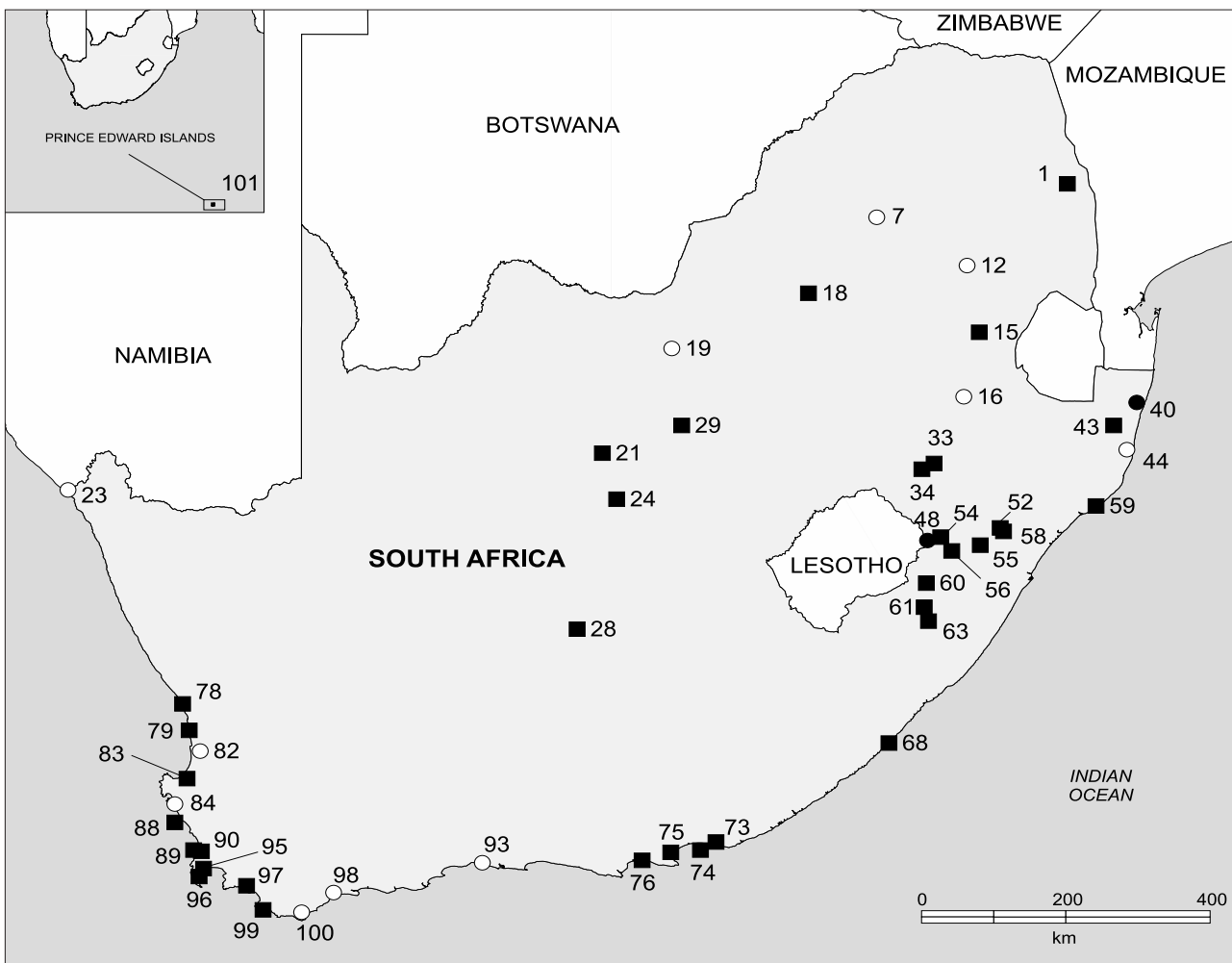


# South Africa

Ramsar designation is:  
 Complete in 2 IBAs  
 Partial in 11 IBAs  
 Lacking in 35 IBAs

## Location of Important Bird Areas that contain areas which qualify as Ramsar Sites in South Africa



● Ramsar designation of IBA complete (2) ○ Ramsar designation of IBA partial (11) ■ Ramsar designation of IBA lacking (35)

### Designation progress

Areas within 48 Important Bird Areas qualify currently as Ramsar Sites in the Republic of South Africa. Designation coverage is complete within two of these and partial (with need of expansion) in 11. However, 35 (73%)

of the suitable IBAs in South Africa have no Ramsar designation as yet. There are currently four other Ramsar Sites in South Africa, three of which overlap with IBAs.

### Summary of Important Bird Areas which qualify as Ramsar Sites in South Africa

IBA code	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar Site name	Ramsar Site area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
					2	4	5	6
Ramsar designation of IBA complete (2 IBAs)								
ZA040	Lake Sibaya	7,759	Lake Sibaya	7,750	●	●		
ZA048	Natal Drakensberg Park	242,813	Natal Drakensberg Park	242,813	●	●		●
Subtotal					1	2	1	1
Ramsar designation of IBA partial (11 IBAs)								
ZA007	Nyl river flood-plain	16,000	Nylsvley Nature Reserve	3,970		●	●	●
ZA012	Steenkampsberg	100,000	Verloren Valei Nature Reserve	5,891	●	●		●
ZA016	Grassland Biosphere Reserve (proposed)	1,050,000	Seekoeivlei Nature Reserve	4,754	●	●	●	●
ZA019	Barberspan and Leeupan	4,000	Barberspan	3,118		●	●	●
ZA023	Orange river mouth wetlands	9,600	Orange River Mouth wetland	2,000	●	●	●	●
ZA044	Lake St Lucia and Mkuze swamps	167,700	St. Lucia System	155,500	●	●	●	●

