

DEPARTMENT: AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY & FISHERIES



INTERVENTIONS COMMISSION REPORT BACK

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CURRENT STATUS

- Integrated Fire Management – everybody's business
- **Who must be involved?**
 - All landowners (including SAPS, SANDF, DoT, Traditional Authorities & Emerging farmers.
- **Drivers of the process**
 - FPA (FPO) with financial and extension support from government



CURRENT STATUS

- **Resources**

- Funding currently from FPA members, additional funding from Municipalities (through IDP's)
- Equipment – inadequate
- WoF resources by FPA's inaccessible due to financial constraints

- **Incident Commander?**

- Chief Fire Officer
- Fire Protection Officer



CURRENT STATUS

- **Legislative framework**
 - Not integrated
- **Institutional arrangements**
 - Need more co-ordination



ISSUES RAISED

- 2010 World Cup - risk of fire readiness due to withdrawal of fire personnel
- Lack of law enforcement – special reference to firebreaks
- Post settlement support - empowerment of landowners who have acquired land through the land reform projects
- Integrated Fire Management must be part of IDP's – to ensure municipal participation
- Alignment of FPA and Municipal boundaries



ISSUES RAISED

- FDI – negotiate for additional weather stations
- Communication system – consider WoF channels
- Not all stakeholders are aware of FPA's – more awareness needed
- Delays in registration of FPA's



PROPOSALS FOR INTERVENTIONS

SHORT TERM

- Coordination of fire management
- Registration of FPA fast-tracked
- Audit of FPA registration back log
- Training of FPA members
- Financial interventions
- Fire prohibitions on provincial boundaries
- Provision of equipment
 - consider the equipment owned by Defense that could be bought cheaper for FPA's
 - servicing of equipment
- FDRS be implemented



PROPOSALS FOR INTERVENTIONS



MEDIUM TERM

- Inclusion of fire management in the IDP's

LONG TERM

- Supply of water in rural areas to assist in fire fighting

RECOMMENDATIONS & WAY FORWARD

- Timeframe for feedback and method to be used
- Discussions to be held with WoF regarding concerns raised by FPA members (Re-alignment of WoF & clarity on deployment of WoF)
- Compel State Departments that own land to prepare fire breaks
- Government to subsidize communities on their affiliation to FPA's

