



Bankrupt Bush declaration the first step in alleviating encroachment

Bankrupt Bush is a threat leading to the degradation of profitable veld on which no livestock production can take place. The management of this indigenous encroacher is no longer a choice - it's a requirement

Bankrupt Bush (*seriphium plumosum*) is an indigenous woody dwarf shrub encroaching veld throughout South Africa. The plant is encroaching large parts of the country, negatively affecting grazing capacities and subsequently food security. **Approximately 18 million ha (Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries) of land has been encroached by Bankrupt Bush throughout the country.**

On 22 March 2019 the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries declared Bankrupt Bush as an indicator of bush encroachment in all provinces (expanding from North West and Free State) under the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act, 43 of 1983 (CARA).

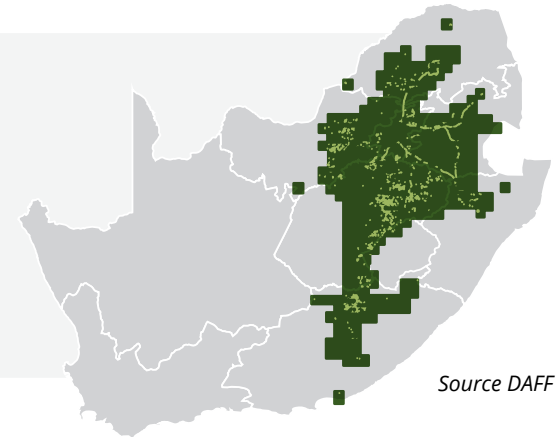
The declaration enables regulation and combatting of Bankrupt Bush as prescribed under section 16 of the CARA. Through this declaration land users have to take the necessary actions to prevent the deterioration and encroachment of their land. Prescribed measures employed to manage encroachment include uprooting, felling or cutting of plants and the application of registered herbicides.

For further information on Bankrupt Bush management see link below.
<http://gautengsmallholder.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Bankrupt-bush-eradication-manual.pdf>



Encroachment in South Africa

- Verified Points
- Potential Distribution



Source DAFF

Agri SA is keenly involved in the following aspects of the management of Bankrupt Bush:



National Strategy: Agri SA served as a task team member in the development of the DAFFs Bankrupt Bush strategy



Quantification of encroachment: Agri SA is actively involved in the quantification of encroachment levels throughout the country via the circulation and population of surveys by members



Awareness: Agri SA ensures that our members are well informed through the dissemination of information (management manual, legal notices etc.)

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