



DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT (DFFE)

BRIEFING ON THE 2022/23 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT: 10 OCTOBER 2023



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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. Purpose;
2. Overall Summary of 2022/23 Annual Performance;
3. Overall Summary of 2022/23 Financial Performance;
4. 2022/23 Annual Performance of DFFE and Marine Living Resources Fund (MLRF);
5. 2022/23 MLRF Audited Financials;
6. Vote 32: Expenditure Report of the 2022/23 Financial Year;
7. Audit Outcomes; and
8. Conclusion.



1. PURPOSE

- To present the DFFE's 2022/23 Annual Performance Report.

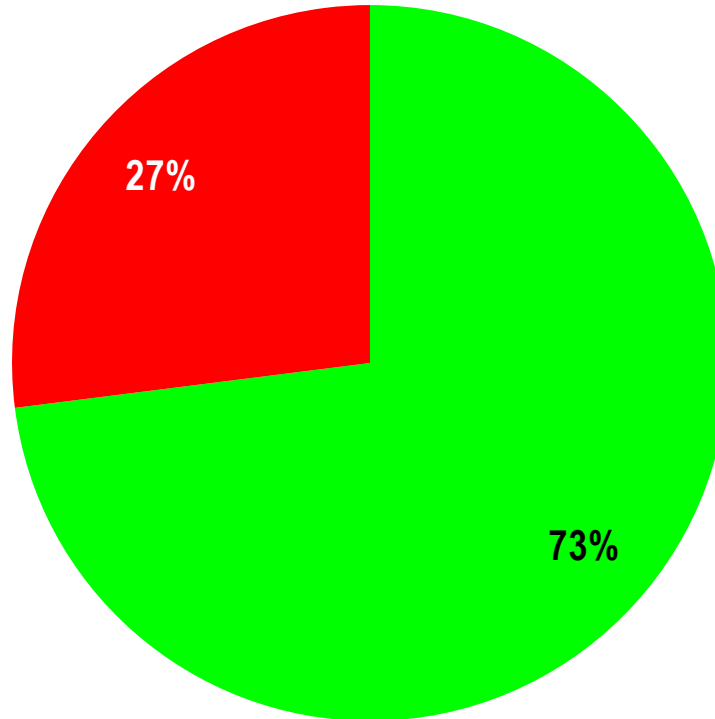


2. Overall Summary of 2022/23 Annual Performance



OVERALL SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

% Achieved	% Not Achieved
73% (57/78)	27% (21/78)



SUMMARY OF THE ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

Programme	% Achieved	% Not Achieved
Programme 1: Administration (CFO & CMS)	100% (6/6)	0% (0/6)
Programme 2: Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring	100% (6/6)	0% (0/6)
Programme 3: Oceans and Coasts	90% (9/10)	10% (1/10)
Programme 4: Climate Change, Air Quality and Sustainable Development	63% (5/8)	37% (3/8)
Programme 5: Biodiversity and Conservation	60% (6/10)	40% (4/10)
Programme 6: Environmental Programme	42% (5/12)	58% (7/12)
Programme 7: Chemicals and Waste Management	82% (9/11)	18% (2/11)
Programme 8: Forestry Management	50% (4/8)	50% (4/8)
Programme 9: Fisheries Management	100% (7/7)	0% (0/7)
DFFE	73% (57/78)	27% (21/78)



3. Overall Summary of 2022/23 Financial Performance



SUMMARY OF 2022/23 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Programme	Final Budget 2022/23	Q1: Expenditure 1 April - 30 June 2022	Q2: Expenditure 1 July - 30 Sept 2022	Q3: Expenditure 1 Oct - 31 Dec 2022	Q4: Expenditure 1 Jan - 31 March 2023	Total Expenditure till 31 March 2023	Variance	% Spend
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%
1. Administration	1 218 904	302 755	310 557	298 386	296 452	1 208 150	10 754	99
2. Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring	243 476	58 167	55 437	69 215	60 657	243 476	0	100
3. Oceans and Coasts	519 859	142 019	165 900	67 940	128 819	504 678	15 181	97
4. Climate Change, Air Quality and Sustainable Development	678 762	108 133	109 529	298 407	146 239	662 308	16 454	98
5. Biodiversity and Conservation	1 225 116	239 642	235 386	484 767	246 294	1 206 089	19 027	98
6. Environmental Programmes	3 216 587	733 893	850 437	636 043	945 890	3 166 263	50 324	98
7. Chemicals and Waste Management	626 966	97 621	142 816	185 581	191 311	617 329	9 637	98
8. Forestry Management	632 550	122 265	153 986	157 433	152 221	585 905	46 645	93
9. Fisheries Management	632 619	160 187	162 566	157 707	152 159	632 619	0	100
Total	8 994 839	1 964 682	2 186 614	2 355 479	2 320 042	8 826 817	168 022	98
% Spend per Quarter	-	22%	24%	26%	26%	98%	2%	

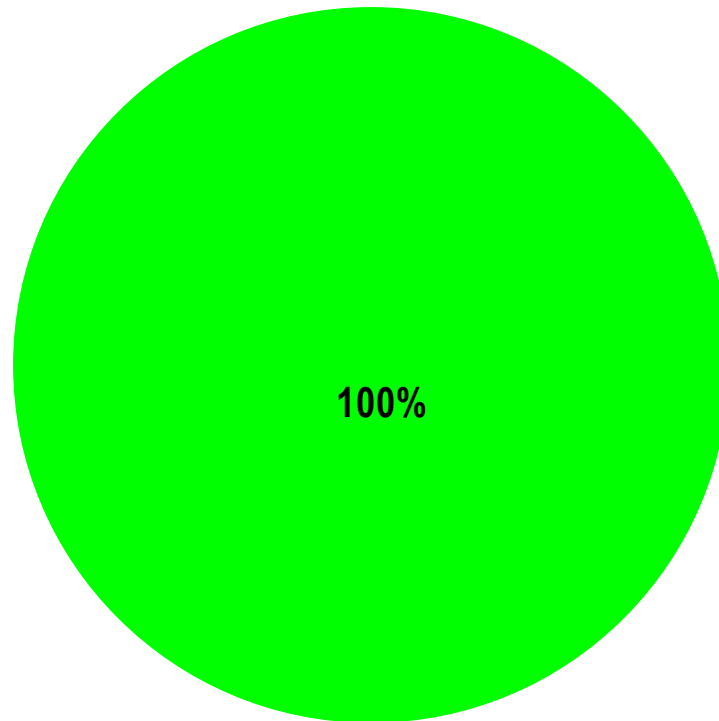


4. 2022/23 Annual Performance



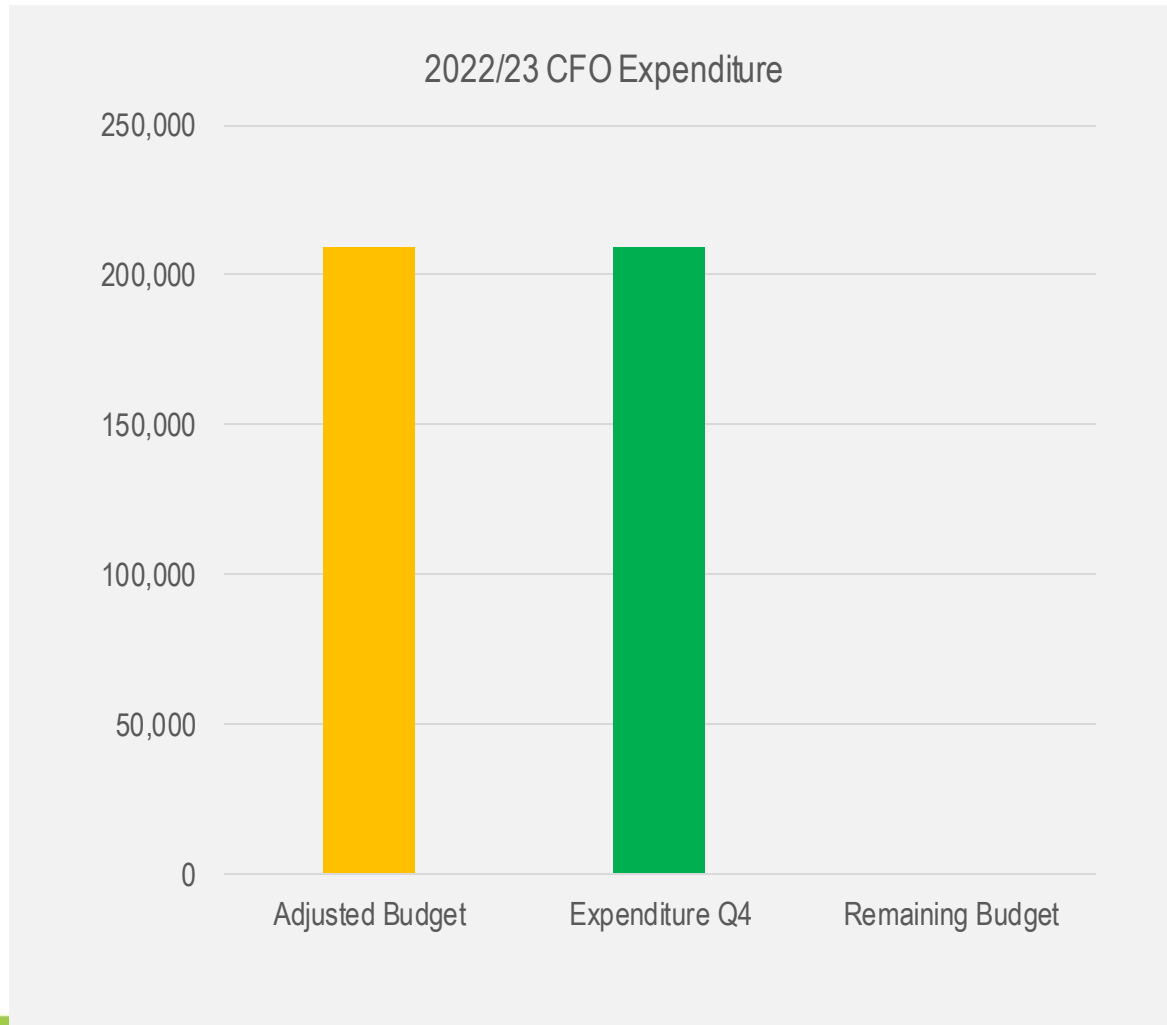
PROGRAMME 1 (CFO): ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

% Achieved	% Not Achieved
100% (2/2)	0% (0/2)



PROGRAMME 1 (CFO): 2022/23 FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE (R'000)

- The Office of the CFO received an allocation of R209.162 m in 2022/23 FY.
- Expenditure incurred during the financial year constitutes 100% of the appropriated budget.



PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION (CFO)

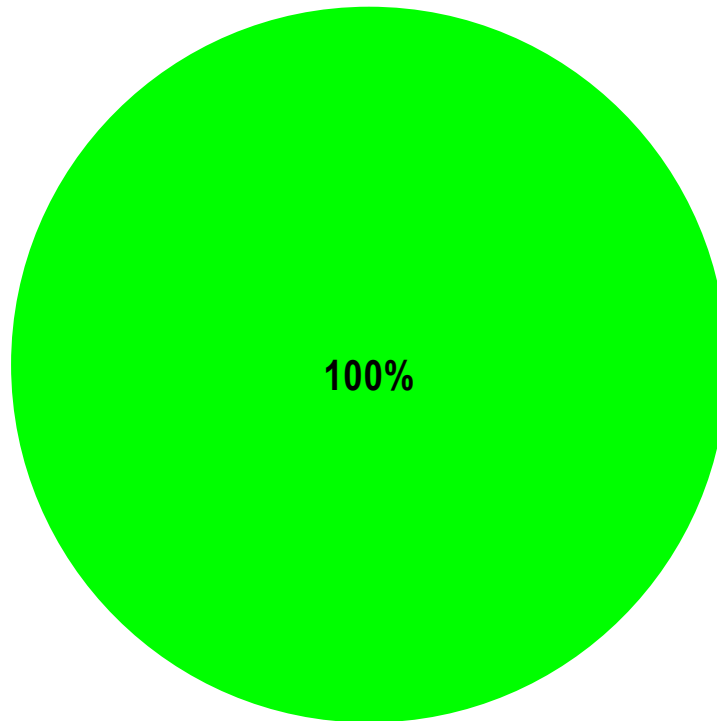
Outcome: Good governance and compliance with legislative requirements and effective financial management

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Percentage of DFFE Audit Action Plan implemented to address prior-year AGSA audit findings	90%	<p>96% (109/114) implemented 4% (5/114) work in progress 0% (0/114) outstanding</p> <p>Reason for deviations: Regular meetings held with AGSA in resolving the disagreement in other findings</p> <p>Weekly meetings attended with business units to discuss remedial actions supported with relevant and verifiable portfolio of evidence</p>
Percentage expenditure of DFFE budget allocation	98%	98% (R8 829 002/R8 994 839) expenditure of budget allocation



PROGRAMME 1 (CMS): ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

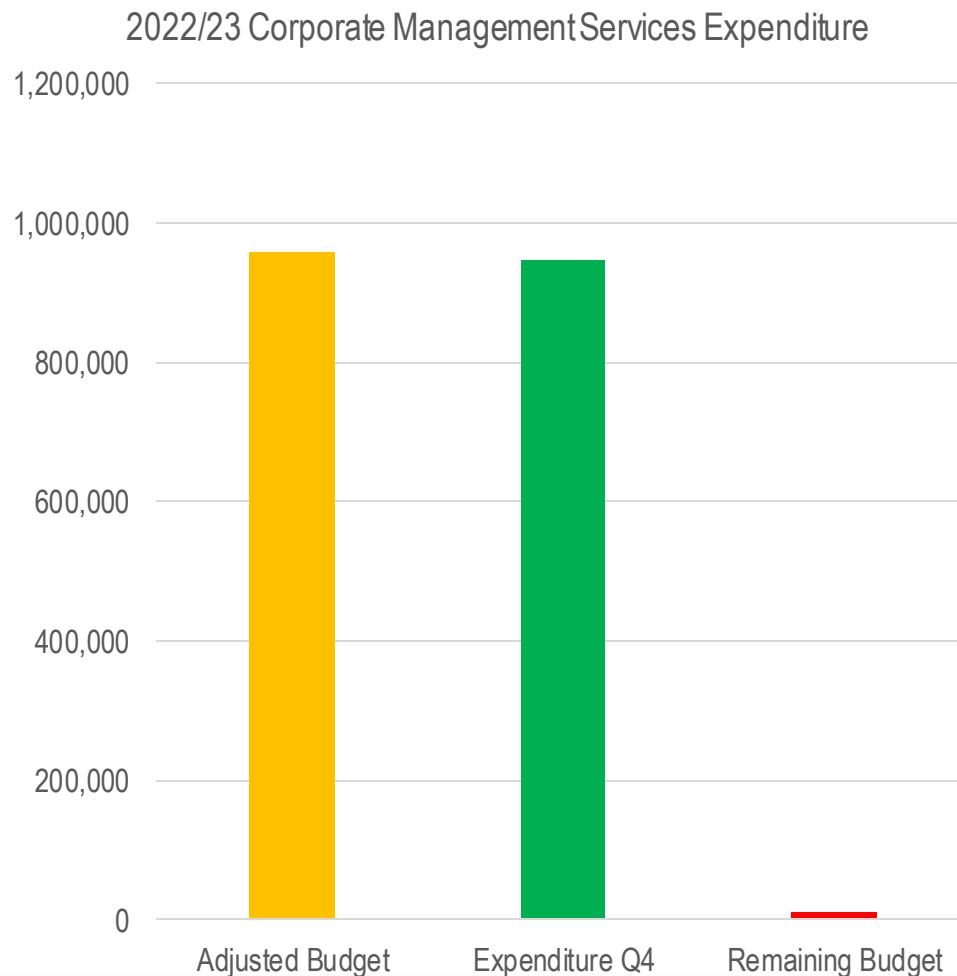
% Achieved	% Not Achieved
100% (4/4)	0% (0/4)



PROGRAMME 1 (CMS): 2022/23 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

R'000

- CMS received an allocation of R958.852 m in the 2022/23 FY.
- Expenditure incurred during the financial year constitutes 98.9% of the appropriated budget.
- Underspending due to over budget for the PPP unitary payments for 2022/23 as well as disputes on office accommodation invoices not finalised by 31 March 2023.



PROGRAMME 1: ADMINISTRATION (CMS)

Outcome: An adequately skilled and capacitated workforce which is transformed and representative of South Africa's race and gender demographics

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Percentage of Women appointed in Senior Management Positions	47% women appointed in senior management positions	47% (86/184) women appointed in senior management positions
Percentage of people with disabilities	1,8% people with disabilities	1.8% (61/3 327) people with disabilities

Outcome: Improved human resources capacity of the sector

Number of Beneficiaries participating on the Department's skills development programmes	212 Intern appointed • 50% women • 1.8% with disabilities	231 interns appointed: • 61% (140/231) women • 4% (10/231) people with disabilities Reason for deviations: Demand from branches and adjusted budget on the programme Initial number for recruitment based on 5% of staff establishment (212)
	100 bursaries issued (40 Full time and 60 part time)	125 bursaries issued (40 for full time students and 85 for part time) Reason for deviations: More bursaries issued than planned target due to high number of applications received and approved; and availability of budget to fund additional approved bursaries



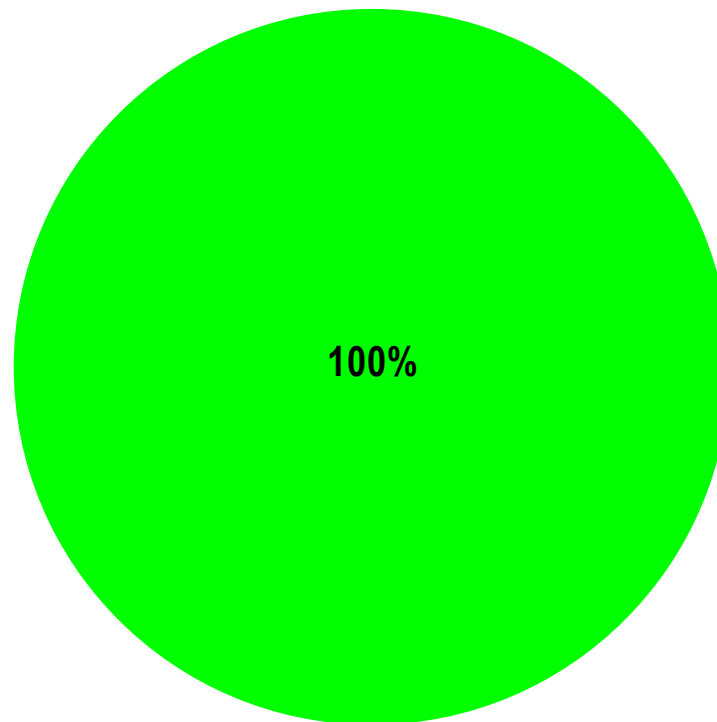
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PROGRAMME 2: ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

% Achieved	% Not Achieved
100% (6/6)	0% (0/6)



PROGRAMME 2: 2022/23 FINANCIAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

R'000

- Programme 2 received an allocation of R243,476 m in 2022/23 FY.
- Expenditure incurred during the financial year was adjusted to be 100% of the appropriated budget.
- The over-expenditure was shifted during the year-end shifts and virements to augment the expenditure in other programmes.



PROGRAMME 2: REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AND SECTOR MONITORING

Outcome: Improved compliance with environmental legislation and environmental threats mitigated

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of environmental authorisations inspected for compliance	165	217 Reason for deviations: During inspection, certain facilities had more than one authorisation, resulting in additional authorisations being inspected at those facilities
Number of criminal cases finalised and dockets handed over to the National Prosecutions Authority (NPA) for a prosecutorial decision	46	48 Reason for deviations: Unexpected arrests made
Number of administrative enforcement notices issued for non-compliance with environmental legislation	260	298 Reason for deviations: Work undertaken by Green Scorpions in latter part of financial year to support National Joint Operational and Intelligence Structure Priority Committee on Energy Security to tackle illegal coal stockyards in Mpumalanga that were found to be in contravention of environmental legislation



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PROGRAMME 2: REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AND SECTOR MONITORING

Outcome: Improved compliance with environmental legislation and environmental threats mitigated

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of inspections conducted for verification of rhino horns and elephant tusks stockpiles	Compliance inspections: 65 inspections conducted for verification of the rhino horns and elephant tusks stockpiles	88 inspections conducted for verification of the rhino horns and elephant tusks stockpiles Reason for deviations: Some concession areas and private game farms have different owners who own rhino horn stockpiles. Therefore, verification done separately as they have individual possession permits. Government state entities have backlog of stockpiles that needed verification resulting in increased inspections

Outcome: Aligned environmental management regulatory frameworks, systems, tools and instruments

Intervention for streamlining environmental authorisation management developed	Amended EGI standard gazetted for public comments	Amended EGI standard gazetted for public comments in April 2022 and for implementation in July 2022
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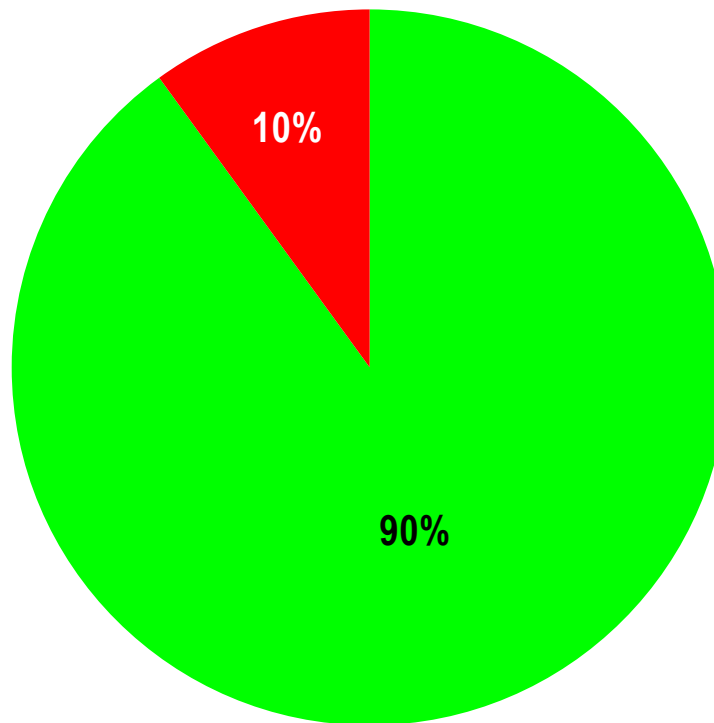
Outcome: Improved human resources capacity of the sector

Number of officials trained in environmental compliance and enforcement	450	925 Reason for deviations: Ad hoc Environmental Management Inspectors training needs arose during the year over and above the planned courses Training needs from certain external stakeholders only communicated during the year
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PROGRAMME 3: ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

% Achieved	% Not Achieved
90% (9/10)	10% (1/10)



PROGRAMME 3: 2022/23 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

R'000

- Programme 3 received an allocation of R504.7 m in 2022/23 FY.
- Expenditure incurred during the financial year constitutes 97.1% of the appropriated budget.



