

iSimangaliso:

**“Turning Paradise into a Mine Dump
or Developing to Conserve?”**

“Future Conservation”







United Nations
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**World
Heritage**

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- In 1999 iSimangaliso was inscribed onto the World Heritage List.





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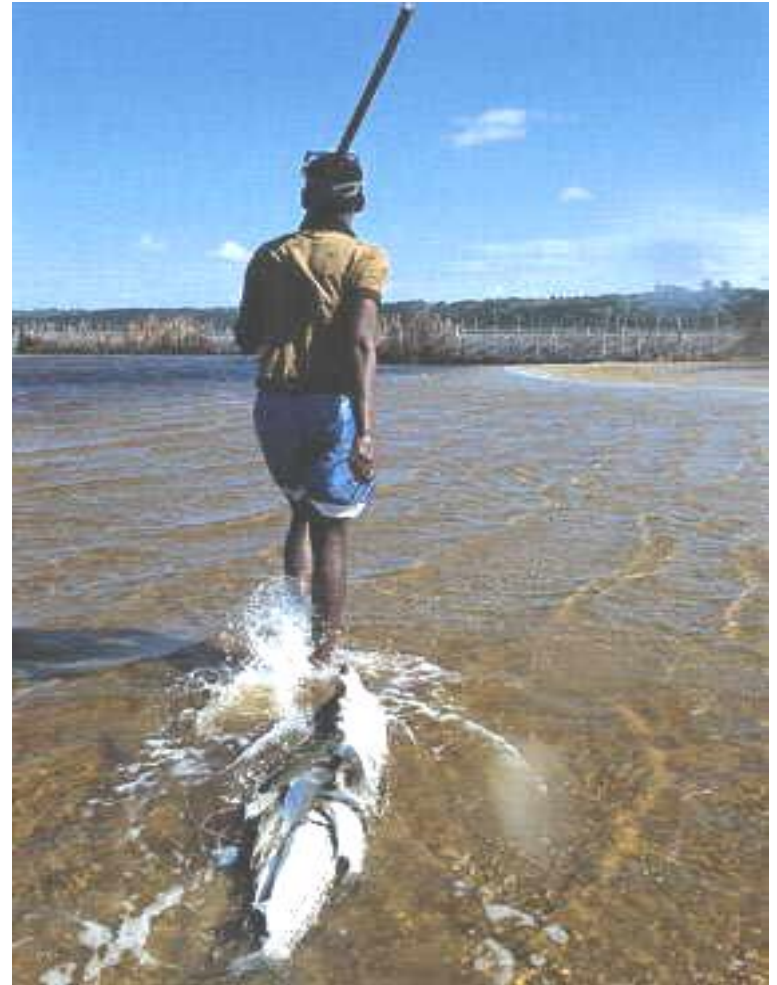






