

101. Oribi-Port Edward Pondoland-Ugu Sourveld (KZN 33)

Reference number	KZN 33
Listed under Criterion	F
Biome	Indian Ocean Coastal Belt, Savanna and Forest
Province	KwaZulu-Natal
Municipalities	Ezingoleni LM and Hibiscus Coast LM
Original area of ecosystem	41 000 ha
Remaining natural area of ecosystem (%)	29%
Proportion of ecosystem protected	12% of original area
Known number of species of special concern	23 threatened or endemic plant and animal species including those listed below

Geographical location

St. Faith's (3030CA), Port Shepstone (3030CB), Izingolweni (3030CC), Margate (3030CD), Port Edward (3130AA). Ecosystem delineated by the boundaries of Pondoland-Ugu Sandstone Coastal Sourveld. Western boundary further refined using the Mtamvuna River, whilst eastern boundary delineated by the Interior South Coast Grasslands threatened ecosystem (KZN 7).

Description

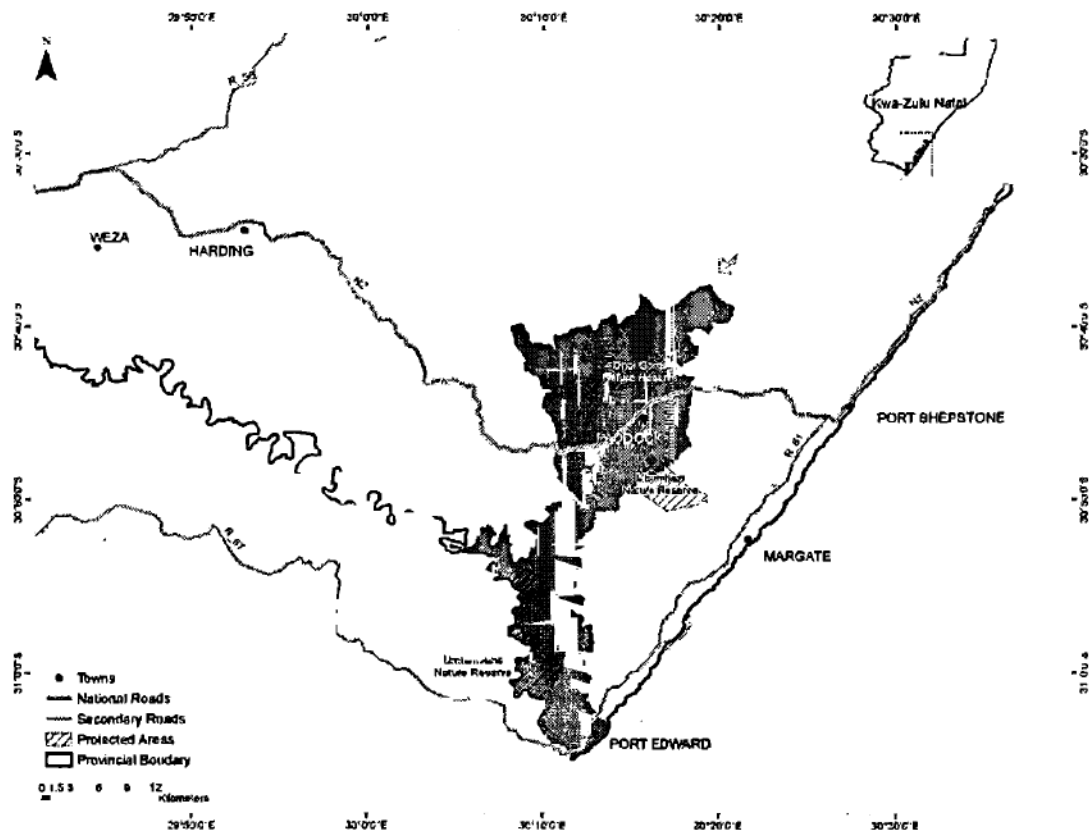
Key biodiversity features include one mammal species, Oribi; two millipede species including *Doratogonus fragilis* and *Doratogonus montanus*; eighteen plant species for example *Catha abbotti*, *Crassula streyi*, *Craterostigma nanum var nanum*, *Dahlgrenoden natalense*, *Diaphananthe millarii*, *Eugenia simii*, *Huernia hystrix parvula*, *Kniphofia rooperi*, *Phyllica natalensis*, *Plectranthus emstii*, *Pseudosalacia streyi*, *Rhynchochalyx lawsoniodes*, *Streptocarpus primulifolius*, *Watsonia confusa* and *Watsonia inclinata*; two reptile species including *Bradypodion angustiarum* and *Bradypodion wezae*; and six vegetation types including Ngongoni Veld, Eastern Valley Bushveld, KwaZulu-Natal Coastal Forest, Pondoland Scarp Forest, Pondoland-Ugu Sandstone Coastal Sourveld and KwaZulu-Natal Coastal Belt.

Other Information

Approximately 12% of the ecosystem is protected in the Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve, Mbumbazi Nature Reserve and Umtamvuna Nature Reserve.

Reference

Goodman, P.S. 2007. KwaZulu-Natal Terrestrial Conservation Plan (C-Plan), Version 4. Biodiversity Conservation Planning Division, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.



Location of Oribi-Port Edward Pondoland-Ugu Sourveld showing original area of ecosystem