PROGRAMME 3: OCEANS AND COASTS

Outcome: Threats to environmental integrity managed and ecosystem conserved

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
National Oceans and Coasts Water Quality Monitoring programme implemented	Water Quality programme Implemented and report compiled for 30 priority areas in 4 Coastal provinces	Water Quality programme implemented, and report compiled for 30 priority areas in 4 coastal provinces
Marine spatial planning and governance system developed	Seven (7) Marine Sector Plans submitted to DG for approval	<p>Ten Marine Sector Plans approved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Marine Biodiversity Sector Plan • Draft Coastal and Marine Tourism Sector Plan • Draft Marine Transport and Ports Sector Plan • Draft Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Sector Plan • Draft Marine Defence (Navy) Sector Plan • Draft Marine Science and Innovation Sector Plan • Draft Aquaculture Sector Plan • Draft Oil and Gas Sector Plan • Draft Underwater Infrastructure Sector Plan • Draft Wild Fisheries <p>Ten Marine Sector Plans subsequently gazetted for public comments in March 2023.</p> <p>Reason for deviations: Increased participation and commitment by Marine Spatial Planning Working Group</p>



PROGRAMME 3: OCEANS AND COASTS

Outcome: Threats to Environmental integrity managed and ecosystem conserved		
Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of Management Plans for declared Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) developed	2 MPA Draft Management Plans submitted to Minister for approval for public comments (Port Elizabeth Corals and Agulhas Front MPAs)	Port Elizabeth Corals and Agulhas Front MPAs Draft Management Plans finalised and in process for approval for public comments Reason for deviations: Vetting of the MPAs Draft Management Plans took longer than anticipated
Number of Biodiversity Management Plans developed	Draft Shark Biodiversity Management Plan submitted to Minister for approval for public comments	Draft Plan approved for gazetting for public comments
Implementation of Estuarine management Strategy monitored	Estuarine Management Annual Action Plans for 4 estuaries monitored and report compiled: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffalo Estuary • Durban Bay • Richards Bay • Orange River 	Estuarine Management Annual Action Plans for 4 estuaries monitored and report compiled in March 2023: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffalo Estuary • Durban Bay • Richards Bay • Orange River



PROGRAMME 3: OCEANS AND COASTS

Outcome: Threats to Environmental integrity managed and ecosystem conserved

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Antarctic Strategy implemented	Antarctic Strategy outreach programme approved	Antarctic Strategy outreach programme approved in March 2023

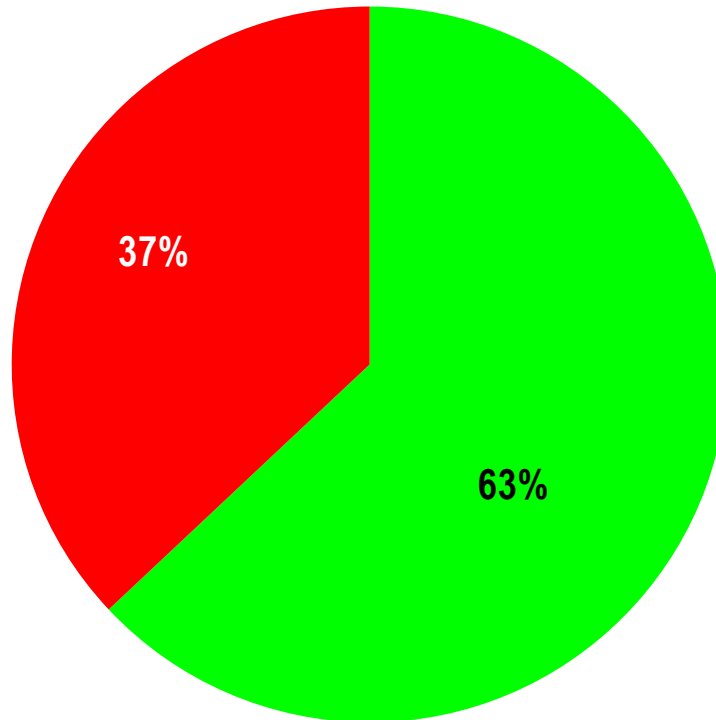
Outcome: Strengthened knowledge, science and policy interface

Research study to identify potential additional oceans and coastal area for protection undertaken	Draft research report on additional 5% of ocean and coastal protection, including guidelines on expansion	Draft research report on additional 5% of ocean and coastal protection, including guidelines on expansion approved in March 2023
Number of peer-reviewed scientific publications accepted for publication or published (including theses and research policy reports)	20 peer-reviewed scientific publications accepted for publication or published	20 peer-reviewed scientific publications published
Number of relief and science voyages to remote stations undertaken to South African National Antarctic Expedition (SANAE), Gough and Marion Islands	3 relief and science voyages to remote stations (SANAE, Gough and Marion Islands)	3 relief and science voyages to remote stations undertaken to Marion Islands (May 2022), Gough (September 2022) and SANAE (February 2023)
Annual Science Report Card on key essential ocean and coasts variables published	2021/22 Annual Science Report Card on key essential ocean and coasts variables published	2021/22 Annual Science Report Card on key essential ocean and coasts variables published in June 2022



PROGRAMME 4: ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

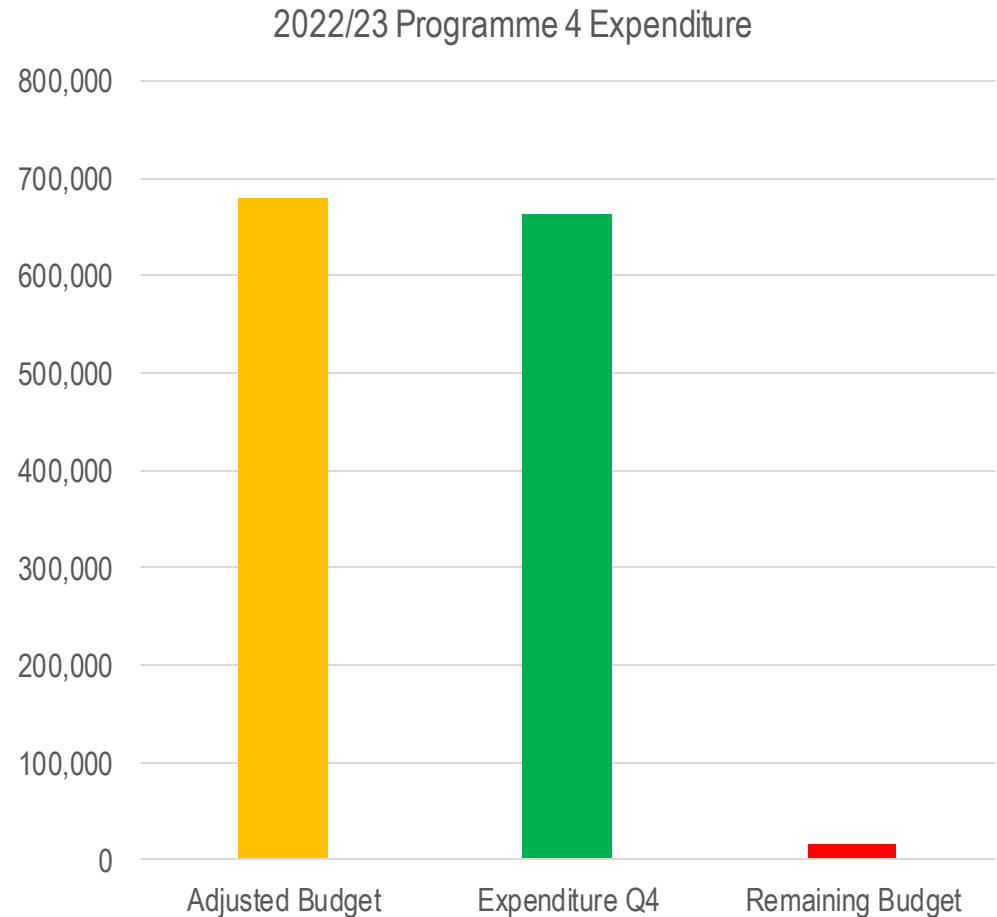
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63% (5/8)	37% (3/8)



PROGRAMME 4: 2022/23 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

R'000

- Programme 4 received an allocation of R662.3 m in 2022/23 FY.
- Expenditure incurred during the financial year constitutes 97.6% of the appropriated budget.



PROGRAMME 4: CLIMATE CHANGE, AIR QUALITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Outcome: A just transition to a low carbon economy and climate resilient society

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of climate change mitigation Interventions undertaken to facilitate Implementation of South Africa's Low Emission Development Strategy	3 interventions: Carbon Budget (CBs) allocation methodology piloted with industry sectors that are voluntarily participating in carbon budget regime	3 interventions: Carbon Budget allocation methodology piloted with industry sectors that are voluntarily participating in carbon budget regime in March 2023 as follows: Electricity production; crude oil production and/refining; petroleum refining; CTL/GTL; iron and steel production; ferroalloys production; primary aluminium production; chemicals production (ammonia, nitric acid and carbon black); pulp and paper production; hydrogen production (fossil-based); cement production; glass production and food, and beverage production (FMCG) – sugar
	Proposed 5 Environmental Sectoral Emission Targets (SETs) allocations presented to Ministers and Members of Executive Councils (MINMEC)	Proposed 5 Environmental SETs allocations presented to MINMEC and approved in November 2022
	Proposed SETs Allocations submitted to key socio-economic sector departments (Energy, Mineral Resource, Transport, Agriculture, Trade and Industry, Human Settlement)	Proposed SETs Allocations submitted to key socio-economic sector departments (Energy, Mineral Resource, Transport, Agriculture, Trade and Industry, Human Settlement) through engagements held in February and March 2023



PROGRAMME 4: CLIMATE CHANGE, AIR QUALITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Outcome: A just transition to a low carbon economy and climate resilient society