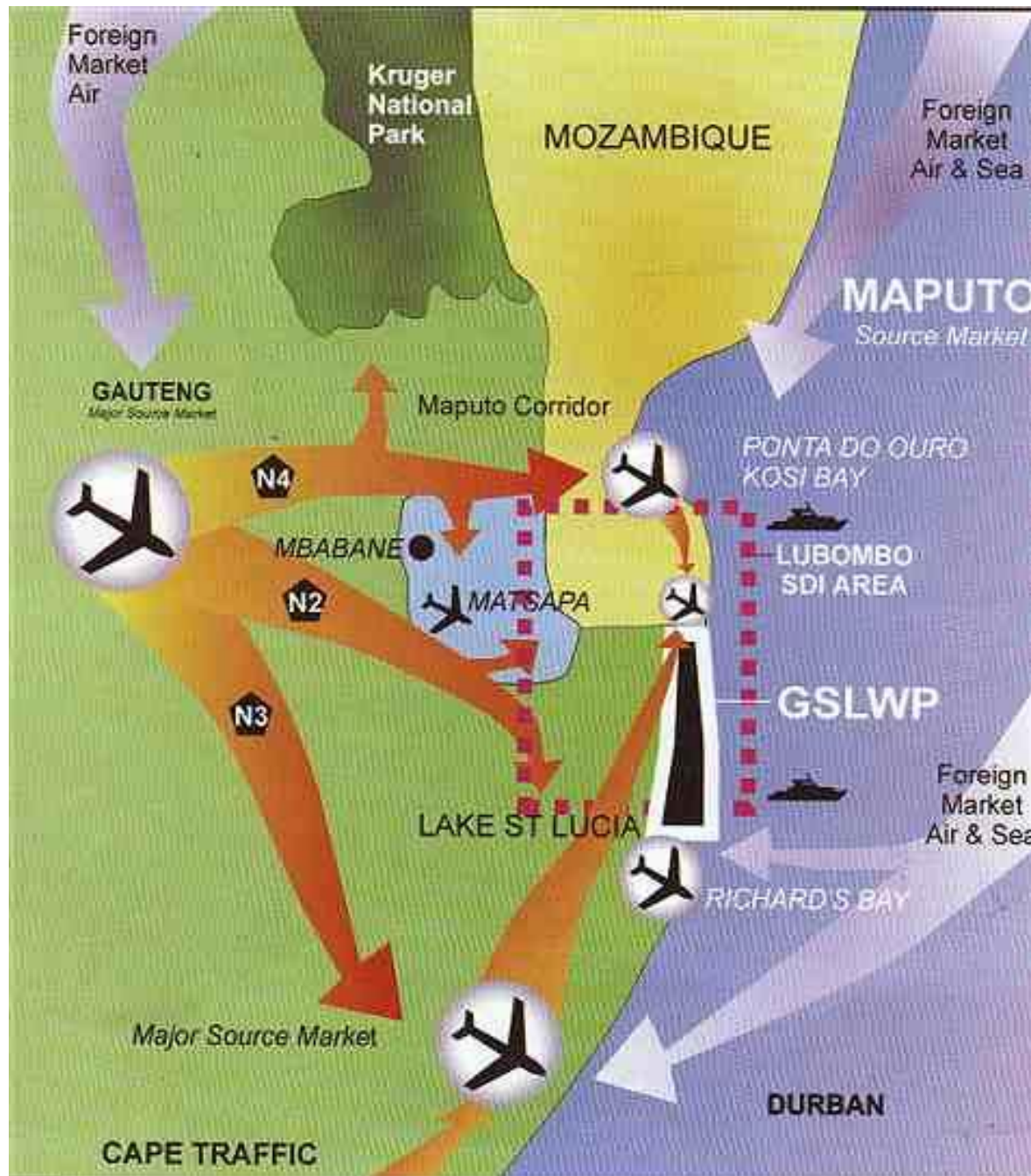
“Poverty amidst Plenty”

- Poverty & neglect
- Ecological destruction & collapse
- Key challenge:
Shifting the development trajectory to enhance resilience of people & nature



(persitant wicked)

