

Friends of
**ZEEKOEVLEI
& RONDEVLEI**



CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA

FoZR

Newsletter

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About FoZR

FoZR is an apolitical, community-based, non-profit organisation that aims to assist the nature reserve authorities to protect the much-threatened flora and fauna that make this corner of the Cape Flats their home.



Contacts

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Reserve's emergency response number: 083 499 1717

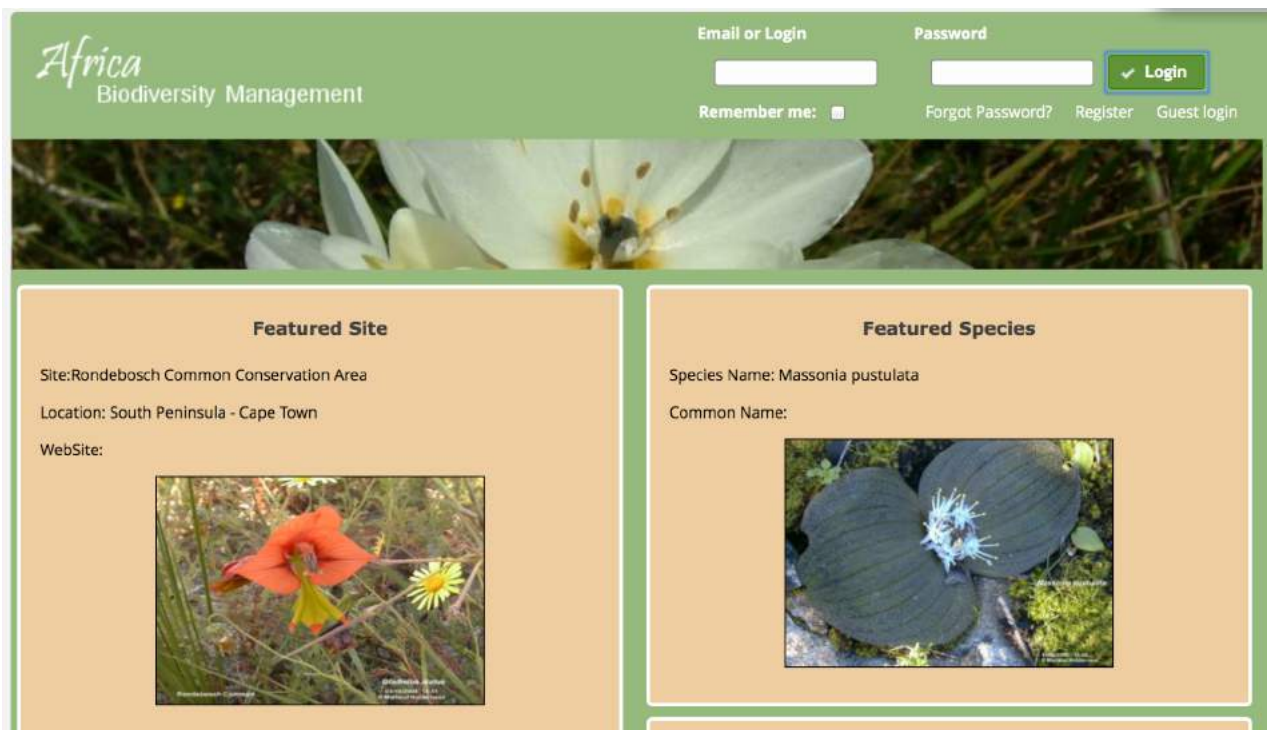
Biodiversity Management Tool

As a community member of Zeekoevlei / Rondevlei, one is privy to the astounding biodiversity in the surrounding reserves. If you are not yet aware, there is a great website / database where one may add information on all the fauna and flora sighted around your homes. The Africa Biodiversity Management site is easy to use and I would encourage all community members to get involved, keeping the database updated.

<http://www.biodiversity.co.za>

To help you along your way I have included step-by-step screenshots of how to add a sighting.

