



DFFE Invasive Species Forum
19 January 2022

Background to Stellenbosch Trail Fund

- Volunteering organisation originated in 2011
- NPC & PBO registered in 2015
- Stellenbosch River Stewardship Action Programme
- Focussed on biking, hiking and running trails in & around Stellenbosch
- Over 50 km of trails built and maintained since 2015
- Vision: to expand our role in developing both the “bicycle” and “green” economies of Greater Stellenbosch, while helping to create and manage a seamless network of trails



River Stewardship Programme



- Three sections of the Eerste River, totalling 4.5 km
- Clear invasive alien plants, control pollution and clear general waste
- In partnership with Wildlands SA and Trees SA
- Over 70 indigenous trees planted



STF's role in the trails community

- MOU with Stellenbosch Municipality to build and maintain all the trails on municipal land



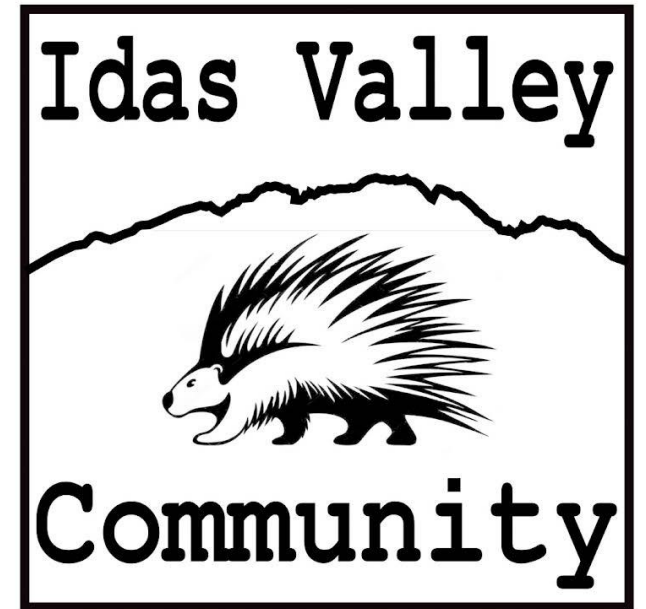
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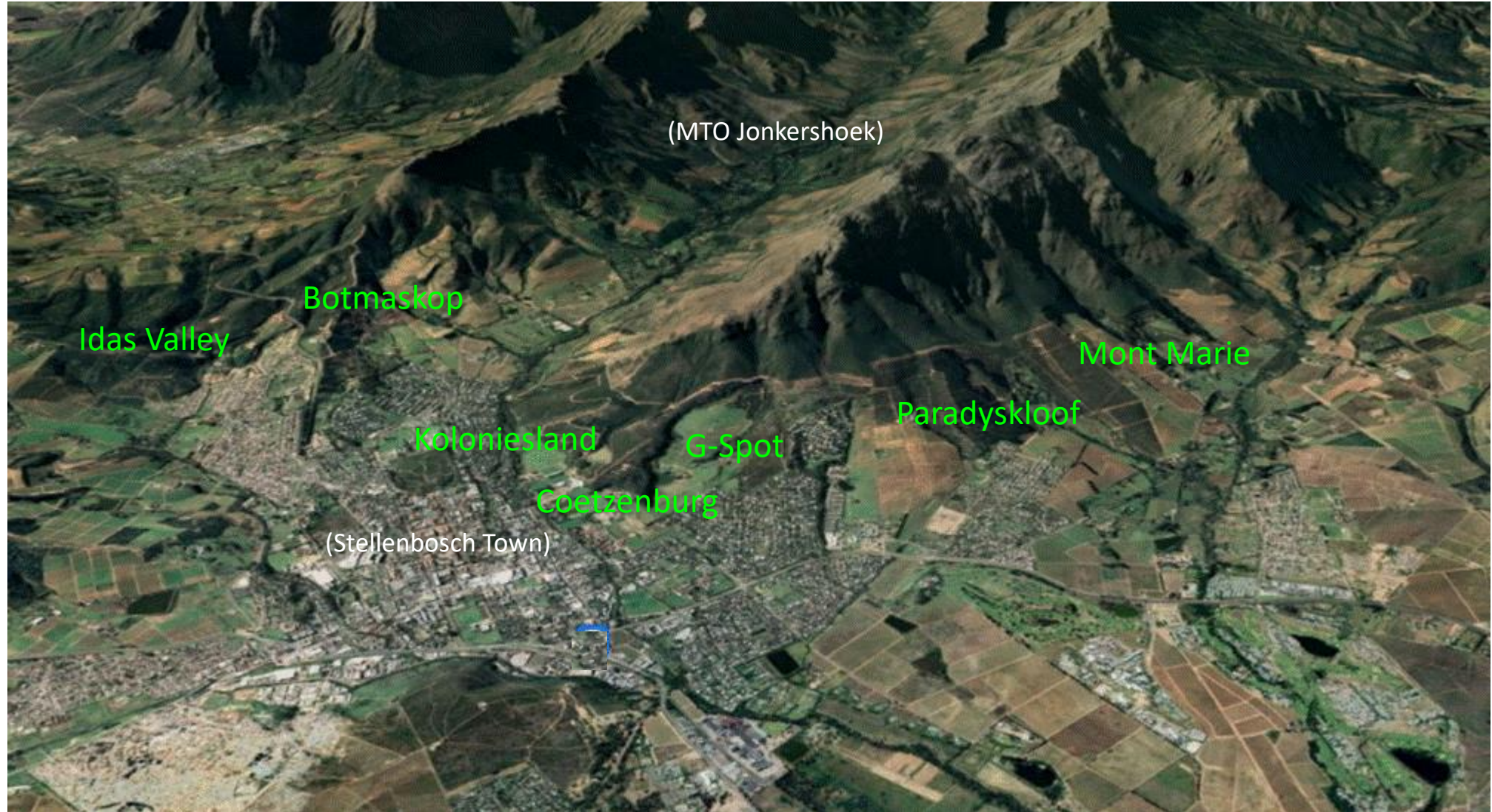


