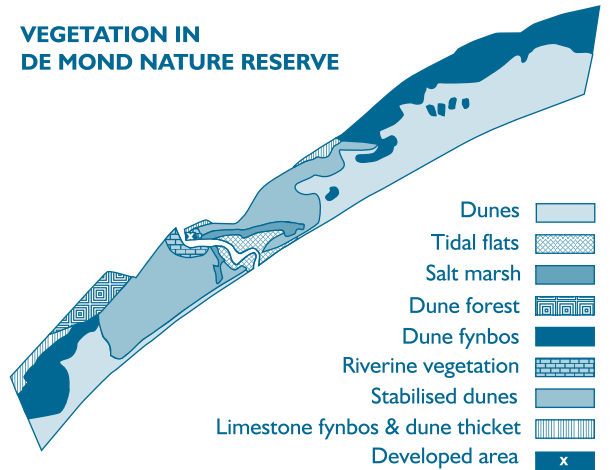
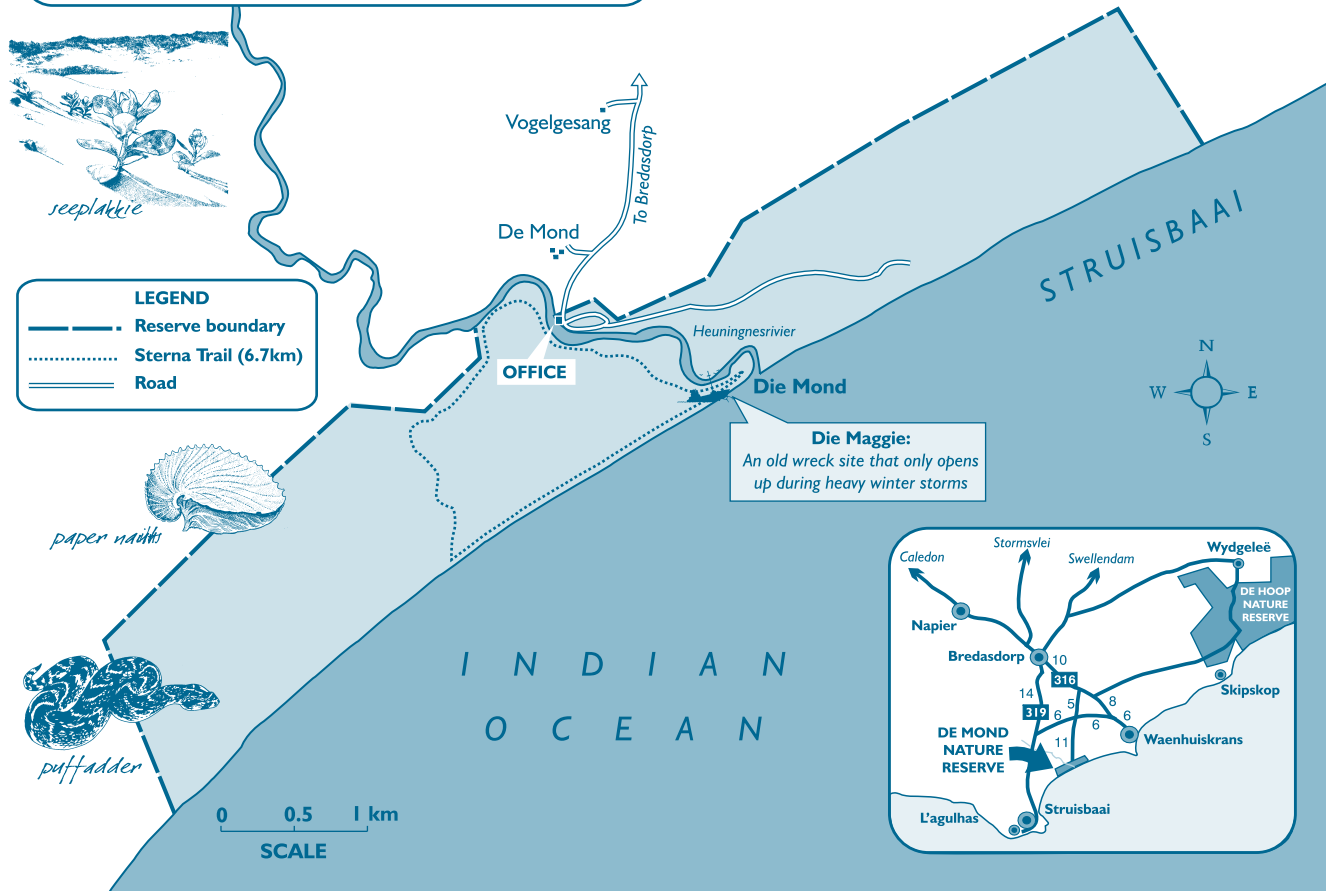
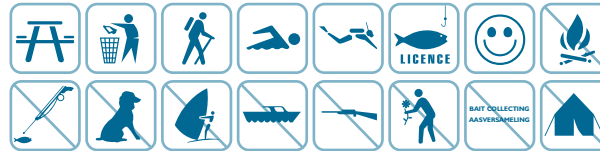


## VEGETATION IN DE MOND NATURE RESERVE



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**D**e Mond Nature Reserve is located 26km south-east of Bredasdorp on the south-western Cape coast. The reserve lies at the mouth of the Heuningnes River, between the coastal villages of Arniston (Waenhuiskrans) and Struisbaai. It is 954ha in size and comprises former sections of the farms Zoetendals Vallei and Bushy Park. De Mond was proclaimed a Nature Reserve in 1986.

## Plants

Before becoming a nature reserve, De Mond's naturally shifting sand dunes were stabilised with indigenous vegetation by the Department of Forestry - adding to the already varied flora of the area. The vegetation here is mainly coastal, ranging from dune milkwood forests to teeming saltmarshes that sustain the estuarine environment. Further inland, dune fynbos borders limestone fynbos heathlands, creating a fascinating composition.

## Animals

De Mond supports several species of small mammals such as grysbok, steenbok and grey duiker. The only notable predator is the caracal which is seldom seen. Reptiles and amphibians are well represented and visitors should be on the alert for puff adders - particularly in spring.

## Birds

The reserve has a rich and varied birdlife, making it popular among bird enthusiasts. De Mond plays a particularly important role in the protection of breeding colonies of the threatened Damara and Caspian terns. The rare African black oystercatcher also favours the reserve, where human disturbance is limited. Blue cranes, another rare and endangered species, occasionally breed in this area.

## Activities

The 7km Sterna Trail passes through riverine vegetation, dune forest and stabilised dunes before following the coast to the river mouth and saltmarshes.

Freshwater and marine angling are permitted but anglers must be in possession of the relevant licences. Freshwater angling licences are available from CapeNature via our website or by emailing [reception@capenature.co.za](mailto:reception@capenature.co.za). Anglers may not remove or disturb bait anywhere along the Heuningnes River, the estuary, or within the boundaries of the De Mond Nature Reserve. Visitors should take care not to disturb nesting birds, and keep to specified paths to avoid trampling vegetation.

Please note that no canoeing is permitted.

## Facilities

Overnight accommodation is available in a fully equipped three-bedroom cottage that sleeps six. Bedding is included but guests must bring their own towels. Electricity provides hot water and lights. Picnic sites are available for day visitors, although no open fires are allowed and gas braais are recommended. Vehicles are allowed only as far as the parking area. The reserve is open daily from 07h00–18h00. Office hours are from 07h00–16h00.



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