1. Login in as a guest user



The screenshot displays the homepage of the Africa Biodiversity Management website. The header is green with the site's logo on the left and a login section on the right. The login section includes fields for 'Email or Login' and 'Password', a 'Remember me' checkbox, and links for 'Forgot Password?', 'Register', and 'Guest login'. A green 'Login' button with a checkmark is also present. Below the header is a large image of a white flower. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Featured Site', lists 'Site: Rondebosch Common Conservation Area', 'Location: South Peninsula - Cape Town', and 'WebSite:' with a placeholder image of an orange flower. The right column, titled 'Featured Species', lists 'Species Name: Massonia pustulata' and 'Common Name:' with a placeholder image of a dark plant with white flowers.

Africa Biodiversity Management

Email or Login: Password:

Remember me: ☐ Forgot Password? Register Guest login

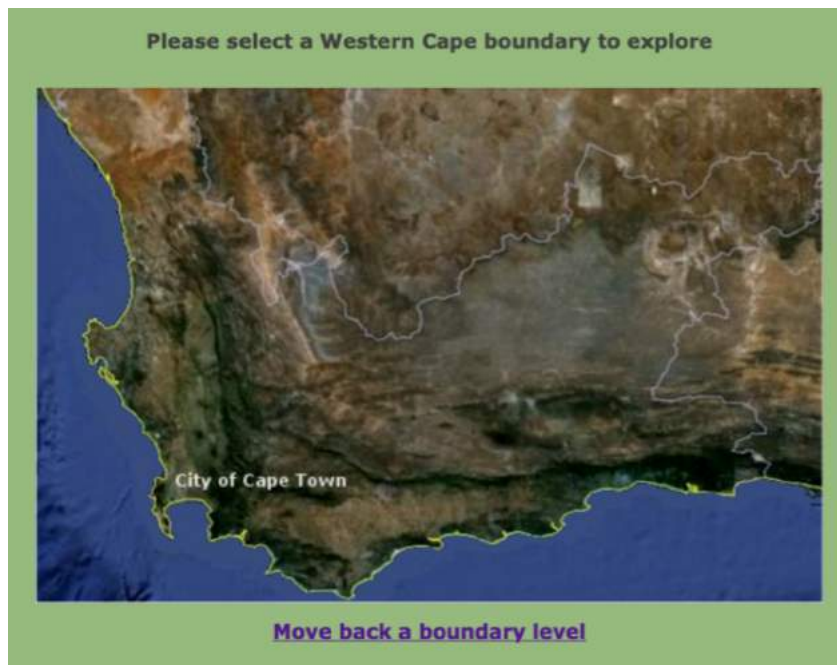
Featured Site

Site: Rondebosch Common Conservation Area
Location: South Peninsula - Cape Town
WebSite:

Featured Species

Species Name: Massonia pustulata
Common Name:

2. Select the area you want to explore





In this example, I have selected Western Cape – City of Cape Town – South Peninsula (Cape Town).

A list of sites within the South Peninsula will then be present, of which you may select one by clicking the green square (containing a tick) on the far right.

Guest (View Only)

