

New long-term grazing capacity map

Click here for the newly gazetted grazing capacity map for South Africa as required under the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 43 of 1983 (CARA). CARA is far reaching and provides for control over the conservation and utilization of the natural agricultural resources of the Republic by the maintenance of the production potential of land, by the combating and prevention of erosion in order to promote the conservation of the soil. The objects of this Act are to also to combat the weakening or destruction of the water sources, the protection of the vegetation and the combating of weeds and invader plants.

The conservation of soil, vegetation and water resources is promoted. Management plans to eradicate weeds and invader plants must be established to benefit the integrity of indigenous life and control measures must be complied with by land users. The control measures relating to water include the irrigation of land, the prevention of or control of water logging or salination of land, the regulating of the flow pattern of run-off water and the protection of water resources against pollution because of farming practices. Regulation 10 of the CARA Act states that the grazing capacity of veld, expressed as a specified number of hectares per large stock unit, shall be as indicated on a topo-cadastral map that is kept at the office of the executive officer for this purpose.

The data and maps are available on the Dropbox

link <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/rtkmb2gr9y1u94v/AAB2cMCHXy7e77qHvhjEzQola?dl=0>

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