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## From the President's Desk

### Walk the Talk

South Africa celebrated Tree Planting Day and Heritage Day in September. We live in times where many people are very opinionated about many issues. Social media is flooded daily with opinions from various people. The Rugby World Cup commenced in France a few weeks ago and the best "players" are sitting on the proverbial pavilion. Cape Town mayor launched the #SpringCleanCT 2023 campaign and requested residents to assist with the annual Spring Clean day and clean their neighbourhoods. The City of Cape Town is encouraging all residents to get on board with our #SpringCleanCT campaign this year by organising clean-ups in their area, as well as reporting people who litter and dump. World clean-up day was celebrated on 16 September. Sadly, very few people respond to calls like these to help to clean their environment.

I am reminded of the radical decision taken by the current president of Rwanda, Paul Kagame that the last Saturday of every month is their monthly cleaning day. It has been declared a monthly public holiday "Umuganda" but with a difference namely that participation is mandatory and failure to do so, can result in a fine. The name of the event is a Kinyarwanda word that translates as "coming together in common purpose."

So the idea of cleaning up the community is not just the physical coming together to gather trash, its a time to clean up community and let leaders know of problems and work together to find solutions. This has become entrenched and therefore it is no wonder that Rwanda is regarded as the cleanest country in Africa today.



CUT STUMP OF COLOPHOSPERMUM MOPANE TREE, LIMPOPO | Photographer: Coert Geldenhuys | Branch: Gauteng

SAIF Calendar : September 2023 : Cut Stump of  
*Colophospermum mopane* tree, Limpopo  
Photographer, Coert Geldenhuys , Gauteng Branch





Plastic bags have been banned and trash collection privatized. What makes the difference?

There seems to be a critical shortage of people nowadays who walk the talk and put their words into action. Leaders who do something will be watched and will often be controversial and receive attention and criticism because they do something. The old saying that you cannot please all the people all of the time, is certainly applicable. People who do something have their friends but also their enemies. Many people however “talk the talk” but fail to “walk the talk”. Two people who were well known and had a significant impact in our country passed away during the month of September 2023. One is Raymond Ackermann well-known businessman and well known as “Mr. Pick-n-Pay” who passed away at the age of 92 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. He was a campaigner for consumer rights and had tussles with Anton Rupert on the price of cigarettes and government on the price of bread early on in his career. The Ackermann family has been financially supporting the Red Cross Children’s Hospital since 1956. Raymond Ackermann established the Raymond Ackermann Academy of Entrepreneurial Development in 2005. He certainly was a man who “walked the talk” and his legacy will live on.

Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi was a Zulu chief , South African Politician and leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party and he passed away at the age of 95 on the 9<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. He was controversial but a very well respected person. He was a political activist and during his student days and early career and he was strongly influenced by people like Oliver Tambo and Nelson Mandela whom he met University of Fort Hare. Buthelezi pursued personal political goals with an unusual combination of strategies. Though he initially opposed the creation of black homelands, he opted to work within the Bantustan administrative structure to bring an end to the government’s policy of apartheid. Despite his early connections with the ANC and a common goal of black liberation in South Africa, Buthelezi was increasingly at odds with the ANC under Oliver Tambo’s leadership, and he rejected the ANC’s

against South Africa as means to end apartheid. He has been blamed for the violence between Zulus in Kwazulu-Natal in the 1990’s. He did serve in the Government of National Unity up until 1994 and continued in the ANC led government for a further 10 years as the Minister of Home Affairs.

Did he make mistakes, yes indeed, but he certainly made a difference and was another person who did walk the talk and will be remembered for that. He might have been a controversial person but should be honoured for what he has achieved.

Were any of these men without blemish or faults? No certainly not, but so were the Biblical figures like Abraham, Moses and David who did certainly walk the talk during their stay on earth.

In addition, although it is early days, intensified cleansing efforts linked to the #SpringCleanCT campaign have resulted in a huge number of bags of litter being removed so far. 'Littering and dumping are sometimes justified by perpetrators as “job creation”, but they do not think of the impact litter and dumping has on the health and well-being of the community. Organising clean-ups and reporting these individuals to the authorities shows that there are also victims of dumping, and that communities want to create more positive environments for human potential to flourish. In the words of Geordin Hill-Lewis “Let's all work together to help keep Cape Town clean.”

What then can and should you and I do and what difference will that make ?

Start in your own neighbourhood and keep your environment clean !

