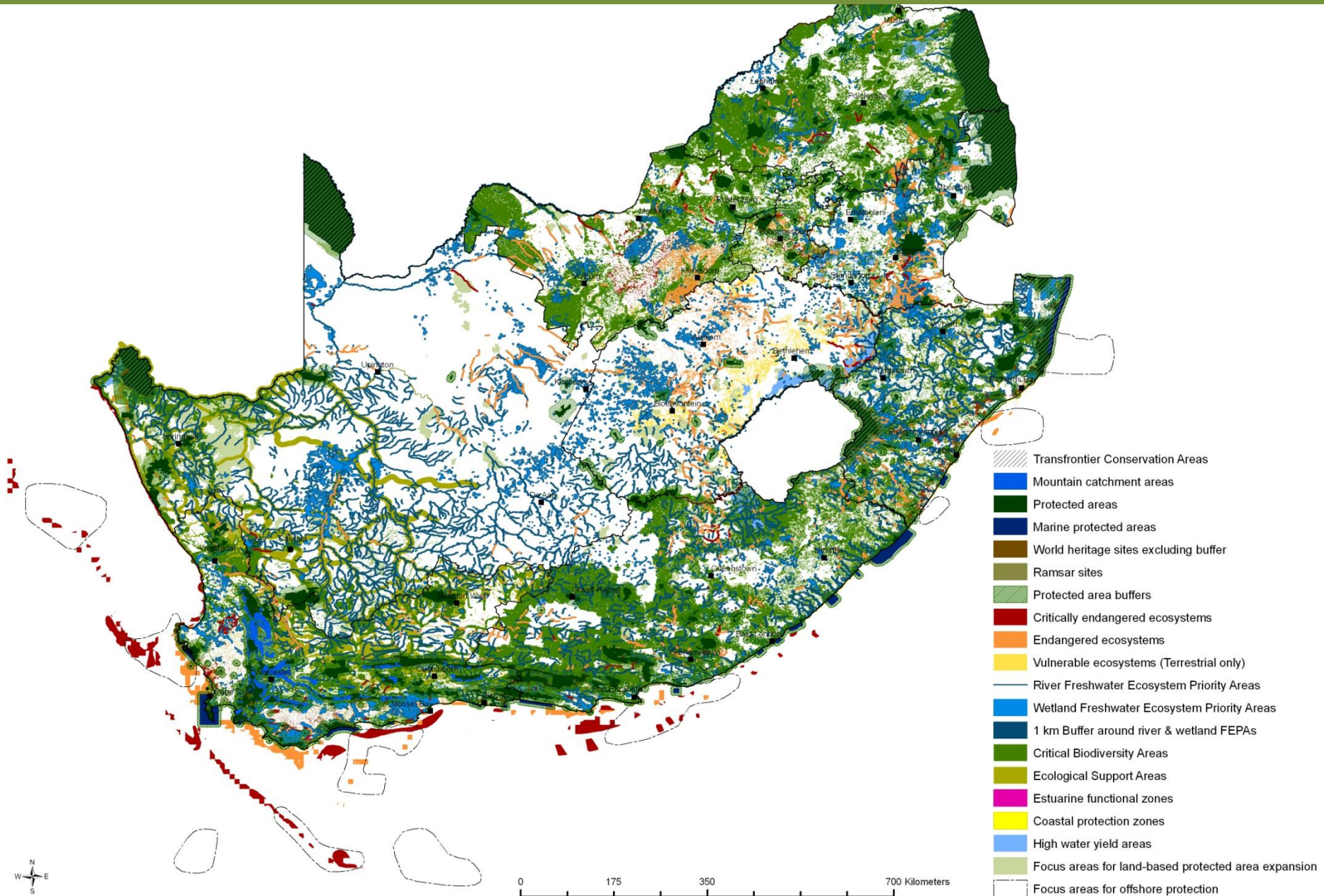
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