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of Interventions undertaken to facilitate Implementation of South Africa's Climate Change Adaptation Strategy	1 Climate Adaptation Intervention implemented: Garden Route: Early fire detection and management System installed	Garden Route: Early warning fire detection alert system was not installed Reasons for deviations: Bids received above budget
	Climate Adaptation Sector Plan implemented: Human Settlements: National Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessment for 5 Human Settlement Priority Areas conducted	National Climate Risk and Vulnerability Assessments were conducted in March 2023 for following 5 Human Settlements Priority Areas: • KwaZulu-Natal Province: (1) Vulindlela (2) Richards Bay • Gauteng Province: (3) Ekurhuleni North (4) Olievenhoutbosch (5) Vanderbijlpark – Vereeniging Everton – Sebokeng



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PROGRAMME 4: CLIMATE CHANGE, AIR QUALITY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Outcome: Threats on environmental quality and human health mitigated

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
National Air Quality Indicator (NAQI)	NAQI : Equals to or less than 1	NAQI is 1.14 Reasons for deviations: Certain areas in the country experience poor air quality due to among others, industrial activities, domestic fuel burning, traffic pollution, resulting in air quality above ambient air quality standards, especially in priority areas
Number of air quality monitoring stations reporting to SAAQIS meeting minimum data recovery standard of 75%	15-priority area ambient air quality monitoring stations reporting to the SAAQIS and meeting data recovery standard of 75%	4-priority area ambient air quality monitoring stations reporting to SAAQIS and meeting data recovery standard of 75% Reasons for deviations: Low data recovery due to power interruptions during load shedding, affecting performance of monitoring stations

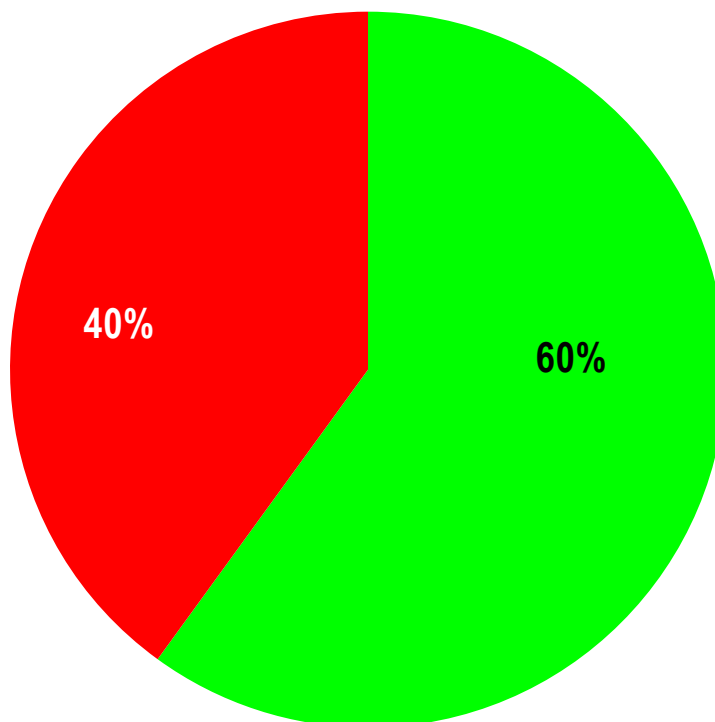
Outcome: International cooperation supportive of SA environmental/sustainable development priorities

Financial value of resources raised from International donors to support SA and African environment programmes	US\$ 60 million raised	US\$ 678 738 570 raised Reasons for deviations: Additional donor funded projects materialised during the financial year
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PROGRAMME 5: ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

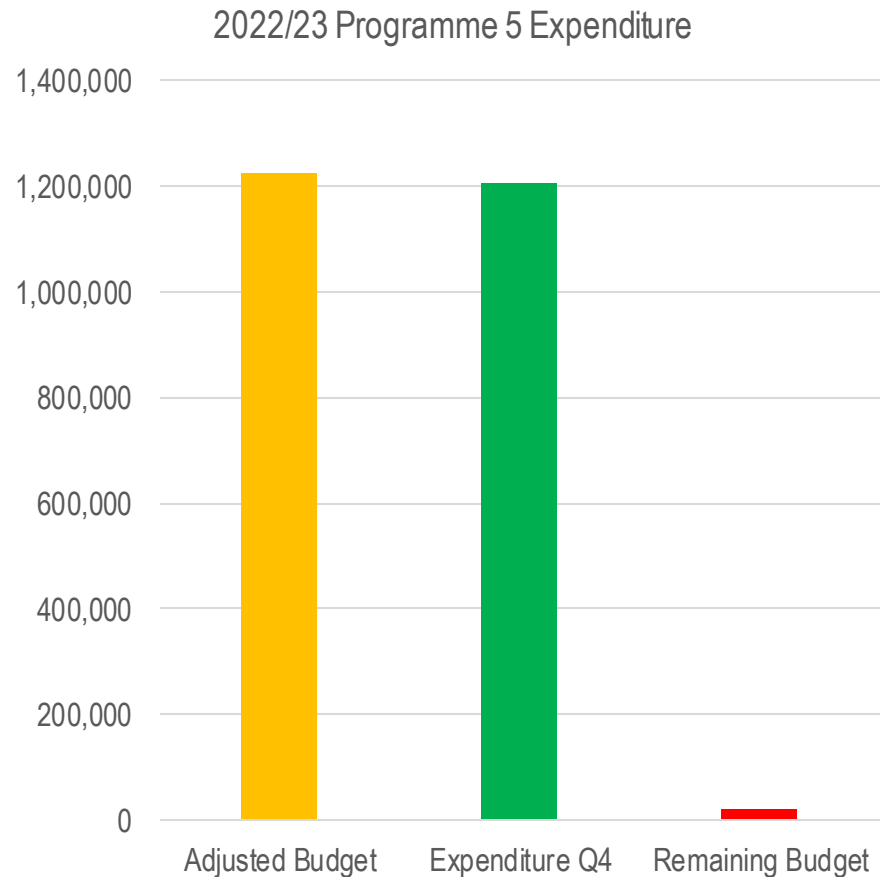
% Achieved	% Not Achieved
60% (6/10)	40% (4/10)



PROGRAMME 5: 2022/23 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

R'000

- Programme 5 received an allocation of R1.206 bn in 2022/23 FY.
- Expenditure incurred during the financial year constitutes 98.4% of the appropriated budget.



PROGRAMME 5: BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION

Outcome: Ecosystems conserved, managed and sustainably used

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of hectares of land added to the conservation estate per annum	610 674 ha of land added to conservation estate	382 517,130 ha added to the conservation estate Reasons for deviations: Identified land parcels have pending land claims
Protected Areas Management Improvement Plans of Management Authorities monitored and annual status report compiled	Status report on Implementation of committed improvement plans compiled	Draft status report on implementation of improvement plan developed for the South African National Parks in March 2023 Reasons for deviations: Status report not compiled for remaining Management Authorities as baseline data to determine which authorities need to develop and implement improvement plans to be collected
Number of interventions to ensure conservation of strategic water sources and wetlands implemented	2 interventions: 1 Ramsar site designated	2 interventions: 1 Ramsar site designated in March 2023 (Middelpunt Nature Reserve)
	5 Strategic Water Sources secured	Stakeholder consultations for securing 5 strategic water sources conducted in April, July and August 2022 Reasons for deviations: Securing strategic water sources is dependent on multiple stakeholders and DFFE facilitates the process



PROGRAMME 5: BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION

Outcome: Biodiversity threats mitigated

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Regulatory tool to ensure conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity developed and implemented	National assessment report on the linkages between migration and Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought (DLDD) approved by MINMEC	National assessment report on the linkages between migration and DLDD approved by MINMEC in March 2023
High Level Panel (HLP) Recommendations and interventions on Biodiversity conservation implemented	White Paper on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity submitted to Cabinet National Biodiversity Economy Strategy (NBES) revised	White Paper on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Biological Diversity submitted and approved by Cabinet in March 2023 National Biodiversity Economy Strategy revised in March 2023

Outcome: Improved access, fair and equitable sharing of benefits

Number of biodiversity economy initiatives implemented	2 biodiversity economy initiatives implemented: 800 jobs created	No (0) jobs created Reasons for deviations: Delays in procurement process of appointing Project Manager
	200 Biodiversity Beneficiaries trained (accredited training)	203 Biodiversity beneficiaries trained (accredited training) Reasons for deviations: Training plan made provision to train extra 3 beneficiaries as contingency plan



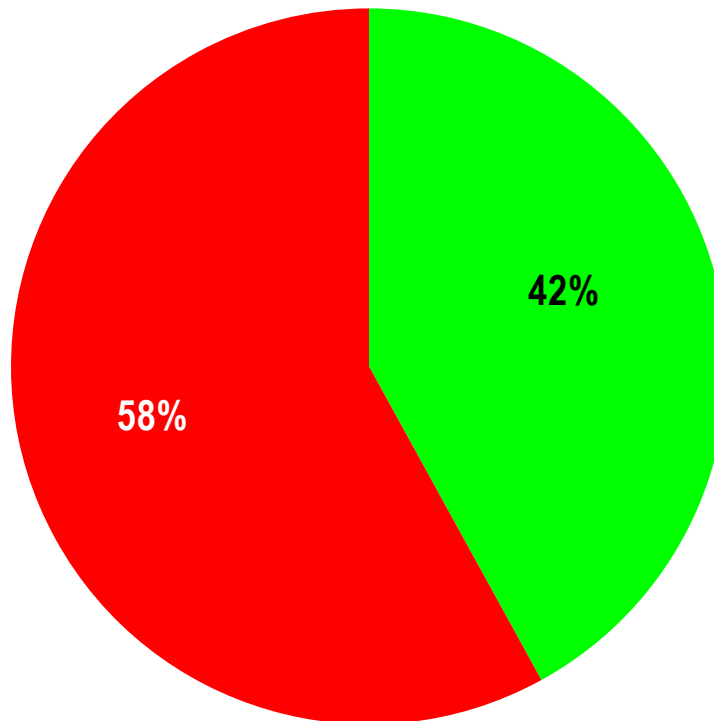
PROGRAMME 5: BIODIVERSITY AND CONSERVATION

Outcome: Improved access, fair and equitable sharing of benefits

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of benefit sharing agreements approved	5 Benefit Sharing Agreements approved	<p>Following 14 Benefit Sharing Agreements approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bileni 2. Dambale 3. Domboni 4. Matatani 5. Mukhovha wa Bale 6. Muswodi Dipeni 7. Tshikuyu 8. Tshipise 9. Tshirunzini 10. Tshivaloni 11. Tshoko Tsheko 12. Zwigodini 13. San Council of South Africa and Green Engineering Solutions (PTY) LTD 14. South African San Council and Klein Karoo Medicinals <p>Reasons for deviations:</p> <p>1 permit applicant working with several communities in Limpopo submitted 12 Benefit Sharing Agreements concluded with various communities, based on the provision of access to the use of particular indigenous biological resources</p>

