



Restoration Ecology in Durban, South Africa.

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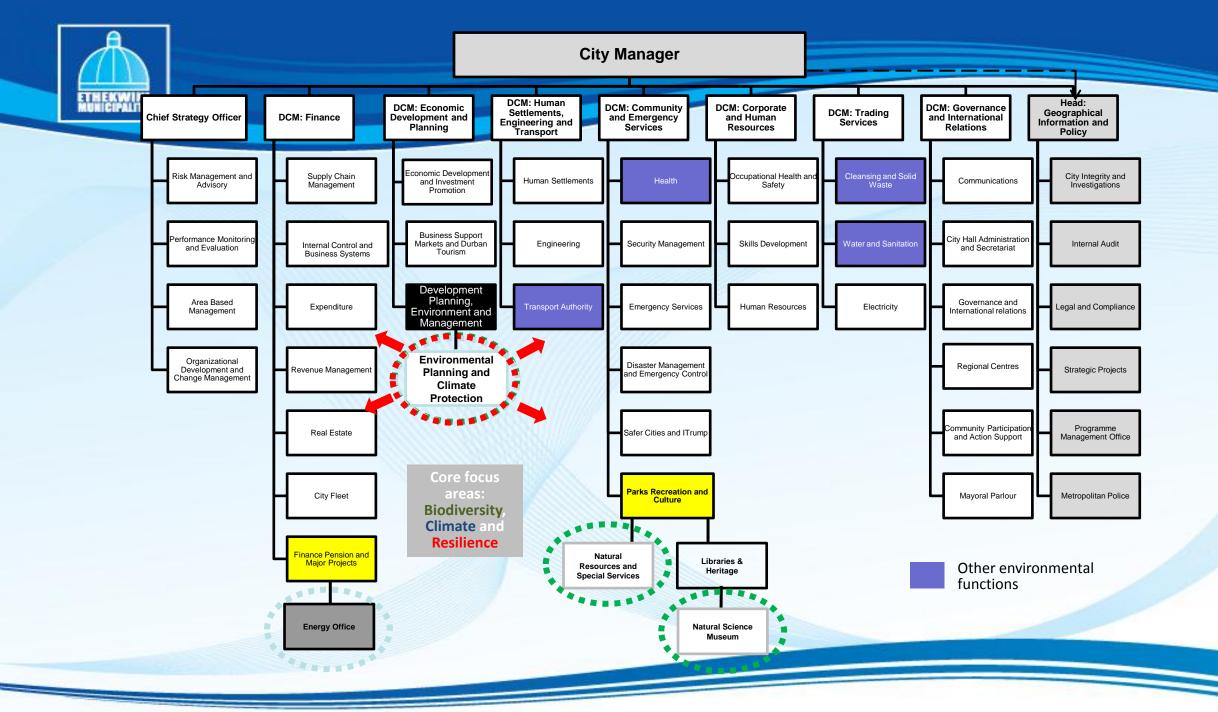


Mandate of EPCPD

- Co-ordinate environmental action across all municipal sectors with a view to achieving greater resilience and sustainability
- To use systematic conservation planning methods to identify key terrestrial, freshwater and marine ecosystems, which need protection and management.



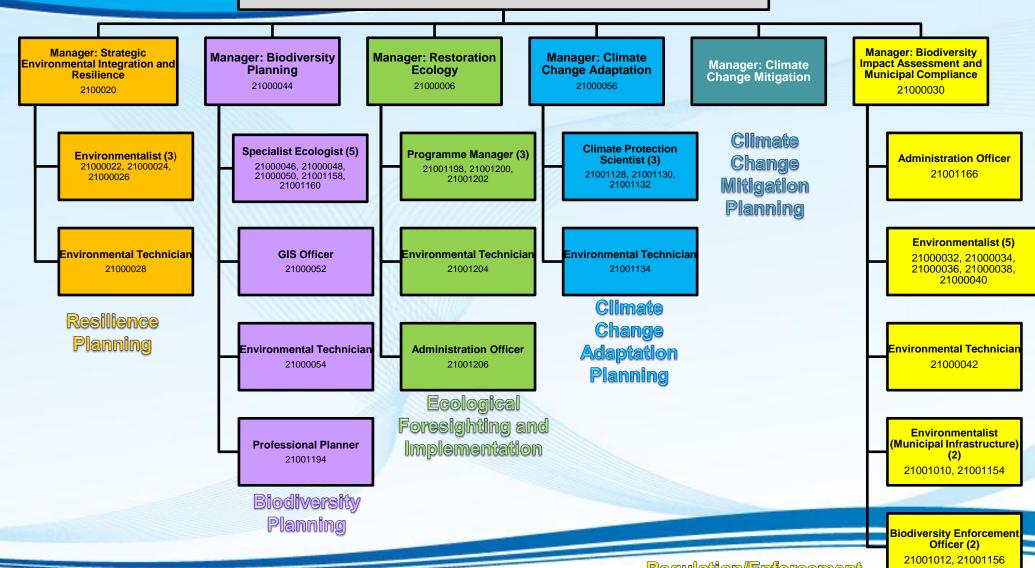
- To combine innovative research with practical implementation, as a means to guide ecosystem restoration and sustainability, within the Municipality.
- To oversee the development and implementation of the Municipal Climate Protection Programme.
- To ensure effective environmental regulation of development through the implementation of relevant legislation, guidelines, science and best practice.





Departmental Organogram

Deputy Head: Climate, Biodiversity and Resilience 21000010



Regulation/Enforcement



Durban's Metropolitan Open Space System

- D'MOSS initiated in 1994
- Ongoing environmental planning (boundary change)
- Total area now: 75 000 ha
- Biodiversity Hotspot:
 - Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany corridor
 - Four biomes; Seven vegetation types; Over 2000 plant species