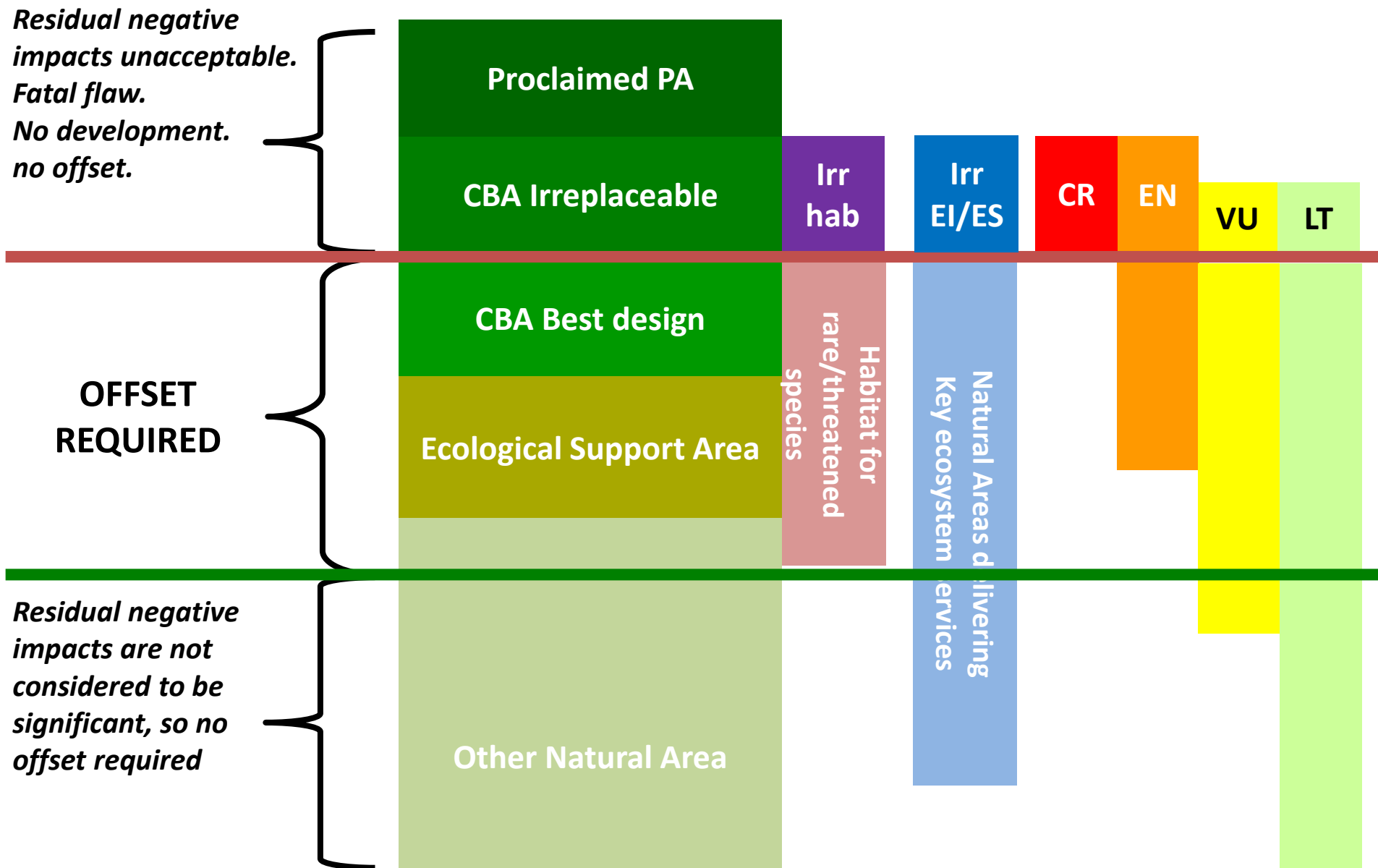
Policy and Capacity maturation