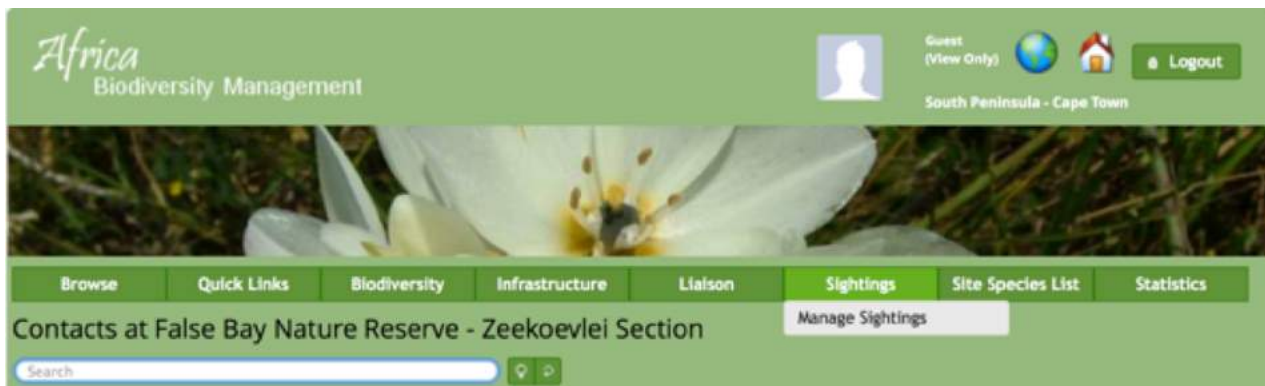
City of Cape Town

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Sightings
Site Species List
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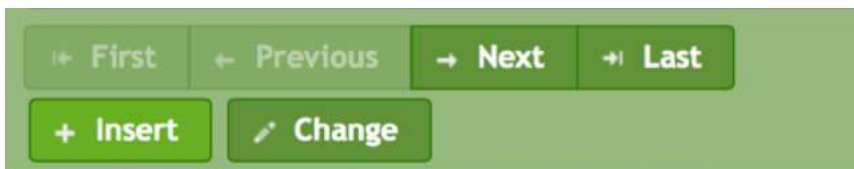
Sites listed under South Peninsula - Cape Town

Site Code	Site Name	Contact Details	Select
ROND	False Bay Nature Reserve - Rondevlei Section http://www.capetown.gov.za/en/EnvironmentalResourceManagement/Pages/NatureReserve-FalseBay.aspx	Tel: 021 706 2404 eMail:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SLAN	False Bay Nature Reserve - Slangetjiebos Section http://www.capetown.gov.za/en/EnvironmentalResourceManagement/Pages/NatureReserve-FalseBay.aspx	Tel: 021 396 4281 eMail:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
STRA	False Bay Nature Reserve - Strandfontein Birding Section www.capebirdclub.org.za	Tel: 021 396 4281 eMail:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ZANW	False Bay Nature Reserve - Zandwolf Coastal Section http://www.capetown.gov.za/en/EnvironmentalResourceManagement/Pages/NatureReserve-FalseBay.aspx	Tel: 021 396 4281 eMail:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

3. Select sightings – Manage sightings (I have chosen the Zeekoevlei Section)



4. Go to the bottom of the page and select “Insert”



5. Lastly, fill in the details of your sighting, relevant to the area!

The screenshot shows the 'Update a Sighting' form. The form has several tabs: 'Required data', 'General', 'Location of Sighting', 'Comment', 'Pictures', and 'Reference Material'. The 'Required data' tab is active. The form fields include: 'Sighting Date' (dd/mm/yyyy), 'Sighting Time' (0:00), 'Site' (text input), 'Species' (text input), 'Quantity Seen' (0), 'Males Seen' (text input), 'Females Seen' (text input), 'Count Method' (Accurate/Estimated), 'Latitude (Dec)' (0.000000000000), 'Longitude (Dec)' (0.000000000000), and 'Entry added by' (Guest on 14/09/2016 at 8:57). There are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons at the bottom.

There you have it, nice and easy! I hope to see many more sightings being added by community members in the near future!

FoZR Membership

For those that do not yet know, the Friends of Zeekoevlei & Rondevlei (FoZR) is an **apolitical, non-profit** organisation, that aims to assist the local nature conservation authorities in protecting the fauna and flora on the Cape Peninsula. However, in order for FoZR to function, a number of income generating avenues need to be created. One of these long-standing avenues is community memberships.

But why should you join FoZR?

Well, as a **member of FoZR** one does not only **contribute to conservation**, but one is also privy to a number of **benefits**. FoZR keeps members informed by means of invitations to participate, if you choose to do so, in special projects for nature conservation. There are also loads of added benefits to being a member of FoZR with participation in arranged activities such as: **night drives, boat cruises, walks, talks, cleanups, bird watching, free-entry into Rondevlei Nature Reserve**, and numerous opportunities to explore areas not usually open to the public. In addition to all this we have **fun** too – **music events, dances, fetes, and the bush pub!**

FoZR does not only assist with day-to-day conservation on the Cape Peninsula, but on behalf of the community, actively deals with any arising environmental issues, to ensure the Peninsula is preserved for future generations. Therefore, we urge you, your family and friends, to become active members of FoZR.

Where does the money go?

The money that is generated through memberships and/or fundraising goes directly back into **conservation efforts** on the Cape Peninsula. FoZR has been able to pay for professional legal assistance, if needed, in order to resolve problems; and has been able to assist the local nature conservation authorities with **equipment**, assistance with **nature reserve staff**, and the **upgrading of facilities**.

