

'Transition Area' planting for shaded recreational landscapes

The 'transition' areas are an approach to secure shaded recreational areas and a planted urban interface landscape, whilst achieving the long-term biodiversity objectives.

This approach involves:

1. Commercial pine plantation – harvesting the existing pine tree compartments;
2. followed by a biodiversity burn to stimulate fynbos growth;
3. allowing fynbos growth for about 8 years for the seed to be returned to the soil;
4. after which non-invasive pine trees are planted;
5. allowing for about 30 years of growth to provide for shaded recreational area;
6. during this period the fynbos dies back due to shading; and
7. harvesting of pines allowing fynbos to return.

