120. Algoa Sandstone Fynbos (FFs 29)

Reference number
FFs 29

Listed under Criterion
A1

Biome
Fynbos

Province
Eastern Cape

Municipalities
Kouga LM and Nelson Mandela Bay LM

Original area of ecosystem
34 000 ha

Remaining natural area of ecosystem (%)
42%

Proportion of ecosystem protected
2% of original area

Known number of species of special concern
4 endemic plant species

Geographical location
Coastal flats at Port Elizabeth from Van Stadens River in the west to Southdene-Summerstrand in the east, located mostly some kilometres from the coast and close to the coast at only Maitland River Mouth and urbanised Summerstrand.

Description
Flat to slightly undulating plain supporting grassy shrubland (mainly graminoid fynbos). Grasses become dominant especially in wet habitats. In the south this fynbos ecosystem borders on Albany Coastal Belt and Algoa Dune Strandveld and forms transitional mosaics with both. It also borders on patches of Southern Coastal Forest in this area. At least 4 endemic plant species occur in this ecosystem.

Other Information
Approximately 2% of the ecosystem protected in the Van Stadens Wild Flower Reserve, The Island Nature Reserve as well as in several private nature reserves.

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