PROGRAMME 6: ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

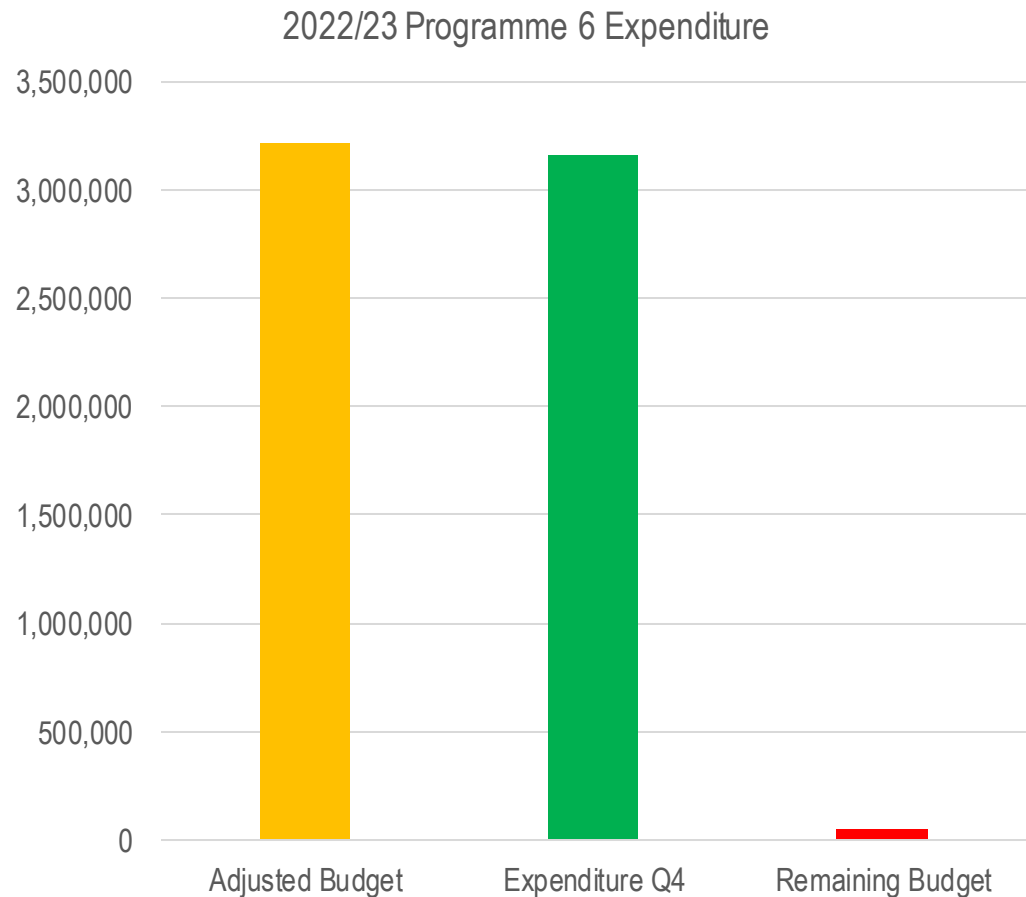
% Achieved	% Not Achieved
42% (5/12)	58% (7/12)



PROGRAMME 6: 2022/23 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

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- Programme 6 received an allocation of R3.166 bn in 2022/23 FY.
- Expenditure incurred during the financial year constitutes 98.4% of the appropriated budget.



PROGRAMME 6: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Outcome: More decent jobs created and sustained, with youth, women and persons with disabilities prioritised

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of Full Time Equivalents (FTEs) created	30 507	<p>20 209 FTEs created</p> <p>Reasons for deviations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays in obtaining variation orders and orders for single source projects in place resulted in work planned to commence in August 2022 only commencing in November 2022. • Lack of new projects other than single source projects meant that implementation of projects only commenced in November 2022.
Number of Work Opportunities created	67 002 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 60% Women • 55% youth 	<p>58 858 Work opportunities created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women = (52%) 30 784/58 858 • Youth = (60%) 35 372/58 858 <p>Reasons for deviations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delays in obtaining variation orders and orders for single source projects in place resulted in work planned to commence in August 2022 only commencing in November 2022. • Lack of new projects other than single source projects meant that implementation of projects only commenced in November 2022.
Number of participants who completed accredited-training programmes	16 872	<p>13 604 participants who completed accredited training programmes</p> <p>Reasons for deviations:</p> <p>Delays due to procurement processes</p>



PROGRAMME 6: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Outcome: Ecosystems rehabilitated and managed

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of hectares receiving initial clearing of invasive plant species	98 126	<p>47 120,346 hectares receiving initial clearing of invasive plant species</p> <p>Reasons for deviations: Floods in the South African National Parks (Kruger National Park) in February 2023 resulted in inaccessibility of an estimated 10 000 hectares Delays in obtaining variation orders and orders for single source projects in place resulted in work planned to commence in August 2022 only commencing in November 2022 Lack of new projects other than single source projects meant that implementation of projects only commenced in November 2022</p>
Number of hectares receiving follow-up clearing of invasive plant species	457 607	<p>416 115,803 hectares receiving follow-up clearing of invasive plant species</p> <p>Reasons for deviations: Floods in the South African National Parks (Kruger National Park) in February 2023 resulted in inaccessibility of an estimated 10 000 hectares Delays in obtaining variation orders and orders for single source projects in place resulted in work planned to commence in August 2022 only commencing in November 2022 Lack of new projects other than single source projects meant that implementation of projects only commenced in November 2022</p>



PROGRAMME 6: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Outcome: Ecosystems rehabilitated and managed

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of wetlands under rehabilitation	100	125 wetlands under rehabilitation Reasons for deviation: Speedy procurement processes resulted in additional wetlands being rehabilitated
Number of kilometres of accessible coastline cleaned	2 116 km	2 116 kilometres of accessible coastline cleaned

Outcome: Integrated fire management

Percentage of wildfires suppressed	90%	100% (1 380/1 380) wildfires suppressed Reasons for deviation: Working on Fire ensuring teams and resources are in place until fires are contained
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Outcome: Infrastructure, adaptation and disaster risk reduction

Number of Biodiversity Infrastructure buildings and accommodation units constructed or renovated	22 (10 constructed and 12 renovated)	22 (21 constructed and 1 renovated) Reasons for deviation: Projects planned to provide renovated facilities not executed, as procurement of Construction Industry Development Board Contractors still in process.
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PROGRAMME 6: ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES

Outcome: Infrastructure, adaptation and disaster risk reduction

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of overnight visitor & staff accommodation units constructed	20	21 overnight visitor and staff accommodation units constructed Reasons for deviations: 1 staff accommodation (LP Masebe) completed earlier than planned due to availability of resources
Number of buy-back centres and Transfer Stations constructed and renovated	4 (3 constructed and 1 renovated)	1 buy-back centre and transfer station constructed (Murray Landfill Site Project) Reasons for deviations: Delays in procurement process

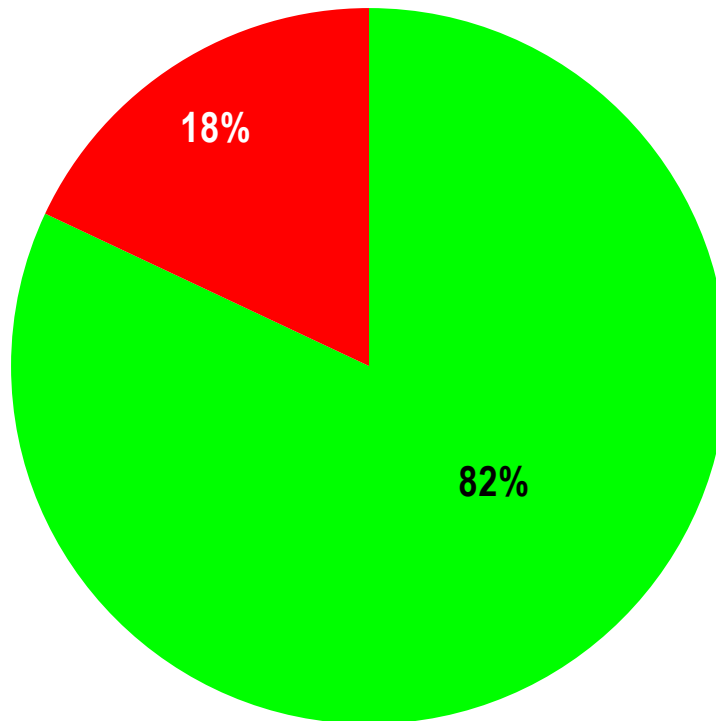
Outcome: Improved human resources capacity of the sector

Number of beneficiaries participating on the Department's skills development programmes	400 WIL students placed with host employers to complete their environmental Qualifications	424 WIL students placed with host employers to complete their environmental qualifications Reasons for deviations: Students who opted to undertake shorter or the prescribed WIL contract to fulfil only their academic requirements and thereby making more available spaces to accommodate additional students
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PROGRAMME 7: ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

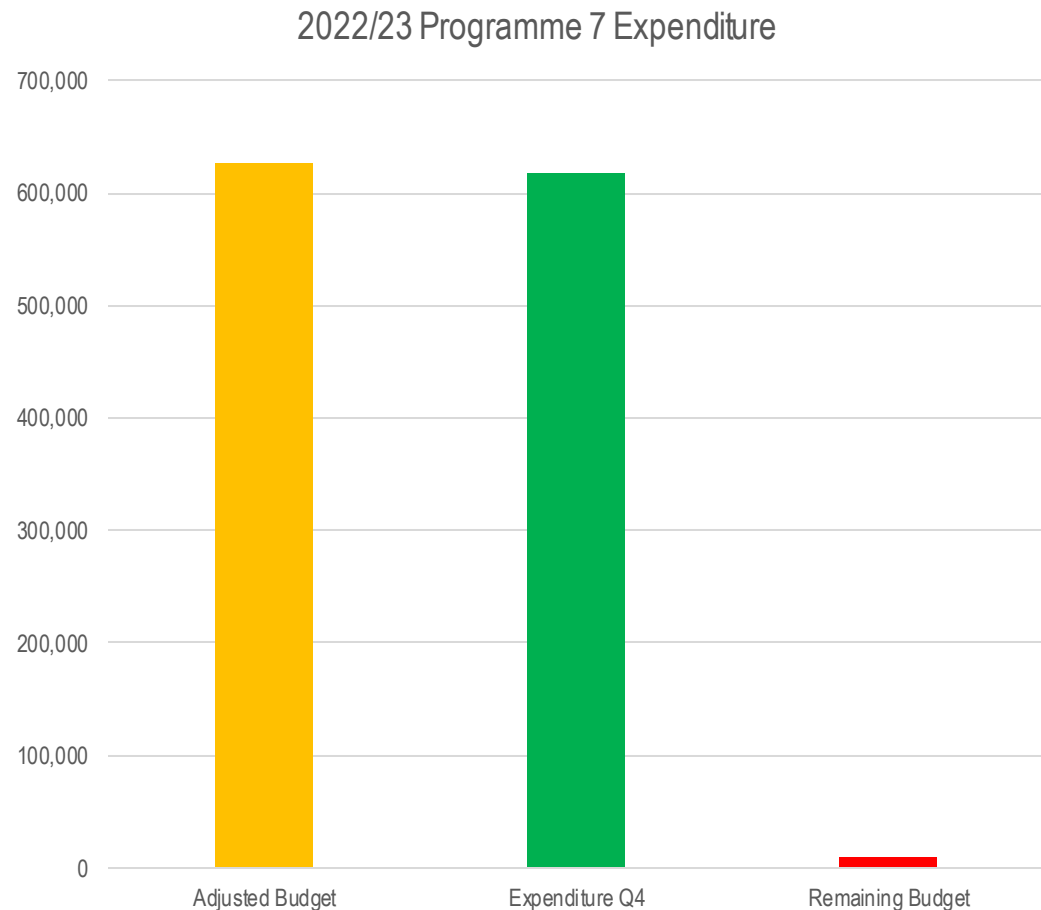
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82% (9/11)	18% (2/11)



PROGRAMME 7: 2022/23 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

R'000

- Programme 7 received an allocation of R617.3 m in 2022/23 FY.
- Expenditure incurred during the financial year constitutes 98.5% of the appropriated budget.



