

# Towards a Biodiversity Economy Satellite Account: South Africa's experience

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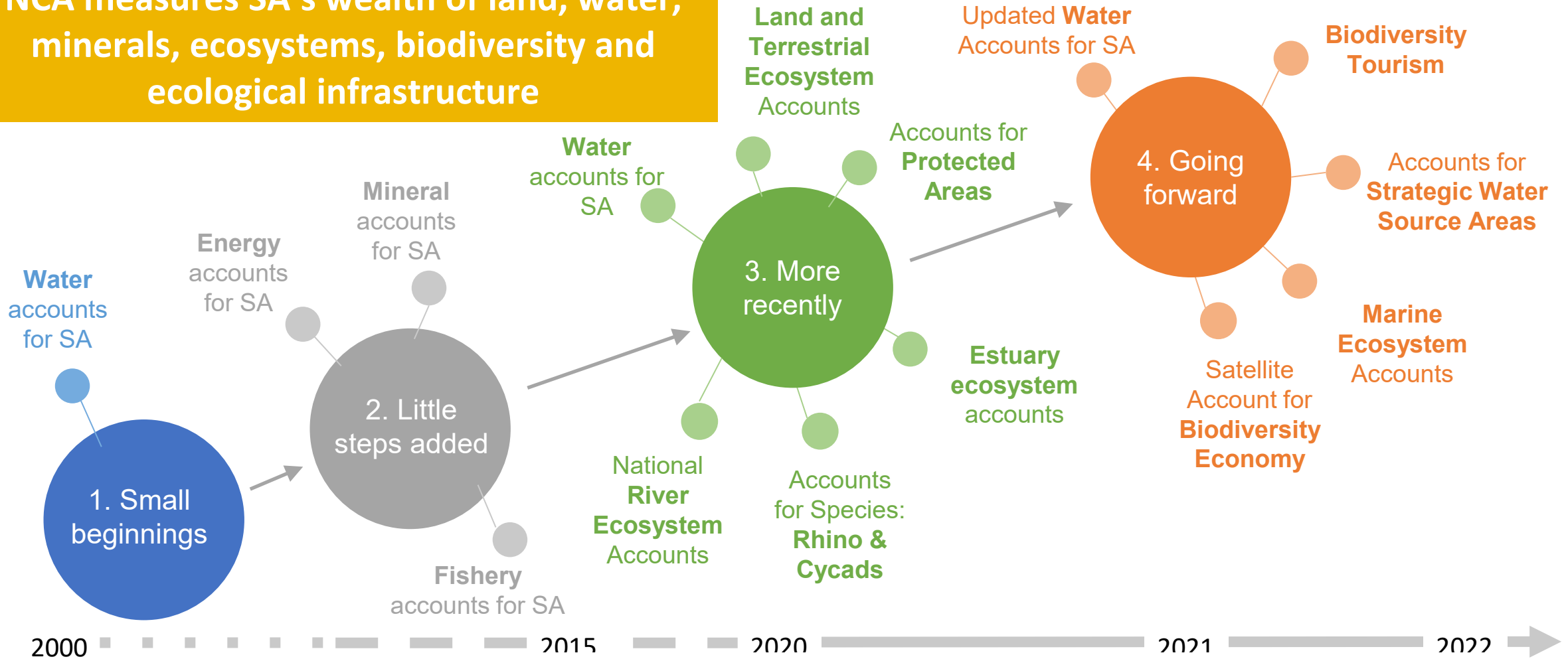
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# Snapshot of NCA in South Africa

