

what is biodiversity? Biodiversity refers to all the genes, species and ecosystems, and the complex set of ecological and evolutionary processes that allow these genes, species and ecosystems to persist over time. When biodiversity is intact and robust, species and ecosystems are able to adapt to changes in the environment and to recover more readily from natural disasters. When biodiversity is lost and ecosystems are not functioning healthily, nature responds unpredictably, making it more difficult for growers to plan production and protect natural resources.

The CFK is under threat due to the loss of natural habitat stemming from agriculture, urban development, invading alien vegetation and frequent fires. As a result, only 9% of the unique renosterveld and lowland fynbos ecosystems remain.



biodiversity & wine initiative

a partnership between the South African wine industry and the conservation sector

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