

3. Forest Biome

3.1 Zonal & Interzonal Forest

3.1.1 FOz 3 Southern Mistbelt Forest

Some 8% statutorily conserved (including forest under DWAF jurisdiction) in the Eastern Cape encompassing the Bosberg Nature Reserve, AENP as well as Hogback, Kologha, Isedenge, Kubusi, Katberg and Nabakyu State Forests. Belts of forest patches belonging to this vegetation unit occur in the Baviaanskloof Mountains, Zuurberg Mountains and in the region spanning Grahamstown and King William's Town.

3.1.2 FOz 6 Southern Coastal Forest

The National Forest Classification identified three types of forests under the Northern Coastal Forest Group (Von Maltitz *et al.* 2003). These are Eastern Cape Dune Forests, Albany Coastal Forests and Western Cape Milkwood Forests. Mucina & Rutherford (2006) classified all these under the Southern Coastal Forest Vegetation Unit. The Eastern Cape Dune Forests (Von Maltitz 2003) are relatively well preserved by the in the Eastern Cape, including the Woody Cape Nature Reserves which is now part of the AENP. The Albany Coastal Forests are protected in the AENP (including the extensive Alexandria Forest). Vegetation is characterised by generally low forests dominated by *Celtis africana*, *Sideroxylon inerme*, *Mimusops caffra* and *Dovyalis rotundifolia*.