

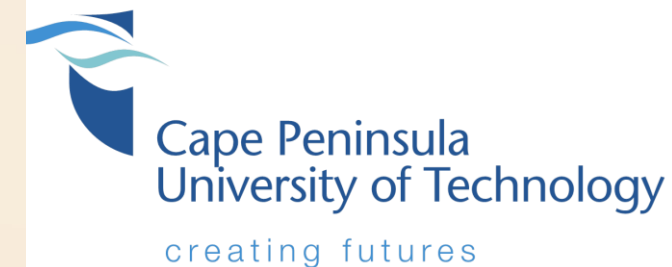
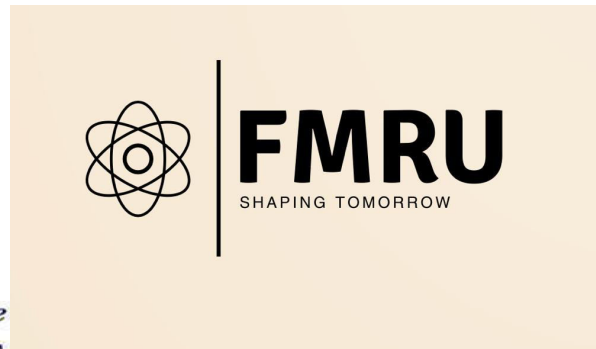
***Apologies, global warming chowed my title- it was about wetlands; they are disappearing too.***

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Two sides of the same coin? Towards a synthesis  
for the meaning of wetlands management

# Objectives

- To demonstrate the meaning within the law.
- To demonstrate the meaning outside of the law.
- To illustrate the issues related to myriad of "in" and "out" of law.
- To provide a synthesis of the meaning in and out of the law for RSA.

# Introduction

- 85% of the planet's wetlands are disappearing.
- One reason for its disappearance is due to the failure to manage them adequately.
- Countries are improving the management- many efforts have been put in place to do so.
- Natural → applied → legal science.
- What is the management of wetlands within a legal context?
- Relevance RSA? NJWMP 2024

# ...outside of the law

- Different but similar meanings- to an extent.
- “the art of getting things done through people” (Follet, 2008).
- “complex of continuously coordinated activity using any undertaking administration/public or private service conducting its business” ILO
- “the planning, organizing, leading, and controlling of human and other resources to achieve organizational goals” Jones and George (2018)
- “art and science of planning and organizing people, resources, processes and activities to achieve goals and objectives” Nel & Albert (2018)
- The latter is preferred due to the universality.

# ...in the law

- Plethora of legislation relevant to wetland regulatory system.
- NEM: Integrated Coastal Management Act- regulation, **management**, protection, conservation and rehabilitation of the coastal environment.
- NEM: Protected Areas- “control, protection, conservation, maintenance, and rehabilitation of protected areas”.
- National Water Act (through the NWRS)- “the people who make decisions in an organization; the effect, impact and outcome of their decisions”.
- **Restoration??? WWD 2023: It is time for restoration**

# E F F E C T ?

- How is a barren inconsistent and vague provisions implemented?
- How is liability split between departments?
- How does it affect the application and interpretation in courts?