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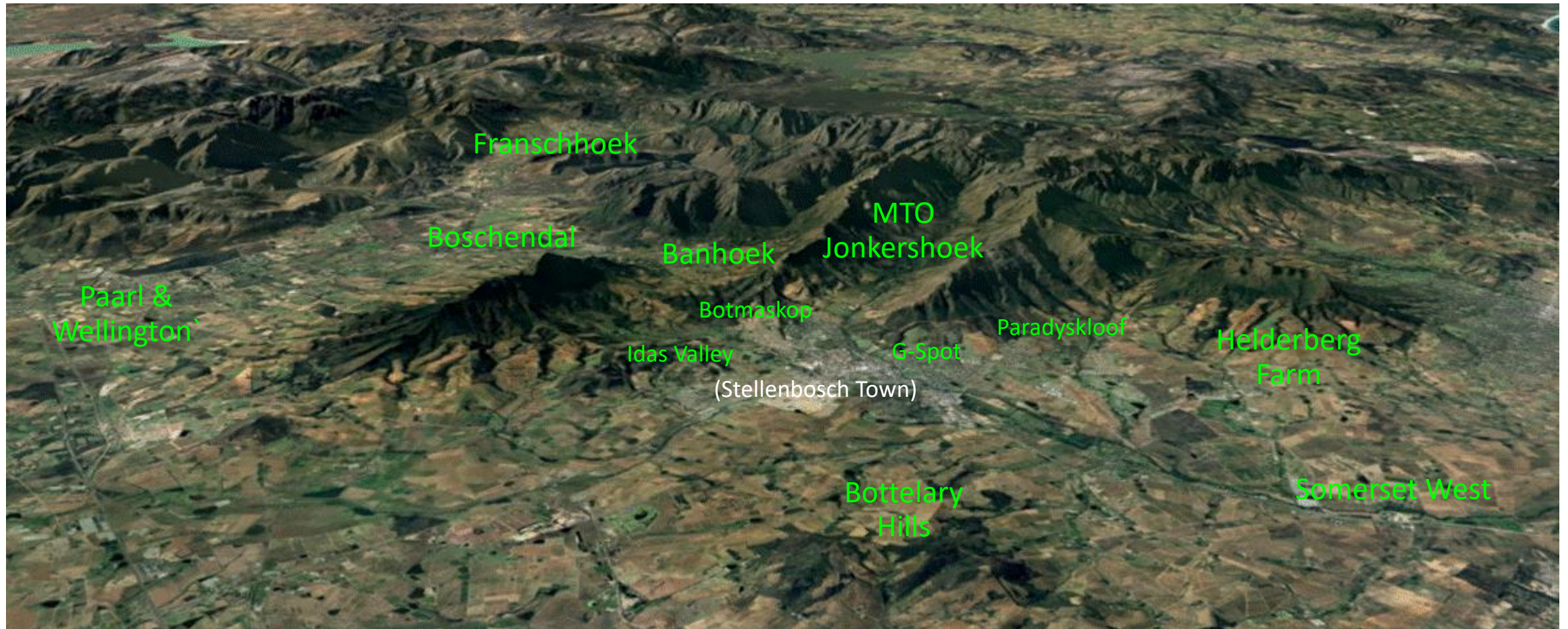
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- Engagement with other stake holders



STF trail network



Winelands - Regional trail network



Discussion points



- Safety and security (Jonkershoek NR incident)
- Alien clearing and fire hazards
- Erosion repairs, fire and wind storm damage debris removal
- Collaboration to maximise eco-tourism potential