Lubombo SDI



Malaria
Roads
Borders & Visa
TFCA

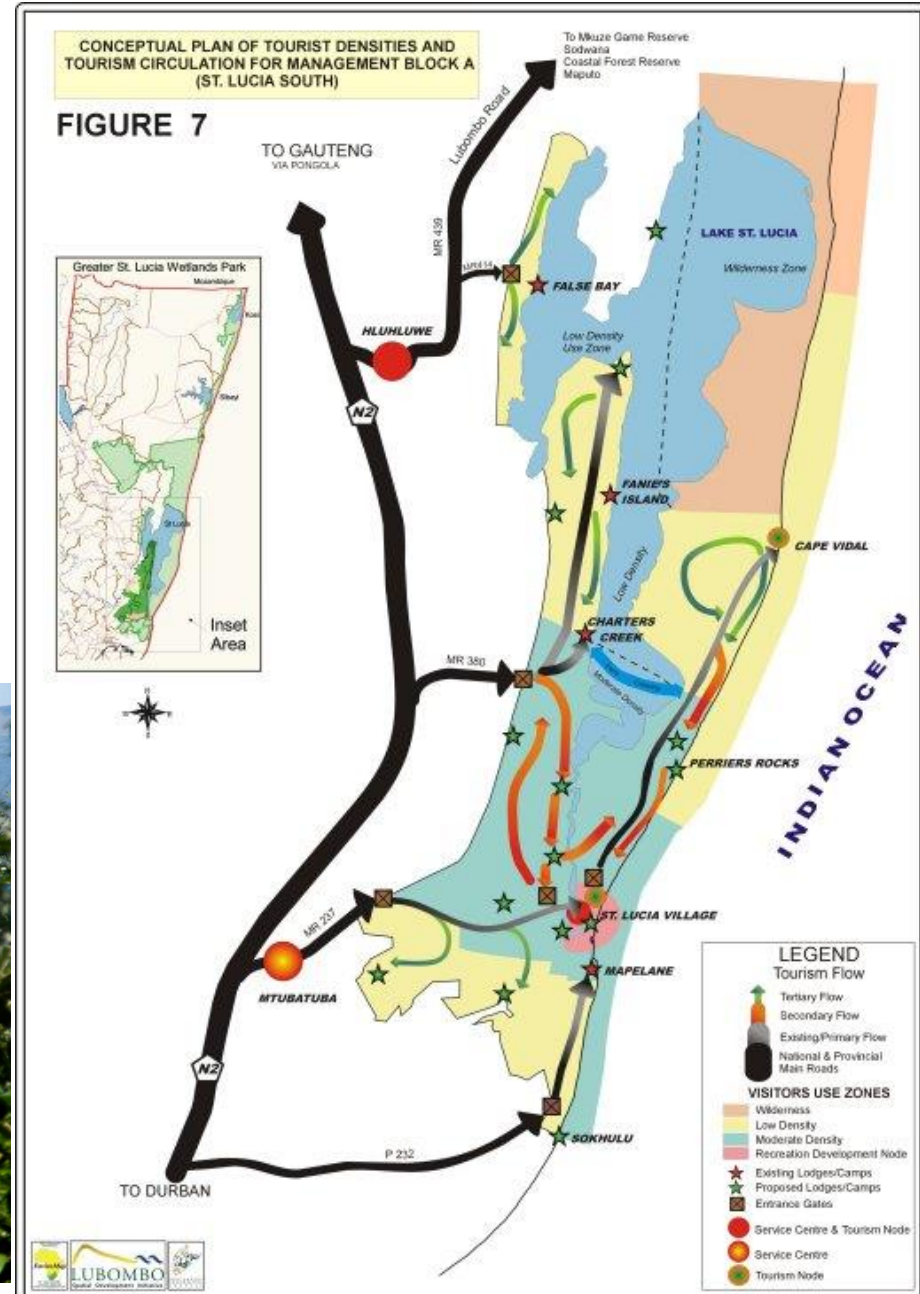
Persistent/ Regional/System/



- WHCA
- Balance
- 220km

DEVELOPMENT TO HEAL

- Conservation restoration
- Tourism platform: roads, picnic sites, hides, big tree
- Empowerment & Transformation





Major Tourism Routes

Tourism Community Invest & Access Roads

Internal Park Roads (approx 150km)

Consolidation key ecological areas (land rehab programme)

Park Fencing (400km) & other conservation infra

Public access infrastructure (jetty, hides, picnic sites, tourism roads etc.)

