

# **RANGELAND RESOURCES**

## **South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe**

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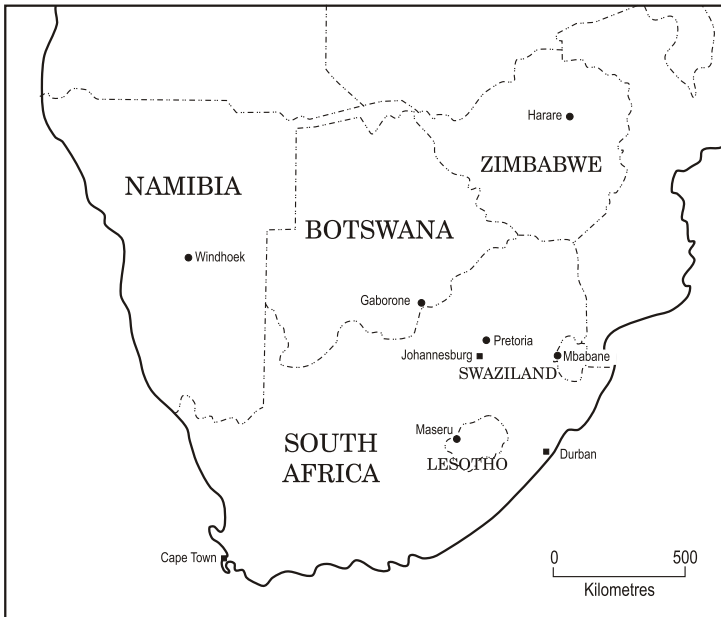
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# Introduction

It is with great pride that we welcome the delegates to the VIIth International Rangeland Congress to southern Africa, and it is a great honour for us to put our rangeland resources on display to the world. A large part of this honour lies in the rich diversity of the rangelands, a richness which is extremely difficult to match on any other continent. This richness encompasses a diversity in flora, fauna and human activities associated with rangelands which are unparalleled, and offers the visitor the opportunity to explore exciting and interesting patterns, processes and people. In the days ahead you will hear and read much about rangelands across the globe, but this booklet serves to introduce you to the resources of the host region. We hope it provides you with a concise, stimulating perspective on our rangelands.



*Figure 1 : Countries of the southern African rangeland region.*