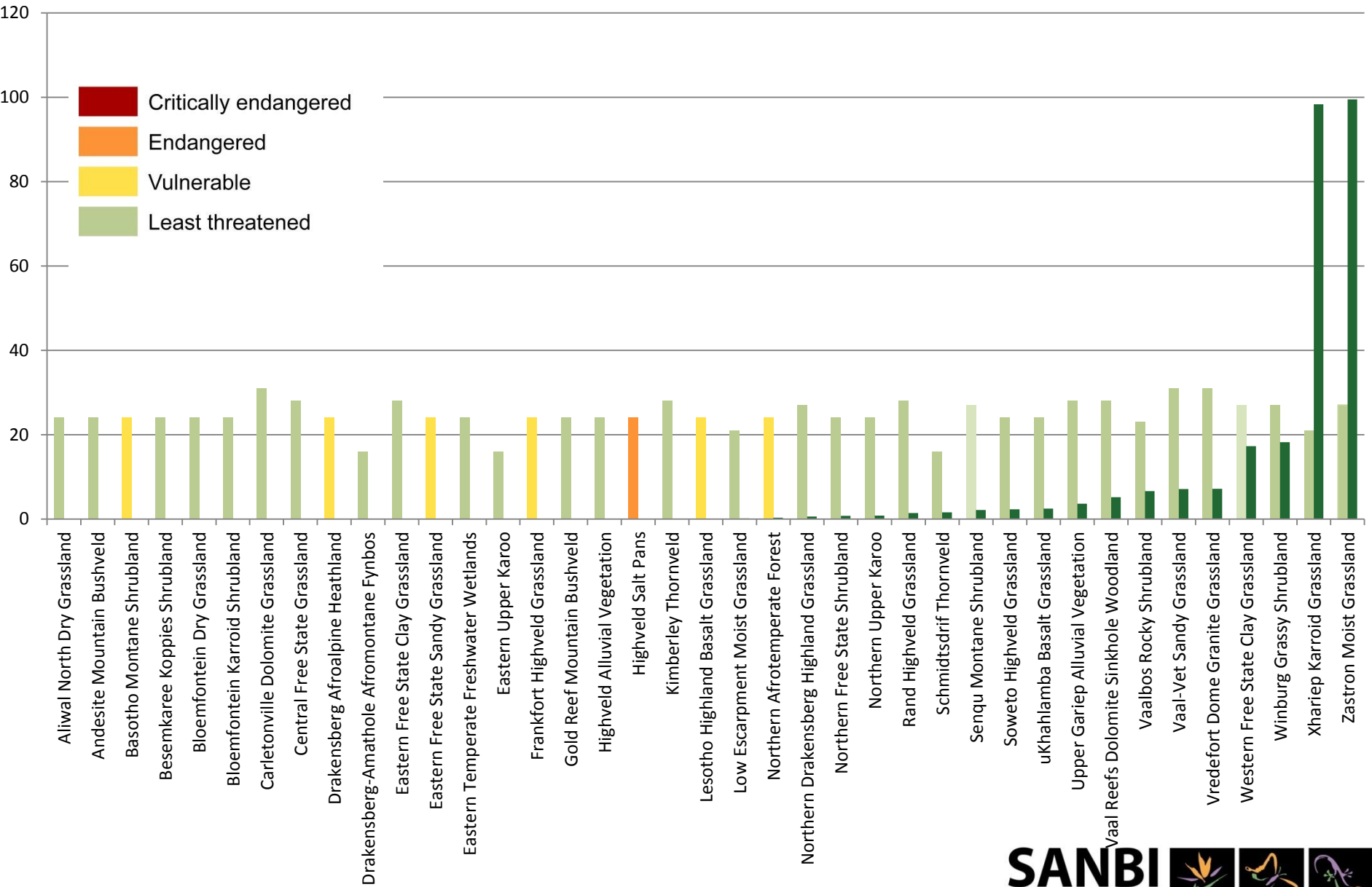
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Managed drawdown, targets, ecosystem threat status, protection



Implementing offsets

- Applicable to private and public sector
- No in-lieu fee
- No Conservation Banking
- No Credits

Tracking offsets implementation

- No register
 - In development (2014).
 - 25-50 offsets authorised to date.
- No offset fully implemented to date.
- No legal framework in place:
 - Only draft policy/guidelines

Lessons: Metrics (or better science) is not the obstacle!

- Recognising offsets as mitigation
- Need to support the capacity of the State
- Watertight and consistent agreements
- Financial provision of management costs
- Guarantee of performance/Security

Discussion / Question