IBA code	IBA name	IBA area (ha)	Ramsar Site name	Ramsar Site area (ha)	Ramsar criteria			
					2	4	5	6
ZA082	Verlorenvlei	1,700	Verlorenvlei	1,500	●			●
ZA084	West Coast National Park and Saldanha Bay islands	27,600	Langebaan	6,000	●	●	●	●
ZA093	Wilderness-Sedgefield lakes complex	12,250	Wilderness Lakes	1,300		●	●	●
ZA098	De Hoop Nature Reserve	40,000	De Hoop Vlei	750	●	●	●	●
ZA100	Heuningnes river and estuary system	9,000	De Mond (Heuningnes Estuary)	918	●	●		●
Subtotal					7	11	8	11
<b>Ramsar designation of IBA lacking (35 IBAs)</b>								
ZA001	Kruger National Park and adjacent areas	2,142,528				●		●
ZA015	Chrissie Pans	62,500			●	●	●	●
ZA018	Magaliesberg and Witwatersberg	80,000				●		●
ZA021	Spitskop Dam	2,495			●	●		●
ZA024	Kamfers Dam	400				●		●
ZA028	Platberg-Karoo Conservancy	1,200,000				●		●
ZA029	Sandveld and Bloemhof Dam Nature Reserves	55,372			●	●		●
ZA033	Bedford/Chatsworth	410			●	●		●
ZA034	Murphy's Rust	58			●	●		●
ZA043	Mkuzi Game Reserve	36,474				●		●
ZA052	Umvoti vlei	2,800			●			
ZA054	Hlatikulu Nature Reserve	186			●			
ZA055	Karkloof Nature Reserve	1,748			●			
ZA056	Umgeni Vlei Nature Reserve	957			●			
ZA058	KwaZulu-Natal mistbelt grasslands	5,000			●			
ZA059	Richards Bay Game Reserve	1,200			●	●	●	●
ZA060	Greater Ingwangwana river	2,000			●			
ZA061	Franklin vlei	5,244			●	●		●
ZA063	Penny Park	120			●			
ZA068	Dwesa and Cwebe Nature Reserves	6,050			●			
ZA073	Alexandria coastal belt	15,460			●			
ZA074	Algoa Bay Island Nature Reserve	40			●	●	●	●
ZA075	Swartkops estuary, Redhouse and Chatty salt pans	926			●	●	●	●
ZA076	Maitland--Gamtoos coast	1,800			●	●		●
ZA078	Olifants river estuary	2,000				●		●
ZA079	Bird Island	3			●	●	●	●
ZA083	Lower Berg river wetlands	6,621				●	●	●
ZA088	Dassen Island	273			●	●	●	●
ZA089	Robben Island National Historical Monument	574			●	●	●	●
ZA090	Rietvlei Wetland Reserve	527			●	●		●
ZA095	False Bay Park (proposed)	3,000			●	●	●	●
ZA096	Boulders Bay	2			●			
ZA097	Botriviervlei and Kleinmond estuary	1,400				●	●	●
ZA099	Dyer Island Nature Reserve	20			●	●	●	●
ZA101	Prince Edward Islands Special Nature Reserve	33,400			●	●	●	●
Subtotal					27	25	12	25
Grand total					35	38	21	37

For the full details of each site, including bird populations, see Fishpool and Evans (2001) and the Data Zone at [www.birdlife.net](http://www.birdlife.net) by 2003. See 'Identifying potential Ramsar Sites' (p.11) for a description of the site- and species-selection procedure and the method for evaluating adequacy of Ramsar coverage that have been used in this report.

## Threatened species

Within the 35 IBAs that contain areas that qualify as Ramsar Sites under Criterion 2, 21 wetland-dependent species of global conservation concern occur regularly in significant numbers.

Summary of the occurrence of wetland species of global conservation concern within the selected IBAs

Species name and global threat status (IUCN 2000; see p.147)

IBA code	Rockhopper Penguin <i>Eudyptes chrysocome</i> (VU)	Macaroni Penguin <i>Eudyptes chrysolophus</i> (VU)	African Penguin <i>Spheniscus demersus</i> (VU)	Wandering Albatross <i>Diomedea exulans</i> (VU)	Grey-headed Albatross <i>Thalassarche chrysostoma</i> (VU)	Indian Yellow-nosed Albatross <i>Thalassarche carteri</i> (VU)	Sooty Albatross <i>Phoebastria fusca</i> (VU)	Southern Giant-petrel <i>Macronectes giganteus</i> (VU)	Northern Giant-petrel <i>Macronectes halli</i> (LR/nt)	White-chinned Petrel <i>Procellaria aequinoctialis</i> (VU)	Grey Petrel <i>Procellaria cinerea</i> (LR/nt)	Cape Gannet <i>Morus capensis</i> (VU)	Crowned Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax coronatus</i> (LR/nt)	Bank Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax neglectus</i> (VU)	Cape Cormorant <i>Phalacrocorax capensis</i> (LR/nt)	Lesser Flamingo <i>Phoenicopterus minor</i> (LR/nt)	Wattled Crane <i>Grus carunculatus</i> (VU)	White-winged Flufftail <i>Sarothura ayresii</i> (EN)	African Black Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus moquini</i> (LR/nt)	Kerguelen Tern <i>Sterna virgata</i> (LR/nt)	Damara Tern <i>Sterna balaenarum</i> (LR/nt)	Grand total
ZA012																	•	•				2
ZA015																•	•					2
ZA016																	•	•				2
ZA021																•						1
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ZA100																					•	1
ZA101	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	•										•		11
Grand total	1	1	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	5	4	6	6	10	7	12	1	3		74