Membership Options

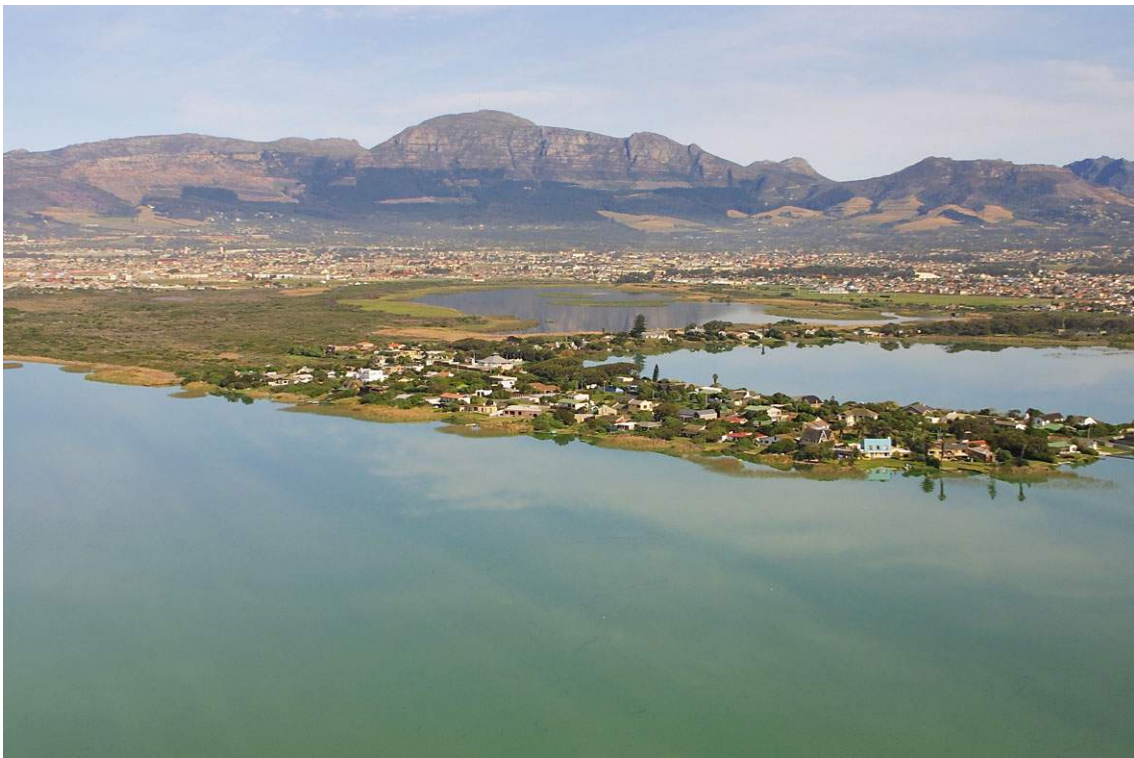
Membership forms are available on the website under the “Friends of Zeekoevlei & Rondevlei” drop-down tab. Once we have received your form and payment has been made we will issue you with a FoZR membership card which will give you free, year-round access into Rondevlei Nature Reserve.

- Individual R50 per annum
- Family R75 per annum
- Corporate R500 per annum

Corporate Membership

In addition to the benefits above, corporate membership receive a mention in our monthly newsletters during the period of membership – with ample opportunity to get involved in future projects on a sponsored basis.