Lead by example. Both in the case of Rwanda and Cape Town, the respective leaders set the example and personally participate in their campaigns. All of us can make a difference. Let us just do it !

**Resources:**

- <https://www.capetown.gov.za/Media-and-news/SpringCleanCT%202023%20off%20to%20a%20good%20start,%20removing%20800%20bags%20of%20refuse%20in%20the%20first%20>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raymond\\_Ackerman\\_\(businessman\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Raymond_Ackerman_(businessman))
- <https://www.britannica.com/biography/Mangosuthu-G-Buthelezi>
- <https://mycousinconnection.com/what-is-national-cleanup-day-in-rwanda/>



## The Rob Thompson Column

### The ultimate advice to South Africans

Professional therapists generally recommend that their patients openly declare their affliction, or give it a name, before an appropriate remedy can be determined and applied.

So here goes..."My name is Rob Thompson, I am a hot-blooded forester and I have decided to exit the closet. My wife, and I own a Jimny"....(furtive look around at all the Toyota / Ford driving foresters out there).

"Apart from wittingly owning a Jimny, this is the cause for the late submission of this article. We were at the Jimny Gathering held in Clarens Free State over the past long weekend".

And what a gathering it was!

The intent was to gather as many Jimnys as possible into one confined area and break the Guinness World Record for the most cars (which just happened to be Jimnys) switching their lights on simultaneously. Thousands of intelligent people (or so we like to make out) drove or were passenger-ed in their Jimnys, from all across the country, inevitably holding up the rest of the long weekend traffic given that we rarely make it over 100km/h, and those that made it, gathered in one of the most picturesque places that you can imagine.

There, surrounded by massive sandstone buttresses, shielded from the pitying gaze of Ford Raptor and Toyota Hilux owners, we strutted around showing off our roof racks, hi-lift suspension and all terrain tyres. Car seat covers were revealed and some even had the audacity to compare snorkel sizes and snigger at those hapless vehicles considered less well endowed. We held in awe those Jimny owners who had accessorized to the extent that their warranties had lapsed. Such dedication is seldom seen in the world beyond those buttresses.

Once the chest-butting had ceased and we had established order of dominance within the assembled Jimny tribe, there was time to reflect on the community that had gathered, and to assess the common values present. No...not the value of the cars, albeit that we do consider them priceless. I'm rather referring to the values that an assembled bunch of people with a common interest display.

Most noticeable was the lack of the mediocrity found so commonly in the world beyond our temporary enclave. The campsite was kept neat by the inhabitants. The attendants at the ablutions were polite, efficient, friendly and...well...attentive. When the Toyota gods brought in inclement windy weather to try and punish the assembled Jimny unwashed, fallen tents and smashed gazebos were restored quietly by neighbouring campers without complaint or request for reward. Conversations occurred between strangers and beverages flowed freely (well not quite...we had to buy them) between newly made friends.

Out on the 4X4 course, drivers reveled in the vistas from elevations and terrain that we know only too well that Totota owners will never be able to reach to enjoy, but nevertheless took pictures to share with those less fortunate souls. Marshalls positioned at all the gnarly ascents and descents were on hand to advise less experienced drivers and to encourage those who were not yet fully confident with the awesome capabilities of the machine that they were driving. Camaraderie prevailed.

Absolutely no vehicle-cism was encountered the whole weekend. Absolutely no-one sniggered at the Land Rover parked along with the other diminutive non-species-specific 4X4 vehicles behind the service tents. This giving and accepting nature so amply displayed, made us all proud to be Jimny owners.

Of course, the less said about the Springbok / Ireland rugby match, watched at the festival tent, by a thousand rampant supporters, the better. Collapse occurred. We all let our guard down and behaved like typical Isuzu owners when the Bokke lost. It was a bit like a scene from the Lord of the Flies. Swearing, gnashing of teeth, the occasional finger raised to the sky and a stretched barman trying to assist in the drowning of multiple sorrows.

The single Irish supporter present decided well before the final whistle that discretion was the better part of valour, and only surfaced again the following day, complaining about an affliction he attributed to an allergy to one-to-many Guinness.

On the final day, again totally lacking in mediocrity, 790 Jimny's lined up in immaculate precision on the designated field. A judge all the way from Guinness Ireland (yes...another Irishman...but this one turned out to be ok), directed proceedings on the loudhailer. He spent half an hour with an entourage of auditors pacing the rows of vehicles with a handheld counter and eventually declared an official assemblage of 790 Jimnys. He then coordinated the ignition of headlights within a 5 second period commencing at the sound of a siren.