PROGRAMME 7: CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Outcome: Threats on environmental quality and human health mitigated

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of chemicals Management legislative and regulatory Instruments developed and implemented	2 instruments: Regulations to phase out mercury containing products published for public comments	Regulations to phase out mercury containing products published for public comments in March 2023
	Prior Informed Consent (PICs) Amendment regulations published for implementation	Prior Informed Consent Amendment regulations published for implementation in February 2023
Percentage decrease of HCFC consumption	HCFC consumption reduced by 45% - 2313.09 tons from baseline of 5140.20 tons (not exceed allowable 2827.11 tons)	54 Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) applications were processed with cumulative (Q1 - Q4) HCFC % Reduced = $QR/BL \times 100 = 3\,462,2326\ T / 5140.20\ T \times 100 = 67,4\%$ Reasons for deviations: Import quarter allocation was controlled to remain in the allowable consumption of 2 827,11 tons



PROGRAMME 7: CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Outcome: Threats on environmental quality and human health mitigated		
Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of waste management legislative and regulatory instruments developed and implemented	2 legal instruments: Notices of intention in terms of Section 18 for management of lubricant oils, pesticides and Batteries published for implementation	2 legal instruments: Notices of intention in terms of Section 18 for management of lubricant oils, pesticides and batteries published for implementation in March 2023
	National Environmental Management: Waste Act Notice of intent to approve Section 29 published	Notice of intent to approve Section 29 published in December 2022
Number of waste tonnes diverted from landfill sites (prioritized waste streams)	2 326 000 tons diverted (Paper and packaging)	1 658 345,2 tons diverted (paper and packaging) Reasons for deviations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste management facilities that contribute to diversion (i.e., recycling and energy recovery) reporting to PROs may not all be reporting to SAWIS as per National Environmental Management Waste Act (NEMWA) and its Regulations due to thresholds controls Lack of timeous reporting of free riders Non-payment of waste picker collection service fee led to low collection of recyclables



PROGRAMME 7: CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Outcome: Threats on environmental quality and human health mitigated

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of waste tonnes diverted from landfill sites (prioritised waste streams)	36 000 tons diverted (E-waste)	41 147 tons diverted (E-waste) Reasons for deviations: More E-waste diverted than planned
	9 847 tons diverted (Lighting waste)	195.8 tons diverted (Lighting waste) Reasons for deviations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delays in concurrence for Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) fees led to late start from some Producer Responsibility Organisations (PROs). Free riders contributed to the failure to achieve the diversion. 1 PRO did not submit a report on diversion. 1 PRO report indicated that no diversion achieved.
Number of tonnages of waste tyres processed	27 243	36 354,76 tonnages of waste tyres processed Reasons for deviations: Increase in processing capacity due to new companies registered for supply of waste tyres



PROGRAMME 7: CHEMICALS AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

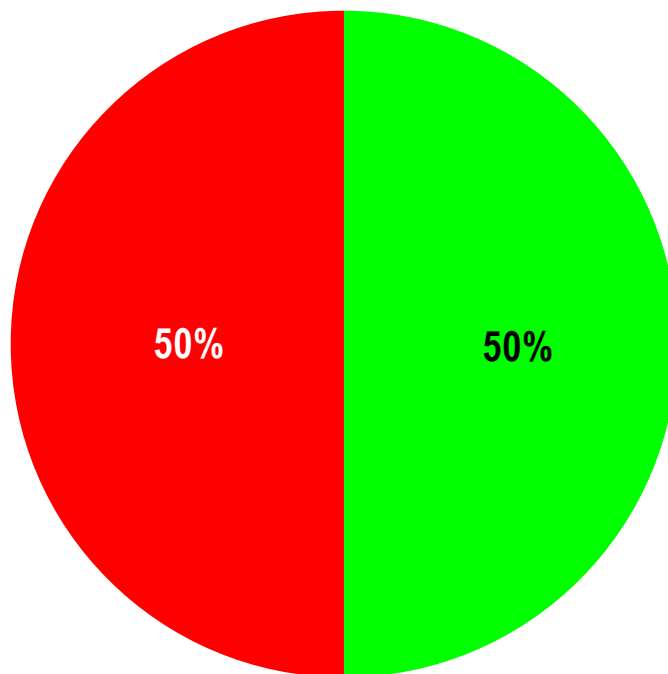
Outcome: An adequately capacitated local sphere of government which is able to effectively execute its environmental management function

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of Municipal Councillors and officials trained on waste management	300 Municipal Councillors and/or officials trained	302 Municipal Councillors and/or officials trained Reasons for deviations: Higher participation than planned due to more interest demonstrated by participants
Number of municipal cleaning campaigns conducted	Cleaning campaigns conducted in 16 municipalities	Cleaning campaigns conducted in 20 municipalities Reasons for deviations: Clean-up campaigns included ministerial campaigns which were not planned during the financial year



PROGRAMME 8: ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

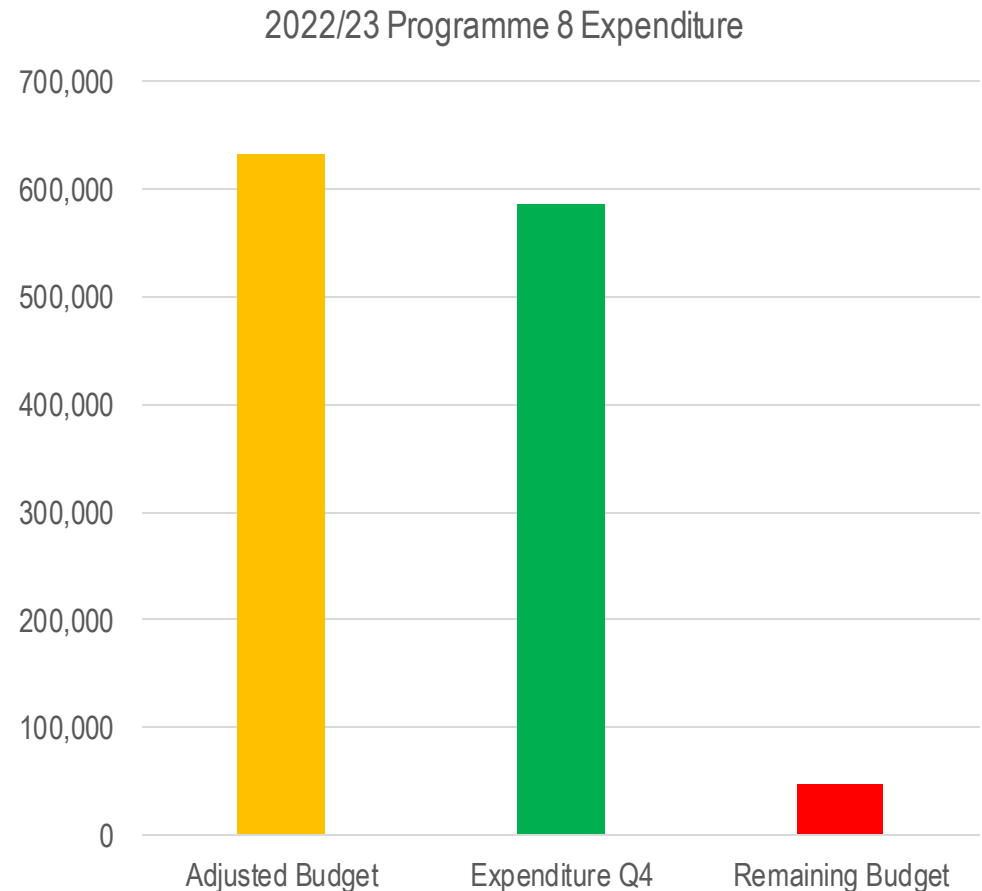
% Achieved	% Not Achieved
50% (4/8)	50% (4/8)



PROGRAMME 8: 2022/23 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

R'000

- Programme 8 received an allocation of R585.9 m in 2022/23 FY.
- Expenditure incurred during the financial year constitutes 92.6% of the appropriated budget.



PROGRAMME 8: FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

Outcome: Sustainable production of state forests		
Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of hectares of temporary unplanted areas (TUPs) planted	1 800 ha	<p>1 124,74 ha of TUPs planted</p> <p>Reasons for deviations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eastern Cape: Seedlings delivered in February 2023 and therefore had less than 2 months to plant Kwazulu-Natal Region: Service delivery protests near Qhudeni plantation as staff prevented from accessing plantation for almost 4 weeks resulting in delays for planting Mpumalanga: Plantations not conducive for forestry activities due to security issues and lack of infrastructure
Number of hectares under silvicultural practice (i.e. weeding, pruning, coppice reduction, thinning)	2 100 ha	<p>4 910,98 ha under silvicultural practice</p> <p>Reasons for deviations:</p> <p>Additional Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) workers allocated for planting used for silvicultural practice</p>



PROGRAMME 8: FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

Outcome: Sustainable production of state forests

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of nurseries refurbished	3 nurseries Refurbished: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wolseley • Rusplaas • Qwaqwa 	<p>Wolseley: Security and 10 EPWP workers appointed. EPWP workers ensured seeds collected and general maintenance of nursery</p> <p>Rusplaas: 10 EPWP workers appointed who ensured general maintenance of nursery</p> <p>Qwaqwa: Construction of grey water pond commenced with the assistance from Department of Public Works Infrastructure (DPWI). 40 EPWP workers appointed (30 for tree production and 10 for maintenance) and this led to 35 443 trees produced. Maintenance of old fence whilst awaiting installation of new fence</p> <p>Reasons for deviations: In majority of nurseries, water and equipment were challenges Non-responsiveness of bid delayed full refurbishment of nurseries</p>