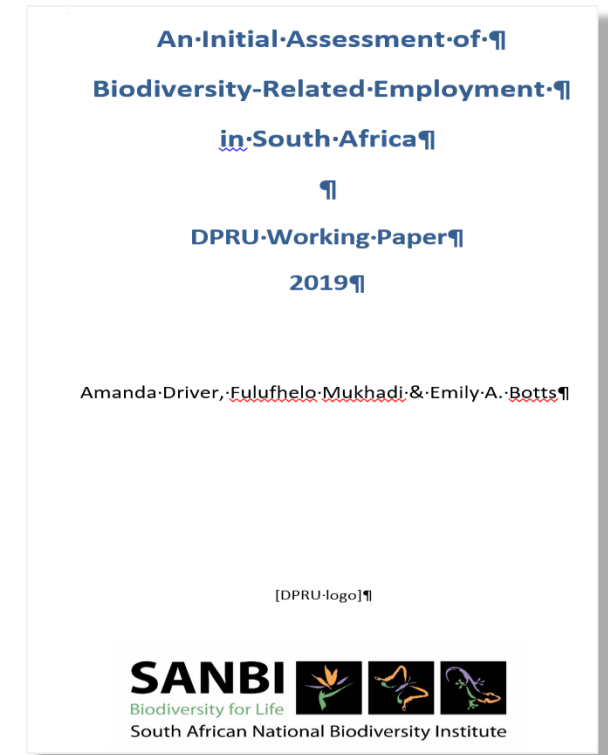
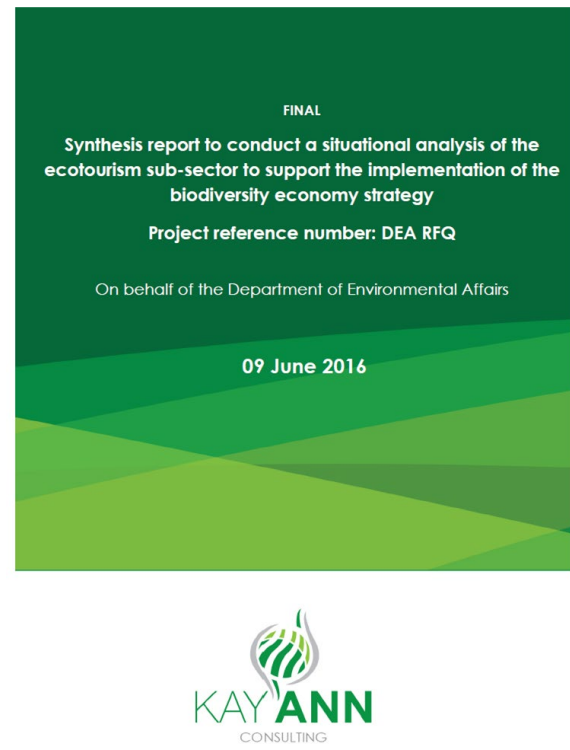
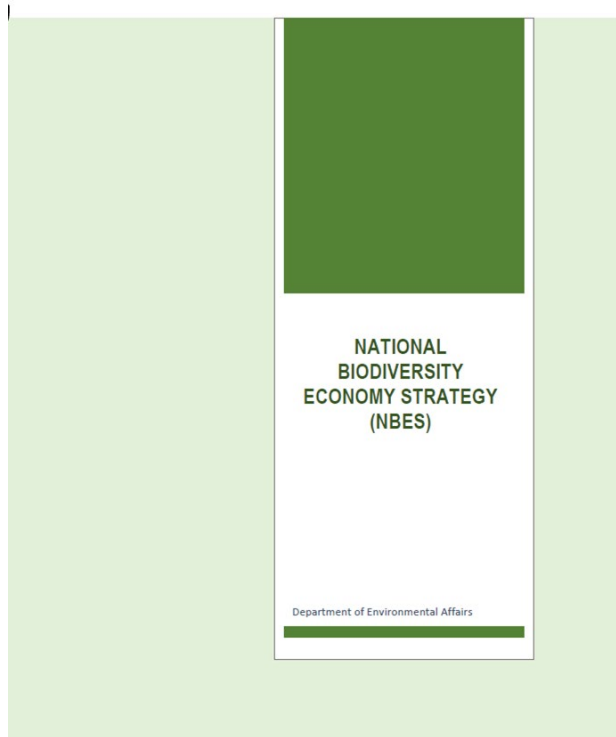
NCA measures SA's wealth of land, water, minerals, ecosystems, biodiversity and ecological infrastructure



From early beginnings with national water accounts in 2000, momentum has grown. Since 2014, donor funded projects have helped to increase capacity, especially for ecosystem accounting.

# The Biodiversity Economy for South Africa

“The biodiversity economy encompasses businesses and other economic activities that either directly depend on biodiversity in South Africa for their core business or that contribute to conservation of biodiversity in South Africa through their activities”



# Process: Towards a Biodiversity Satellite Account for South Africa

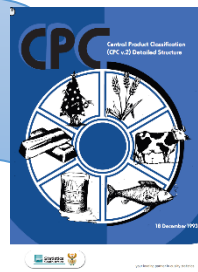
Starting point

Annual Supply and Use Tables

213 industries



118 products and services



1 Scoping workshop & 12 work sessions to identify industries and products held in 2021



Defining the desired breakdown of economic activities and products and services for the BESA

Categorization	# SIC Lines assessed	Categorization	# CPC Groupings Lines assessed
All or most (>80%)	2	All or most (>80%)	3
Some (20-80%)	2	Some (20-80%)	1
Few (<20%)	36	Few (<20%)	35
No	173	No	79
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>118</b>

**End Goal:**  
Contribution of the Biodiversity Economy to GDP and employment

Next steps towards BE satellite accounts

# How do these relate to a green recovery?

- Biodiversity economy satellite accounts will help clarify how much of the economy relies on biodiversity
- Making the case for the importance of including biodiversity and ecological infrastructure in green recovery policies and plans
- Will support the case already made that the number of biodiversity jobs is comparable to jobs in the mining sector and that there is room for growth in biodiversity jobs in green recovery
- Help to make a stronger case for resource mobilisation into the sector and focused funding for biodiversity-related activity