A life lesson was learnt at this juncture.

Never ask a Jimny owner to remain silent in the run up to an impending siren. The hooter is just too much of a temptation. Multiply this temptation 790 times and one gets a cacophony of sound reminiscent of a Hilux being jump started by a Land Rover. Not very pretty. In fact, so draining was the sound that the start siren was barely audible. However, sanity prevailed, and the result was 100% better than the Bokke result. We achieved the collective objective and officially attained the world record. Every participant of that record attempt can now go out into the world and brag to their 4X4 adversaries that they have been officially certified capable of switching their lights on within a five second time frame. Have at you! The power is with us!

Now back to the mediocrity topic. Schalk Bezuidenhout, the well-known comedian and owner of a Kinetic Yellow Jimny, with leopard skin seat covers nogal (it's what we do people...don't judge us) performed during the gathering, and naturally, as is the case with South African performers, much of the satire presented centered around the state (of disarray) of South Africa.

Whilst the content was hilarious, it did get me thinking about the paradox between what we were experiencing at the composite gathering of like-minded people, as apposed to the overall greater South African experience.

Why is that we remain such a disparate nation when clearly, we have the potential to extend beyond the mediocrity which we seem to embrace so wittingly? Why do we choose to embrace the mediocrity that drags us all down rather than adopting a higher standard leading towards success and cohesion? I certainly don't have the answer to this question and I'm sure Ford Ranger drivers don't either. In reflection however, I suddenly realized that I had seen a sign, in fact it was an epiphany that perhaps provides us

all with some semblance of direction, provided of course, that we heed its relevant advice.

The sign I had seen was actually a real sign. A sign situated high up in the Toyota, Ford, Hilux, and Land Rover free heights of the Jimny trail that we had all traversed successfully. A sign that only Jimny drivers were able to see, but the content of which we are now obligated to share with all.

It was sign outlining the rules of the route...low 4, pass only at passing points, wear safety belts, don't give Ford Raptors the bird, and right at the end of the list...the ultimate advice to all South Africans, from any walk of life ...

Be Lakka!

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### Meet our new National Secretary Intsia Kriel



We would like to welcome Intsia as the new national secretary for the SAIF and we are very grateful that she can step into the gap left by the retirement of her mother Corine Viljoen. She certainly continues the wonderful legacy of her grandfather Henk van der Sijde and her mum who both served the SAIF with distinction for many years.

Welcome Intsia and we trust that you will enjoy working with the rest of the SAIF team !

## Sponsor of the Month : September 2023



### Who we are

Mondi's 22,000 people work across 100 production sites in more than 30 countries, with key operations in Europe, North America and Africa. We're connected by a shared purpose, consistent long-term strategy and strong values.

### Mondi's commitment to sustainable forestry

#### What is sustainable forestry – and why is it critical in mitigating against climate change?

Sustainable forestry is about caring for the long-term resilience of forests and is often wrongly associated with the environmentally and socially destructive practice of deforestation. Deforestation is one of the largest contributors to climate change because when trees are lost to forest fires or die and decay due to insects or disease without proper regeneration, the stored carbon is permanently released into the atmosphere. Forests are considered carbon sinks, because as trees grow, they absorb carbon dioxide from the air, converting it into plant matter by way of photosynthesis. It's well-documented that the destruction of these naturally occurring carbon sinks is detrimental to our environment and the balance of global temperatures. The commitment made in November 2022 at the 27th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP27) is evidence of this significance, with leaders representing over 85% of the world's forests pledging to halve and reverse deforestation and land degradation by 2030.

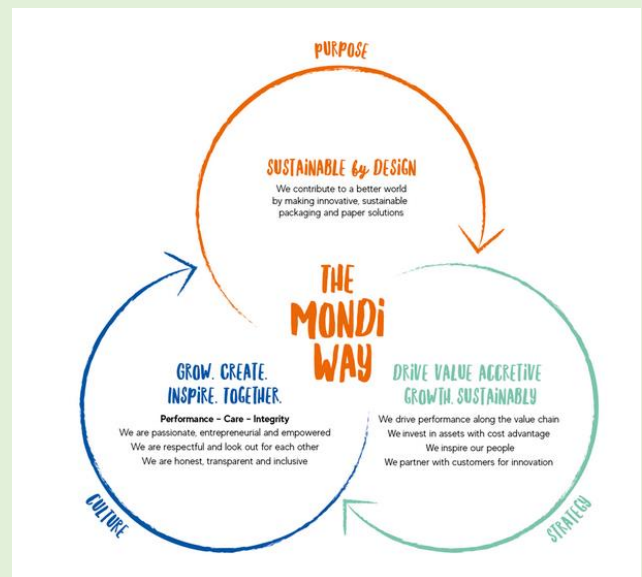
We promote best practice sustainable forestry management to tackle the climate crisis, considering all socio-economic and environmental issues potentially impacting our supply chain.