Outcome: A transformed forestry sector in line with the Master Plan

Number of plantations handed over to communities	4 (Willow, Ntlangaza, Rammbuda and Kei Mouth)	<p>3 plantations handed over to communities (Willow, Ntlangaza and Kei Mouth)</p> <p>Reasons for deviations: Following signing of community resolutions, vetted Rammbuda CFA presented to communities. Communities withdrew interest in the management of plantation due to concerns on lack of capacity to properly manage plantation as well as disagreements regarding revenue collection matters</p>
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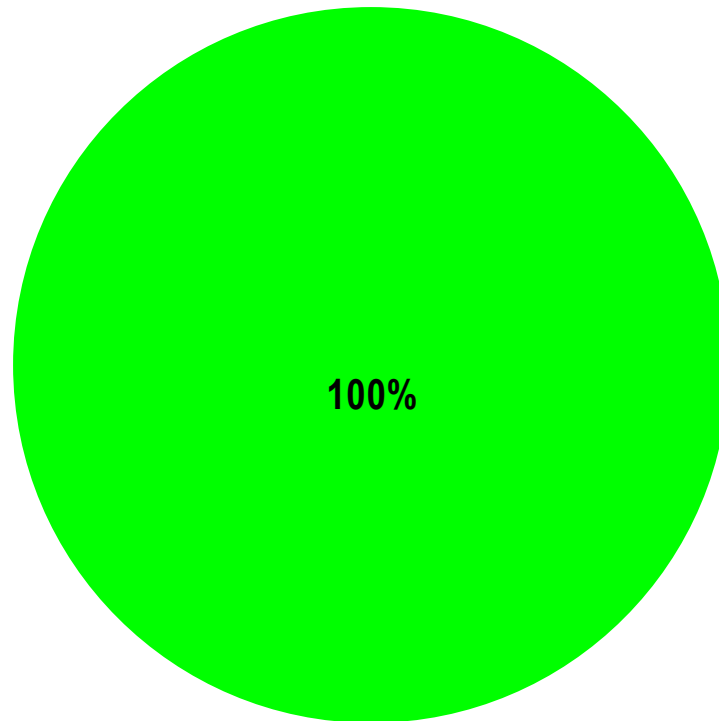
PROGRAMME 8: FORESTRY MANAGEMENT

Outcome: A transformed forestry sector in line with the Master Plan		
Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Post settlement support Strategy implemented	Post settlement support Strategy Implementation plan approved	Post settlement support strategy implementation plan approved in March 2023
Outcome: Outcome: Indigenous forests sustainably managed and regulated		
Number of state indigenous forest management units mapped	5 indigenous forest management units mapped	5 indigenous forest management units mapped
Number of hectares in State forests rehabilitated (clearing of alien invasive)	200 ha rehabilitated	200 ha of State forests rehabilitated
Outcome: Threats on environmental quality and human health mitigated		
Number of trees planted outside forests footprint	120 000 trees planted	103 729 trees planted outside forests footprint Reasons for deviations: Delays in procurement process for trees in previous quarters



PROGRAMME 9: ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

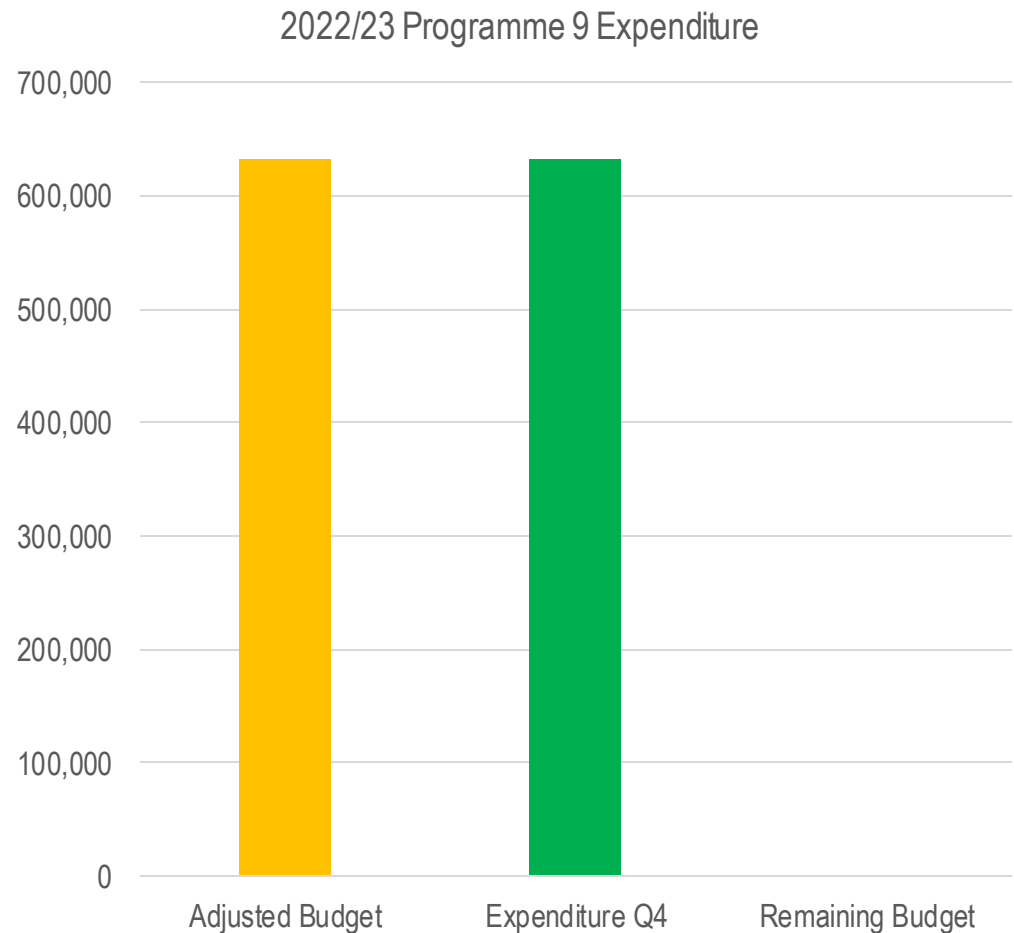
% Achieved	% Not Achieved
100% (7/7)	0% (0/7)



PROGRAMME 9: 2022/23 SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

R'000

- Programme 9 received an allocation of R632,6 m in 2022/23 FY.
- Expenditure incurred during the financial year constitutes 100% of the appropriated budget.



PROGRAMME 9: FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Outcome: Effective and enabling regulatory framework for the management and development of marine and freshwater living resources (oceans, coasts, rivers, and dams)

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Aquaculture regulatory framework developed and finalised	Aquaculture Development Bill submitted to the Office of Chief State Law Advisor for pre-certification	Aquaculture Development Bill submitted to the Office of the Chief State Law Advisor for pre-certification in March 2023
National Freshwater (inland) Wild Capture Fisheries Policy developed and implemented	National Freshwater (Inland) Wild Capture Fisheries implementation plan approved	National Freshwater (Inland) Wild Capture Fisheries Implementation Plan approved in March 2023

Outcome: A well-managed fisheries and aquaculture sector that sustains and improves economic growth and development

Number of inspections conducted in the 6 priority fisheries (hake; abalone; rock lobster; line fish, squid and pelagic)	5 500 inspections conducted	6 407 inspections conducted Reasons for deviations: Additional inspections conducted where right holders were found to be non-compliant
Number of verifications of right holders conducted	290 verifications	331 verifications of right holders conducted Reasons for deviations: Additional complaints received and followed up in terms of right holder's verifications



PROGRAMME 9: FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Outcome: A well-managed fisheries and aquaculture sector that sustains and improves economic growth and development

Output indicator	Annual target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Revised National Plan of Action for Sharks developed and implemented	National Plan of Action for Sharks Implementation plan approved	National Plan of Action for Sharks Implementation Plan approved in February 2023
West Coast Rock Lobster anti-poaching strategy developed and implemented	West Coast Rock Lobster anti-poaching strategy submitted for approval	West Coast Rock Lobster Anti-Poaching Strategy submitted in March 2023 for approval

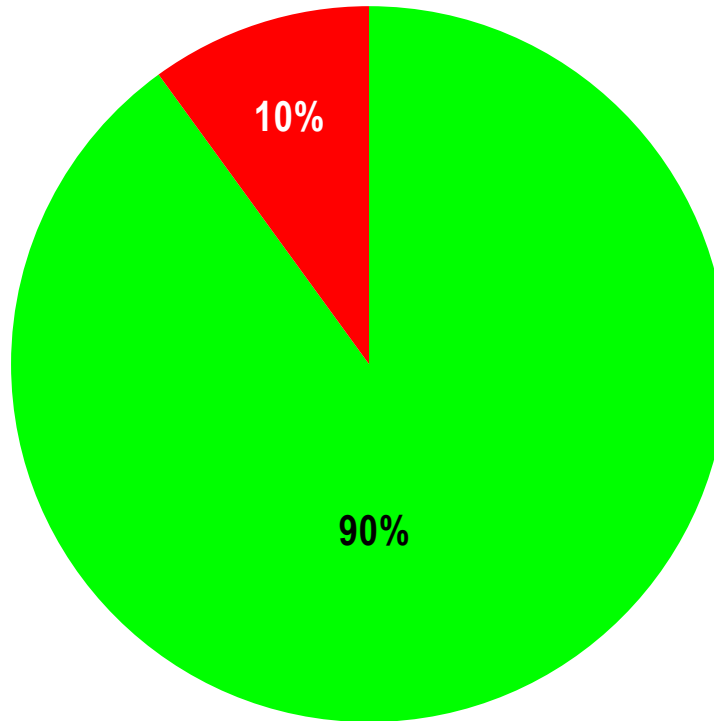
Outcome: Socio-economic conditions for fishing communities Improved

Integrated Development Support programme for small-scale fishers developed and implemented	Integrated Development Support projects piloted in 20 small – scale fishing co-operatives	<p>Integrated Development Support projects piloted in 33 small-scale fishing cooperatives</p> <p>Reasons for deviations: More local municipalities showed interest to be part of small-scale support programme</p>
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MARINE LIVING RESOURCES FUND (MLRF) AND FISHERIES: ANNUAL SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE

% Achieved	% Not Achieved
90% (9/10)	10% (1/10)



MARINE LIVING RESOURCES FUND

Outcome: Socio-economic conditions for fishing communities Improved

Output Indicator	Annual Target 2022/23	2022/23 Achievement
Number of joint operations conducted with partners (including) Initiative 5: Operation Phakisa)	40	44 Reasons for deviations: As a result of transgression, additional joint operations were deployed in the coastal provinces through provincial coordination
Full-Time Equivalent Jobs (FTE's) created within the Fisheries Sector	279	218,81 Reasons for deviations: All workers were not employed for the whole year
Work Opportunities created within the Fisheries Sector	600	816 Reasons for deviations: The department created more Work Opportunities in Q4 to make up for the backlog of the previous quarters.





5. 2022/23 Marine Living Resources Fund Audited Financials



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AUDIT OUTCOME FOR 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR

- MLRF received a Clean Audit.
- Revenue target was 90% achieved.
- Budget vs Actual spent Is 94%.
- The MLRF is a going concern.
- Irregular expenditure has been contained.
- The governance structures are effective.