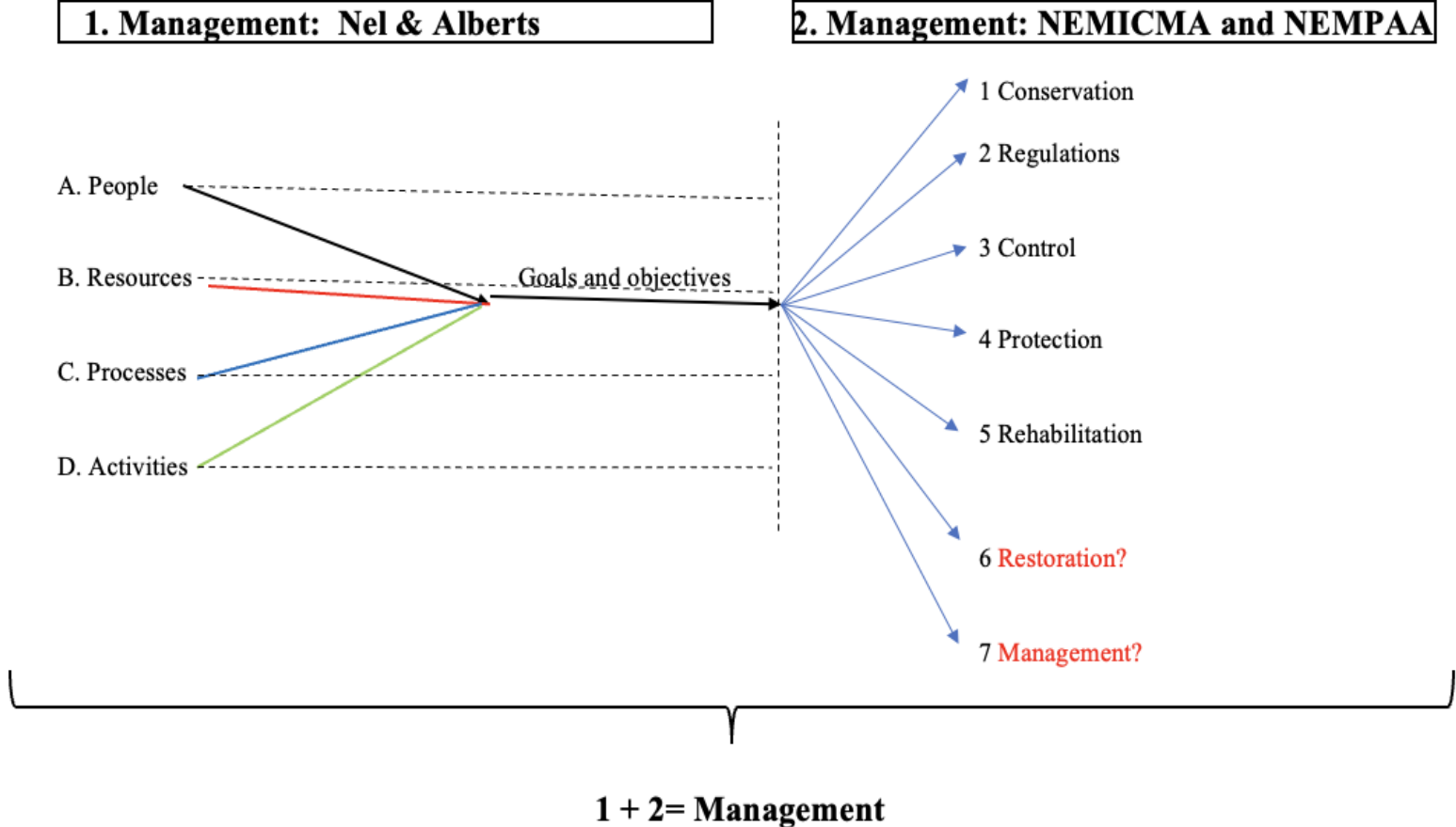
# Research method

- Qualitative in nature.
- Technique- content analysis of applicable legislation , government documents and textbooks.
- Search on Google Scholar and LexisNexis (offers trusted legal content about South African law).
- Meta-data analysis is conducted.



# The synthesis

- Preferred definition **outside of law**



# Policy implications

- The development of this definition is timeous.
- It shall provide a better and more inclusive meaning.

# Practical application

- The management framework in Figure 1 may serve in singular or multiple forms for practice.
- For example, the singular could be People (A) with Regulations (2).
- For the multiple, it can be People (A)+Resources (B)+Activities (D) with Protection (4), or People (A)+Resources (B)+Activities (D) with Conservation (1) +Regulations (2) +Protection (4).
- The operation of this framework does not have to be from left to right, but right to left too.

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