

LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT



ABOUT LIVESTOCK DEVELOPMENT

The Eastern Cape possesses a significant potential for livestock development. The province has the highest number of cattle, sheep, goats, chicken and horses in South Africa. This should create wealth opportunities for livestock farmers with links to markets. The livestock development programme prepares communal and emerging livestock owners for commercialisation. The livestock development programme operates in a space where subsistence and emerging livestock owners realise little or no economic return for their livestock assets.

The livestock development programme places great emphasis on promoting and discharging the organisation's focus on value-addition and beneficiation of primary produce in the Eastern Cape. This support is particularly useful for those emerging commercial and subsistence farmers in the rural parts of the province.

ECRDA's support for the rural communal and emerging commercial farmer livestock sector in the province is informed by the stark reality that although this segment of the market accounts for half of available livestock units in the province, it only accounts for 10% of revenue generation in the industry. This is largely because communal farmers hold onto their livestock units until they are old and of no economic value. ECRDA is therefore hard at work to change attitudes toward a commercial livestock farming mindset which should derive greater economic benefit for subsistence farmers in particular.

In addition to this challenge, the ECRDA has to find means to open up access to markets for the livestock of subsistence farmers which has to compete with the established commercial livestock farmers. These interventions should ensure that subsistence and emerging farmers become active participants in the formal and lucrative livestock market.

LIVESTOCK ACTIVITY

Focussed on key livestock species - beef cattle, mutton goats and sheep

- Encourage increased primary production to feed value addition
- Livestock marketing (auctions)
- Training
- Livestock infrastructure development (auction pens, feedlots)



ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- Community-driven projects or group of emerging farmers
- Value addition focus - livestock marketing, feedlot development, abattoir, tannery, feed processing plant, etc.
- Availability of primary product or clear strategies for sourcing primary product to be value added

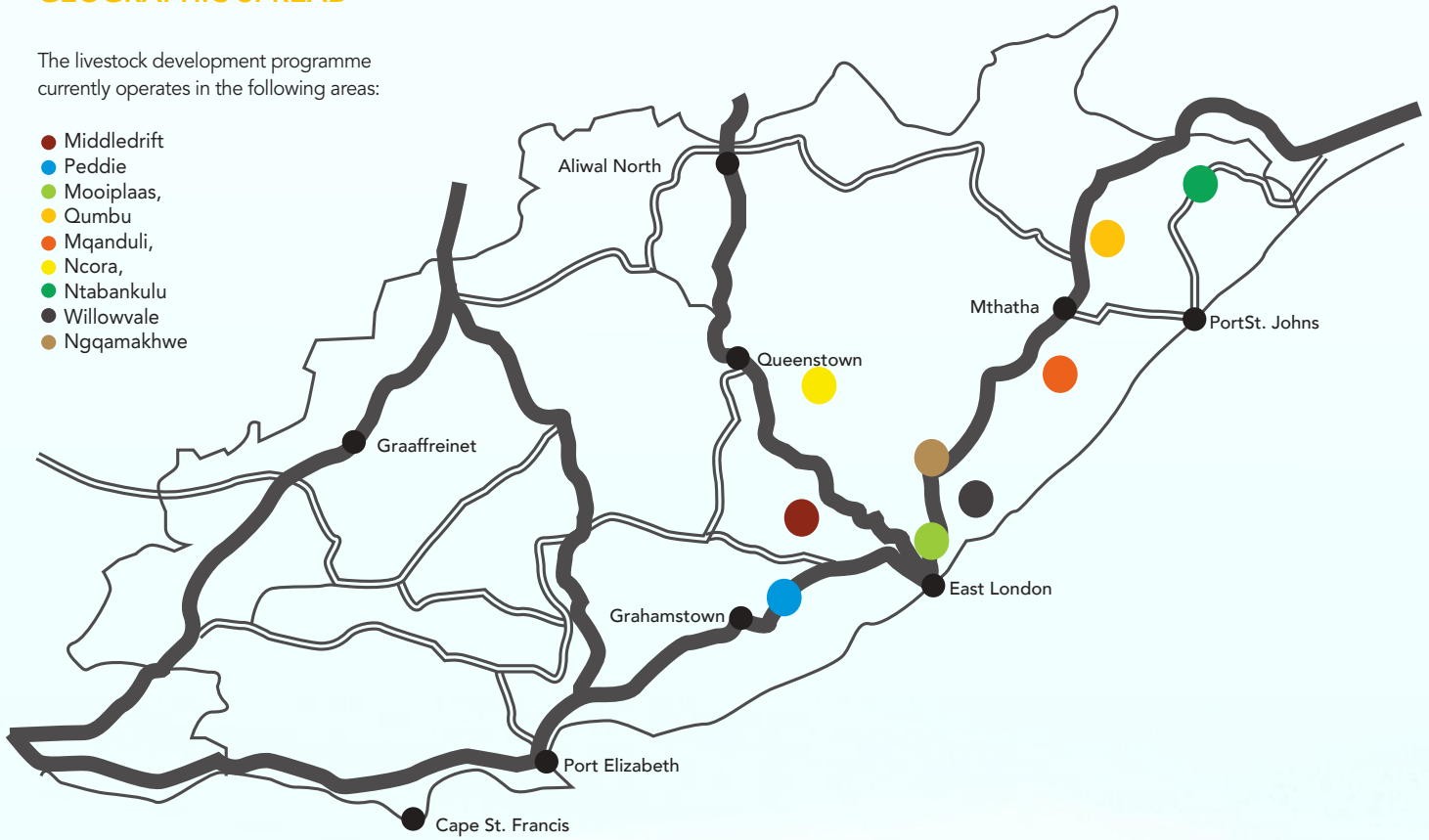




GEOGRAPHIC SPREAD

The livestock development programme currently operates in the following areas:

- Middledrift
- Peddie
- Mooiplaas,
- Qumbu
- Mqanduli,
- Ncora,
- Ntabankulu
- Willowvale
- Ngqamakhwe



STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS



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