QUARTER 4 REVENUE FOR 2022/23 AND 2021/22

Description	2022/23					2021/22		
	Original Annual Budget R'000	4th Quarter Budget R'000	4th Quarter Actual Collection R'000	4th Quarter % Collections	4th Quarter / Annual Budget % Collection	4th Quarter Budget R'000	4th Quarter Actual Collection R'000	% Collection
Revenue								
Application fees	5,000	5,000	4,098	82%	82%	13,936	16,886	121%
Harbour fees	4,000	4,000	3,463	87%	87%	4,000	2,471	62%
Licenses and permits	33,000	33,000	28,257	86%	86%	35,300	28,539	81%
Grant of right fee	5,000	5,000	11,744	235%	235%	5,205	2,285	
Finance income	10,000	10,000	11,580	116%	116%	15,000	7,350	49%
Levy on fish products	52,000	52,000	41,965	81%	81%	53,614	54,680	102%
Fines	1,000	1,000	1,001	100%	100%	1,000	1,292	129%
Grants and other transfer payments	405,373	405,373	316,625	78%	78%	355,278	305,278	86%
Sale of confiscated assets and fish products	60,000	60,000	76,701	128%	128%	60,000	25,207	42%
Confiscated assets and fish products (movement)	-	-	20,147	100%	100%	-	10,982	100%
Donation in kind						-	70	
Other income	-	-	392	100%	100%		12,858	100%
Foreign exchange gain	-	-	102	-	-		428	100%
TOTAL REVENUE	575,373	575,373	516,075	90%	90%	543,333	468,326	86%



QUARTER 4 EXPENDITURE FOR 2022/23 AND 2021/22

Description	2022/23					2021/22		
	Original Annual Budget R'000	4th Quarter Budget R'000	4th Quarter Actual Expenditure R'000	4th Quarter % Spent	4th Quarter / Annual Budget % Spent	4th Quarter Budget R'000	4th Quarter Actual Expenditure R'000	% Spent
Expenditure								
Advertising costs	827	827	320	39%	39%	1,069	1,083	101%
EPWP cost	51,305	51,305	17,663	34%	34%	81,021	5,835	7%
Leases and rentals	3,762	3,762	1,967	52%	52%	2,996	1,157	39%
Transportation costs	20,902	20,902	46,678	223%	223%	22,623	30,045	133%
Vessel operating costs	275,257	275,257	262,235	95%	95%	204,776	222,963	109%
Funds Surrendered	-	-	-	100%	100%	-	99,700	0%
Operating expenditure	193,572	193,572	89,247	46%	46%	159,257	90,197	57%
Bad debts written off			217	100%	100%		254	-
Impairment of debtors			-156	-	-		-252	-
Cost of goods sold		-	70,786	-	-	4,160	7,133	-
Depreciation		-	24,574	-	-	-	27,042	-
Loss on sale of assets			73	-	-		949	-
Contract services			2,540	-	-			
Total operating expenditure	545,625	545,625	516,144	95%	95%	475,902	486,106	102%
Capital expenditure	29,748	29,748	27,310	92%	92%	67,430	8,378	12%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	575,373	575,373	543,454	94%	94%	543,332	494,484	91%





6. Vote 32: Expenditure Report 2022/2023 Financial Year



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EXPENDITURE 2022/2023: PER PROGRAMME

Programme	Final Budget 2022/23	Q1: Expenditure 1 April - 30 June 2022	Q2: Expenditure 1 July - 30 Sept 2022	Q3: Expenditure 1 Oct - 31 Dec 2022	Q4: Expenditure 1 Jan - 31 March 2023	Total Expenditure till 31 March 2023	Variance	% Spend
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%
1. Administration	1 218 904	302 755	310 557	298 386	296 452	1 208 150	10 754	99
2. Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring	243 476	58 167	55 437	69 215	60 657	243 476	0	100
3. Oceans and Coasts	519 859	142 019	165 900	67 940	128 819	504 678	15 181	97
4. Climate Change, Air Quality and Sustainable Development	678 762	108 133	109 529	298 407	146 239	662 308	16 454	98
5. Biodiversity and Conservation	1 225 116	239 642	235 386	484 767	246 294	1 206 089	19 027	98
6. Environmental Programmes	3 216 587	733 893	850 437	636 043	945 890	3 166 263	50 324	98
7. Chemicals and Waste Management	626 966	97 621	142 816	185 581	191 311	617 329	9 637	98
8. Forestry Management	632 550	122 265	153 986	157 433	152 221	585 905	46 645	93
9. Fisheries Management	632 619	160 187	162 566	157 707	152 159	632 619	0	100
Total	8 994 839	1 964 682	2 186 614	2 355 479	2 320 042	8 826 817	168 022	98
% Spend per Quarter	-	22%	24%	26%	26%	98%	2%	



EXPENDITURE 2022/2023: PER ECONOMIC CLASSIFICATION

Economic Classification	Final Budget 2022/23	Q1: Expenditure 1 April - 30 June 2022	Q2: Expenditure 1 July - 30 Sept 2022	Q3: Expenditure 1 Oct - 31 Dec 2022	Q4: Expenditure 1 Jan - 31 March 2023	Total Expenditure till 31 March 2023	Variance	% Spend
	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	R'000	%
Current Expenditure	5 644 250	1 106 474	1 374 757	1 399 943	1 648 128	5 529 302	114 948	98
Compensation of Employees	2 010 471	495 048	500 714	541 778	508 682	2 046 222	-35 751	102
Goods and Services	3 546 246	611 426	856 280	852 202	1 075 639	3 395 547	150 699	96
Rent on Land	87 533	0	17 763	5 963	63 807	87 533	0	100
Transfers and Subsidies	3 109 723	802 139	707 848	829 115	752 486	3 091 588	18 135	99
Departmental Agencies and Accounts	2 911 124	782 429	699 945	753 276	675 446	2 911 096	28	100
Provinces and Municipalities	1 192	1	299	557	162	1 019	173	85
Higher Education	16 000	0	0	0	13 518	13 518	2 482	84
Foreign Governments	45 437	3 944	196	26 890	835	31 865	13 572	70
Non-profit Institutions	9 407	3 320	1 675	675	2 975	8 645	762	92
Public Corporations and Private Enterprises	96 685	2 944	0	41 658	52 035	96 637	48	100
Households	29 878	9 501	5 733	6 059	7 515	28 808	1 070	96
Payment for Capital Assets	238 571	56 067	102 555	125 797	-80 787	203 632	34 939	85
Buildings and other fixed structures	59 949	49 696	48 216	77 258	-125 947	49 223	10 726	82
Machinery and Equipment	166 702	6 371	54 339	44 682	40 902	146 294	20 408	88
Software and Intangible Assets	11 920	0	0	3 857	4 258	8 115	3 805	68
Payments for Financial Assets	2 295	2	1 454	624	215	2 295	0	100
Total	8 994 839	1 964 682	2 186 614	2 355 479	2 320 042	8 826 817	168 022	98
% Spend per Quarter	-	22%	24%	26%	26%	98%	2%	



% EXPENDITURE PER PROGRAMME: 2021/2022 VS 2022/2023 (COMPARISON)

Programme	2021/2022 Financial Year				2022/2023 Financial Year			
	Q1: % Expenditure 1 April - 30 June 2021	Q2: % Expenditure 1 April - 30 Sept 2021	Q3: % Expenditure 1 April - 31 Dec 2021	Q4: % Expenditure 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2022	Q1: % Expenditure 1 April - 30 June 2022	Q2: % Expenditure 1 April - 30 Sept 2022	Q3: % Expenditure 1 April - 31 Dec 2022	Q4: % Expenditure 1 April 2022 - 31 March 2023
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1. Administration	20	45	68	97	24	49	75	99
2. Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring	24	48	73	100	26	51	75	100
3. Oceans and Coasts	24	41	63	83	29	64	72	97
4. Climate Change, Air Quality and Sustainable Development	23	59	71	96	23	46	76	98
5. Biodiversity and Conservation	25	47	63	93	26	51	78	98
6. Environmental Programmes	11	23	52	71	20	42	69	98
7. Chemicals and Waste Management	18	38	58	81	16	38	68	98
8. Forestry Management	15	31	50	67	18	40	69	93
9. Fisheries Management	27	56	75	100	21	61	76	100
Total	17	35	60	82	22	46	72	98

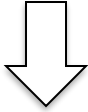
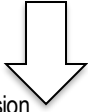





7. 2022/23 Audit outcomes



2022/2023 AUDIT OUTCOME

Outcome area	Movement	Impact/comment
1. Financial statements	Improvement	Unqualified with findings audit opinion
2. Annual performance report		
Programme 2: Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring	Improvement	
Programme 5: Biodiversity and Conservation	 Regression	Protected Areas - Management Improvement Plans of Management Authorities were not developed and monitored. TOPS permits issued in the current year not included in the reported target
3. Compliance with legislation		
Annual Financial Statements, performance and annual reports	Improvement	
Expenditure management	Improvement	
Asset Management	 Regression	The department did not determine if any state institution involved in education required computer equipment before disposal of such equipment, as required by Treasury Regulation 16A.7.7.
Consequence management	 Unchanged	The auditors were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence that disciplinary steps were taken against officials who had incurred irregular expenditure as required by section 38(1) (h)(iii) of the PFMA. This was because most or a large number of the transactions incurring irregular expenditure had not been investigated.
Procurement and contract management	Improvement	
Strategic planning and performance management	Improvement	



KEY FINDINGS

Audit Finding	Detailed Finding	Remedial action
Assets management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The auditors have noted, during the testing of disposals, that the Department has sold computer equipment to the officials of the department for at the market cost. The departmental disposal committee approved a decision to sell to the staff rather than to donate the computer equipment to the schools. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asset Management unit presented the submission to the Disposal Committee on 19 September 2023 to reconsider their initial decision for selling computer equipment's to staff. The department will deliberate and consider the disposal methods in line with the Treasury Regulations. If no or partial interest/response received from schools or training institutions, the disposal committee to consider other disposal methods.
Contingent liabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The auditors inspected the contingent liability schedule and noted that there were discrepancies between the schedule amount and the amount per the external confirmations from legal counsel for litigations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular reconciliations will be conducted between the departmental contingent liability register and the confirmations from the external counsel and will be verified with supporting documents.



KEY FINDINGS

Audit Finding	Detailed Finding	Remedial action
Consequence Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The auditors were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence that disciplinary steps were taken against officials who had incurred irregular expenditure as required by section 38(1) (h)(iii) of the PFMA. This was because most or a large number of the transactions incurring irregular expenditure had not been investigated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment and the determination test of irregular expenditures, fruitless and wasteful expenditure cases will be expedited. Labour relation to conduct training for all BEC members affected by SCM Non-Objectivity transgression. Risk and Fraud prevention will expedite the investigation of irregular expenditure cases
Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE)	Annual Report and Annual financial statements not filed within 30 days to the BEE Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual report and the BBEE certificate were submitted to the BEE Commission. The Service Provider is currently doing the verification for 2022/2023 financial year and the final submission was made by 30 September 2023.



2022/23 AUDIT ACTION PLAN

- An Audit Action Plan was put in place to ensure all areas of risk and other findings are addressed.
- Progress on remedial actions is monitored on a weekly basis.
- Branches are engaged on a weekly basis for updates on the implementation of remedial actions, with a sufficient Portfolio of Evidence.



2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR MONITORING

- Quarter 2 reporting concluded on 30 September 2023.
- Target of 44% expenditure met with 48% actual spending.
- Quarter 2 Interim Financial Statements in process of finalisation for submission on 31 October 2023.
- Ongoing weekly meetings to monitor the expenditure progress to meet the projected annual target (98%).



8. CONCLUSION

- The Portfolio Committee is requested to note the 2022/23 Annual Performance Reports and Financials of the Department and MLRF.



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