Our partnership with the International Union of Forest Research Organisations (IUFRO) aims to better understand climate change impacts on and challenges

for forests and the forest-based industry; identify response measures in line with maximum contribution to the SDGs, particularly to climate change mitigation and adaptation, people's livelihoods and biodiversity conservation; and serve as catalysts for widespread collaboration and partnership between the private sector and research. CDP, the leading disclosure not-for-profit organisation, has recognised Mondi as a leader in sustainable forestry practices, achieving a top 'A' grade from a field of 15,000 companies.

We prioritise the sourcing of our wood from domestic suppliers, which contributes to the local economies, keeps our supply chains resilient and allows for shorter transportation distances with lower GHG emissions. We are committed to maintaining zero deforestation and have a zero tolerance to the use of illegal or controversial wood fibre sources. We are on a mission to create a clear divide between sustainable forestry and deforestation. If we are to tackle the climate crisis, we must recognise the positive role sustainable working forests can play in promoting nature-based solutions and a circular bioeconomy.

### The Mondi Way



<https://www.mondigroup.com/about-mondi/who-we-are/>



## Upcoming Events



# FOCUS ON FORESTRY 2023

The theme of the conference is:  
**The Value of Forestry  
in a Greening Economy**

**07 to 09 November**  
**Karkloof Country Club**

(Near Howick in the KZN Midlands, South Africa)

**Keynote speaker:**  
**Dr Ole Sand**

(Managing Partner – CAP – Criterion African Partners)

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## Focus on Forestry Conference & Expo 7-9 November 2023

Karkloof Country Club, KZN midlands  
SA's premier forestry conference and expo

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## Arbour Week 2023

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2003 - 2023

**WORKING ON FIRE**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**Fire Symposium**

**8-10 Nov 2023** | Skukuza Conference Centre in  
**Kruger National Park**

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**CREATES AMAZING LIVING SPACES**  
Timber buildings are nothing new, but recent innovations in wood technology means wooden skyscrapers or 'plyscrapers' are now a reality. It's not just humans who benefit from forestry homes, hidden cameras have revealed a multitude of species including jackal, caracal, eagles, leopard and antelope.

**SURROUNDS YOU**  
In your home there will be hundreds of products that started their journey in South Africa's planted forests. These include the obvious like wooden furniture, paper labels and toilet rolls and the obscure, clothing cosmetics, washing powder, paints, ice cream, glue, cell phones and sugar substitutes. All of which include components that started off as seedlings in commercial forests.

**Arbour WEEK 2023** Did you know forestry..?

**PROTECTS INDIGENOUS FORESTS**  
Commercial forestry began over a century ago, to protect South Africa's remaining indigenous forests from the growing demand for timber. Now over **61,000 hectares** of indigenous forests can be found within the forestry landscape.

**SUPPORTS COMMUNITIES & CONSERVATION**  
The Forestry Sector collaborates with conservation organisations including SANBI, the EWT, the WWF and SANParks to help preserve and conserve our country's natural resources and endangered species, while supporting forestry communities and initiatives.

## Mondi's position on the Packaging and Packaging Waste Regulation (PPWR)

As a leading producer of sustainable packaging solutions, Mondi believes that regulatory changes are key to supporting the industry's sustainability objectives.

The review of the Packaging and Packaging Waste legislation offers such an opportunity, making it all the more important that it is based on a comprehensive assessment of the new rules' potential risks and unintended consequences.

### Recycling and Reuse are complimentary concepts

Mondi strongly believes that recyclability and reuse are complimentary concepts that, when used correctly, can contribute to the EU's path to circularity. Prioritising reuse is likely to disrupt established, well-functioning paper-based recycling systems in many member states. When deciding between recyclability and reuse, sound scientific evidence about environmental impacts of the product across its full life-cycle need to be the guiding principle.

