



SOCIETY *of* WETLAND SCIENTISTS



Delegates at South Africa's National Wetland Indaba enjoying the Gala Dinner at which wetland awards were made to people recognised for their efforts in promoting knowledge, awareness and restoration of the country's wetlands. Photo: Japie Buckle.



The Blyde River was the site of a field trip during the meeting. The view is upstream towards the head of the Blyde Canyon. Photo: Japie Buckle.



The magnificent setting at which the Indaba was held, at the toe of the Blyde Canyon in Mpumalanga Province of South Africa. Photo: Japie Buckle.



Hannes Marais receiving the award for “wetland stewardship” for work done in promoting the restoration of the Duiwenhoks Wetland in the Western Cape Province. Photographed are Piet-Louis Grundling, President of the South African Wetland Society (left) and Brent Corcoran, Environmental Manager of Mondi Forests (right). Photo: Japie Buckle.



Trip leader Anton Linström walks towards the Manalana wetland on communally owned land in Acornhoek, Mpumalanga. The wetland supports small-scale agricultural activities that contribute to the livelihoods of people who have no alternative livelihood support. Photo: Liz Metcalfe.



Indaba delegates discuss small-scale agricultural activities and practices of local people in the Manalana wetland in Acornhoek, Mpumalanga. The wooden pole fence has been constructed to keep livestock out of the portion of the wetland being cultivated. The ridges are used to cultivate the plant known locally as “amadumbe” (*Colocasia esculenta*) that produces a tuber that is generally boiled and eaten as a vegetable accompaniment. Photo: Liz Metcalfe.