<http://www.zeekoevlei.co.za/fozr-membership-form/>



Recent Events

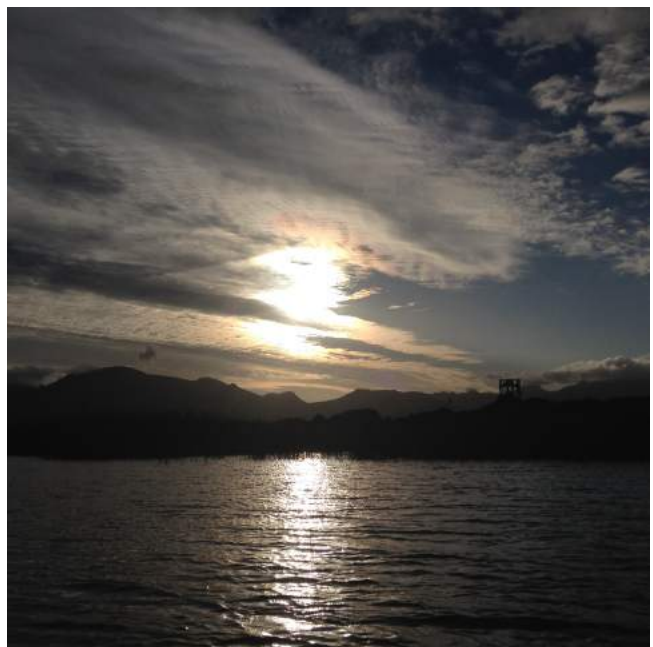
Rondevlei Boat Trip

On Thursday 1 September 2016, a few quick acting members of FoZR were fortunate enough to join Dalton and myself on an evening boat ride at Rondevlei. The day started off a bit miserable with overcast skies and light rain showers throughout the day, however by the time the evening came around the sun was out and it turned out to be a beautiful, calm evening out on the water – a perfect way to celebrate the first day of spring.

The trip lasted an hour, where we all enjoyed the sunset and the many birds out and about (as well as wonderful close encounters with the infamous hippo, Brutus).

The trip also allowed FoZR members to see the new CTEET island camping facilities from the water.

Thank you to Dalton and all who attended; and if you didn't make it to the boat trip this time, there will be others hosted in the near future for paid up FoZR members, so be sure not to miss out.



Out on the water as the sun began to set (Photos: J. van Eeden, 2016).



A curious hippo (Photo: L. Hibbin, 2016).



A Grey Heron (left) and a Black-crowned Night Heron (right) (Photo: L. Hibbin, 2016).

Spring Walk



Moddervlei (Photo: D. Warmerdam, 2016).

The annual Spring Walk this year took us to Moddervlei on Saturday 3 September 2016. The weather was perfect, and the event turned out to be a nice sociable stroll where I was fortunate enough to learn more about the area from long-time residents of Zeekoevlei. We were also fortunate to get up close and personal with the Eland who were out on their walk as we entered A gate.



Spring has sprung - beautiful flowers in bloom, and walkers enjoying the sunny day!
(Photos: D. Warmerdam, 2016).

Updates:

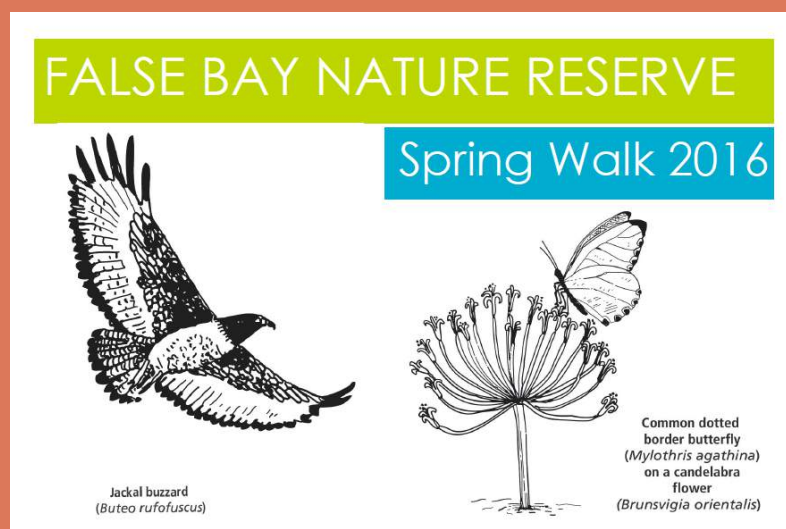
Fish Ladder Project

The fish ladder project has thus far been a success, proving that the harder are able to make their way up the ladder.

The next step for the project is to determine whether the alien fishes in Zeekoevlei utilize the ladder in the same way, and are too able to make their way up the ladder.

Coming up soon...

- Pelican Park Spring Walk (17 September 2016, 8:00 for 8:30)



- FoZR AGM (TBC)

FoZR Committee

Chair – Dee Cranswick (083 2525 680)

Treasurer – Tracy Gibbs

Secretary – Nicky Stock

Fundraising – Tom Schwerdtfeger

Activities – Neil Major

Reserve Liaison – Liz Day

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