A focus on reuse, particularly in applications where fibre-based packaging is proven to have a lower environmental footprint than reusable rigid plastic alternatives (e.g. e-commerce and take-away food), may work against the EU and global climate goals. Reuse in food and e-commerce applications will result in significantly more rigid plastic containers, with manufacturing and transport (between consumer, washer and vendor/filler) adding emissions that could be avoided with low carbon fibre-based packaging.

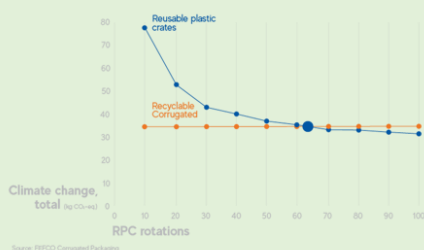


Image illustrates the inefficiency of plastic crates which would need to be reused 63 times to be more efficient than corrugated.

## Recycling infrastructure needs to be improved

The main hurdle to boosting recycling is better sorting and collection of materials. Paper and board products already have an average recycling rate of 84% across the EU. Boosting recycling rates, particularly in the flexible and plastic sectors will be crucial to ensure sufficiently high amounts of high-quality post-consumer plastic recyclate. Clear mandates to help member states establish collection, sorting and recycling infrastructure would be beneficial.

### Ensuring a functioning secondary raw material market for PCR plastics

While we expect the quantity of PCR plastic to increase over the next few years, targets alone are not enough to ensure a functioning secondary raw material market. Infrastructure and consumer participation are key to PCR content uptake in plastic packaging, alongside enabling conditions. PCR calculation rules should enable new technologies such as chemical recycling to scale up to meet demand for PCR. We ask that policymakers also ensure sufficient legal safeguards are in place if sufficient high-quality PCR is lacking in the marketplace, or material costs are prohibitive. Finally, in relation to recycled content targets, our view is that these should be limited to packaging where plastic is the predominant material.

### Flexibility is needed to allow products to be packaged in a fit-for-purpose way

Mondi agrees that over-packaging is an issue however, a one-size fits all approach (e.g. void space limit), is not economically efficient and does not prioritise the functionality of packaging. The shift to reuse requirements is also likely to drive standardisation which overlooks products of different sizes. We believe there should be flexibility to allow products to be packaged in a fit-for-purpose way that provides optimised protection. Mondi supports an approach to packaging policy that aims to ensure that every packaging application minimises resource use, while maximising protection. Mondi urges policy makers to maintain a balanced approach that truly supports our collective sustainability goals for a circular economy.

[www.mondigroup.com/news-and-insight/2023](http://www.mondigroup.com/news-and-insight/2023)



## **PG Bison steams ahead on the promise to meet MDF (Supawood) demand in Southern Africa and beyond**

Supply of locally produced medium-density fibreboard (MDF) in the Southern African market has been constrained for many years. That is all set to change in July 2024.



It is a matter of putting your money where your mouth is. Back in 2020 PG Bison responded to the call from president Ramaphosa for increased local investment.

PG Bison's operation, situated just outside Mkhondo, formerly Piet Retief, in Mpumalanga, is in the spotlight.

With an investment of R1,875 billion, PG Bison's MDF Controll line investment in Mkhondo will bring its installed capacity of MDF up to a total of 1,190 cubic metres per day across its two MDF plants in Boksburg and Mkhondo. It will ensure that PG Bison can meet the growing demand for locally produced MDF in local and export markets.

### **Rising Demand**

Urbanisation and significant growth in an aspirational, middle-income population is driving the need for increased and better-quality furniture and home storage solutions. The demand for premium furniture and cabinetry components with gloss, matt, and

spraypainted finishes is increasing the demand for MDF even further.

The new MDF line and the recently completed particleboard line will position the PG Bison Mkhondo cluster on the map as a global powerhouse for producing wood-based panel products in Southern Africa. The manufacturing facility will soon be the only one in Africa to house a particleboard line, an MDF line, upgrade facilities, resin manufacturing and paper treaters on one site.

### **Localisation**

According to Gerhard Victor, PG Bison's CEO, the particleboard and MDF expansions will ensure that PG Bison remains a leader in the world-class decorative wood-based panel products.

"Our Proudly South African products are a viable and cost-effective local alternative to imports. They enable our customers to keep lower stock levels, which means better stock turns and improved cash flow, rather than tying up working capital in large tranches of imported products.