Year on year 50% to SMME & 30% labour

PARK REDEVELOPMENT - INFRASTRUCTURE

Land care: rehabilitation and alien control





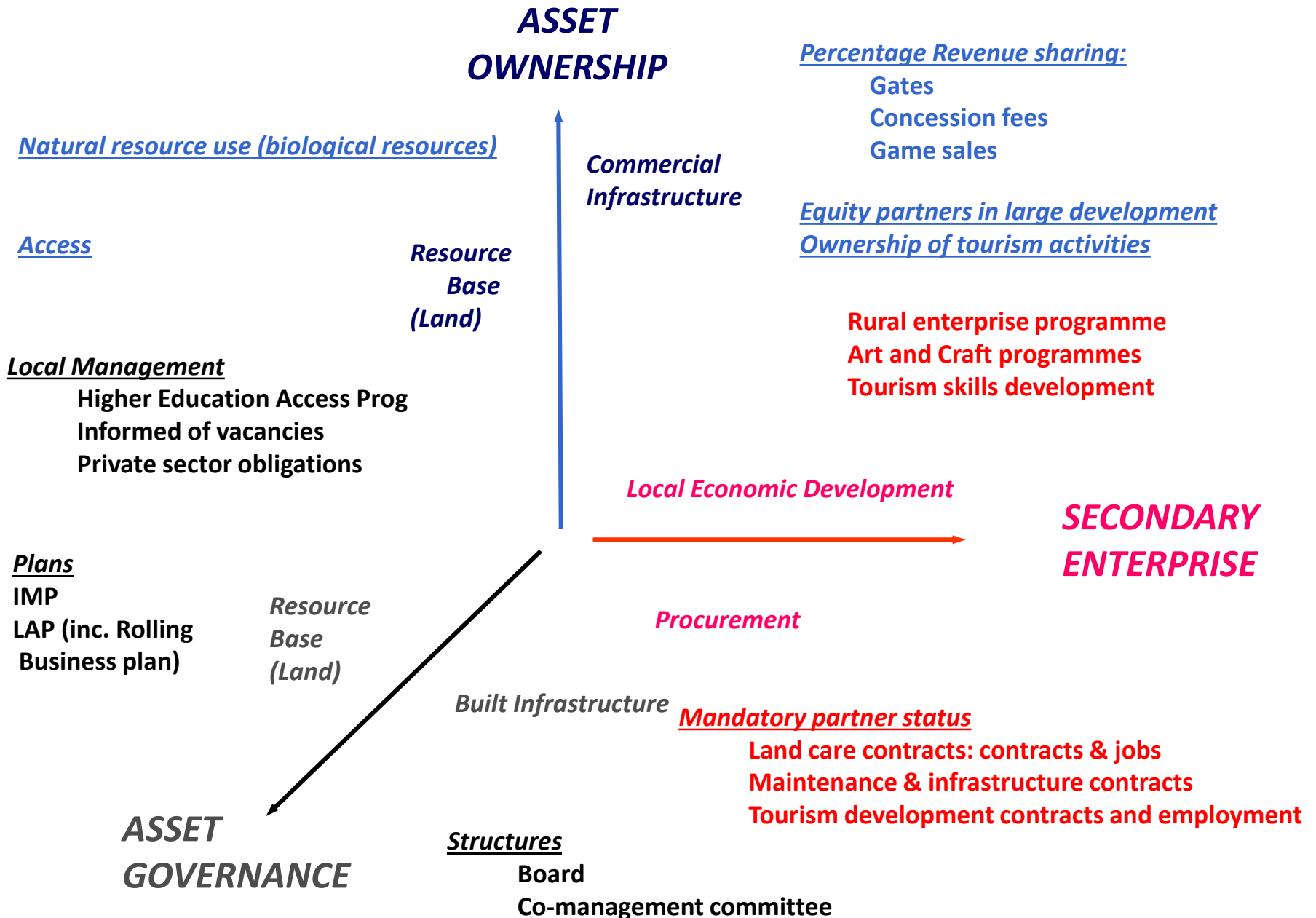








iSIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK BENEFICIATION TRANSFORMATION FRAMEWORK



Land Claims on Conservation Area

Group 1

Group 2

Group 3



ombo Road

C1

C2

Management Block C

Coastal Forest Reserve

Jobe

Mnqobokazi

Nsinde

Triangle

Mabaso

Mbila

iSIMANGALISO

LAND CLAIMS

Ngwenya

Management Block E

Mdletshe

Bhangazi

Western Shores

Dukuduku

Sokhulu

A6

A1

Management Block A

A4

A3

A2



Co-management Agreements & Revenue Sharing



NDP ALIGNMENT

Objective: Economy and Employment - Reduce unemployment, Young labour market entrants, Increased GDP, Broaden ownership of assets

230 SMME 12 500 temp jobs
215 enterprise development with grants



CBNRM: harvesting of natural resources



- 80 000 people depend sustainable resource use: (grazing, rushes, reeds, ilala, isikhonkho)
- 3000 women collect incema each year.



Equity partnerships

Thonga Beach
Lodge, Rocktail
Bay Beach Camp,
Mabibi Camp –
equity from 17.5
to 60%.

Bhangazi
Lokothwayo
tourism lodge: EIA

9 community-owned
tourism activity licences

Tourism skills development

Higher Education Access Programme

**87 students conservation, tourism
& related fields, 93 % pass rate**



Platform Created



- 2000 to 2014: <89% tourism businesses & < 46% beds
- 7% of KZN T and 1% of South Africa's tourism GDP
- Occupancy: from below national ave. to above
- Gate numbers: year on year increase no. and revenue
- Business licenses
- Higher visitor no.s than other areas in KZN



***iSimangaliso:
“Creating South Africa’s greatest
conservation-based tourism product
driven by community empowerment”***