And the products have significantly better lead times than importing, so our customers can guarantee uninterrupted servicing of their customers' needs well into the future", says Victor.

A key consideration in PG Bison's investment strategy is localisation. PG Bison understands that without a thriving local industry, it would have minimal prospects in South Africa.

### **Boksburg and Mkhondo**

PG Bison's Boksburg plant has been the company's only MDF site for many years. When the time came to green-light investment for another MDF line, Mkhondo was chosen as the preferred site. The decision was based on the site's proximity to raw materials, fibre and resin. These factors greatly assist in managing input costs and improving overall competitiveness.

### **The glue that binds PG Bison**

PG Bison's WoodChem factory, lying adjacent to its particleboard and upgrading facilities in Mkhondo, Mpumalanga, is the largest urea formaldehyde (UF) and melamine formaldehyde (MF) resin producer and the only melamine paper treatment plant in sub-Saharan Africa.

Source:

<https://www.woodbizafrica.co.za/>



## FABlans attend IUFRO Working Group meeting on Southern Hemisphere plantation health



Professors Brett Hurley, Irene Barnes, Bernard Slippers and Dr Michelle Schröder attended the IUFRO Working Parties 07.02.13 and 07.02.03 joint meeting “Novel and classical strategies to manage forest health in plantations” in Campo Grande, Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, between 18 to 21 September. They were joined by Dr Ilaria Germishuizen from the ICFR who participates in a number of research projects with FABlans.

The conference started on the Monday with a workshop on the *Sirex woodwasp*. Presentations were made from all countries in the Southern Hemisphere currently managing this pest, to get an overview of the current state of management and research.

Prof. Irene Barnes, deputy co-ordinator of WP 07.02.03, served on the organising committee for the meeting and gave a presentation on IUFRO during the opening address of the meeting.

The formal meeting started on Tuesday with fantastic sessions with the following topics: rusts in a changing climate, biological control of *Eucalyptus* pests, forest biosecurity, climate change impacts on forest pests and pathogens, forest protection cooperative programs, the resurgence of *Glycaspis brimblecombei* in Brazil, emerging plantation diseases around the world, plant breeding and resistance, and the potential for using genetically modified or gene edited organisms in forest health.

Wednesday included a field visit, hosted in the *Eucalyptus* plantations of Bracell and Suzano. The delegates were shown, and provided with details, on the impact and management of *Ceratocystis* and *Glycaspis brimblecombei* in *Eucalyptus urophylla* and *E. grandis x urophylla* clones.

The participation from the TPCP group at the meeting was very evident with eight posters and seven talks.

Damage due to [Austropuccinia psidii](#) was also evident. We also spent time learning about the incredible damage and management of leaf cutting ants, as well as the implementation of their comprehensive surveillance, monitoring and Integrated Pest Management programs. There was also a very impressive demonstration of the highly-efficient use of drones to apply biological and chemical control measures across thousands of hectares.

Source : FABI (<https://www.fabinet.up.ac.za/>)

## Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer Beetle (PSHB)

The Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer is an ambrosia beetle native to Southeast Asia. The beetle has a symbiotic relationship with the fungus *Fusarium euwallaceae*, which causes branch die-back and can kill susceptible trees. In 2017 the presence of this pest was confirmed in South Africa by the FABI team, and it has since been found in all provinces except Limpopo. This makes the PSHB invasion in South Africa the largest geographical outbreak of this beetle in the world. It is affecting trees in all sectors: the agricultural and commercial forestry sector, urban trees (public spaces, streets, gardens), as well as native trees in natural forests.

At present researchers at FABI, in collaboration with colleagues from several other Universities, are coordinating monitoring efforts and leading research on the PSHB and its fungus in South Africa.

The purpose of this webpage is to provide:

1. Background information on the PSHB and its management to the general public and all stake holders,
2. Updated information on its distribution and its host trees in South Africa,
3. Feedback on ongoing research and monitoring efforts by the PSHB Research Network, and
4. A platform for the public to make us aware of possible new host trees of PSHB and localities where it occurs

Please visit the FABI Website and in particular the webpage on PSHB for more information. PSHB is still causing havoc in South Africa attacking ornamental trees, commercially important trees and some indigenous trees.

Source: <https://www.fabinet.up.ac.za/index.php/research-groups/pshb-new/pshb-home>

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*Happy Birthday to all our members who celebrate(d) their birthdays in September*



BIRTHDAYS: SEPTEMBER 2023			
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