

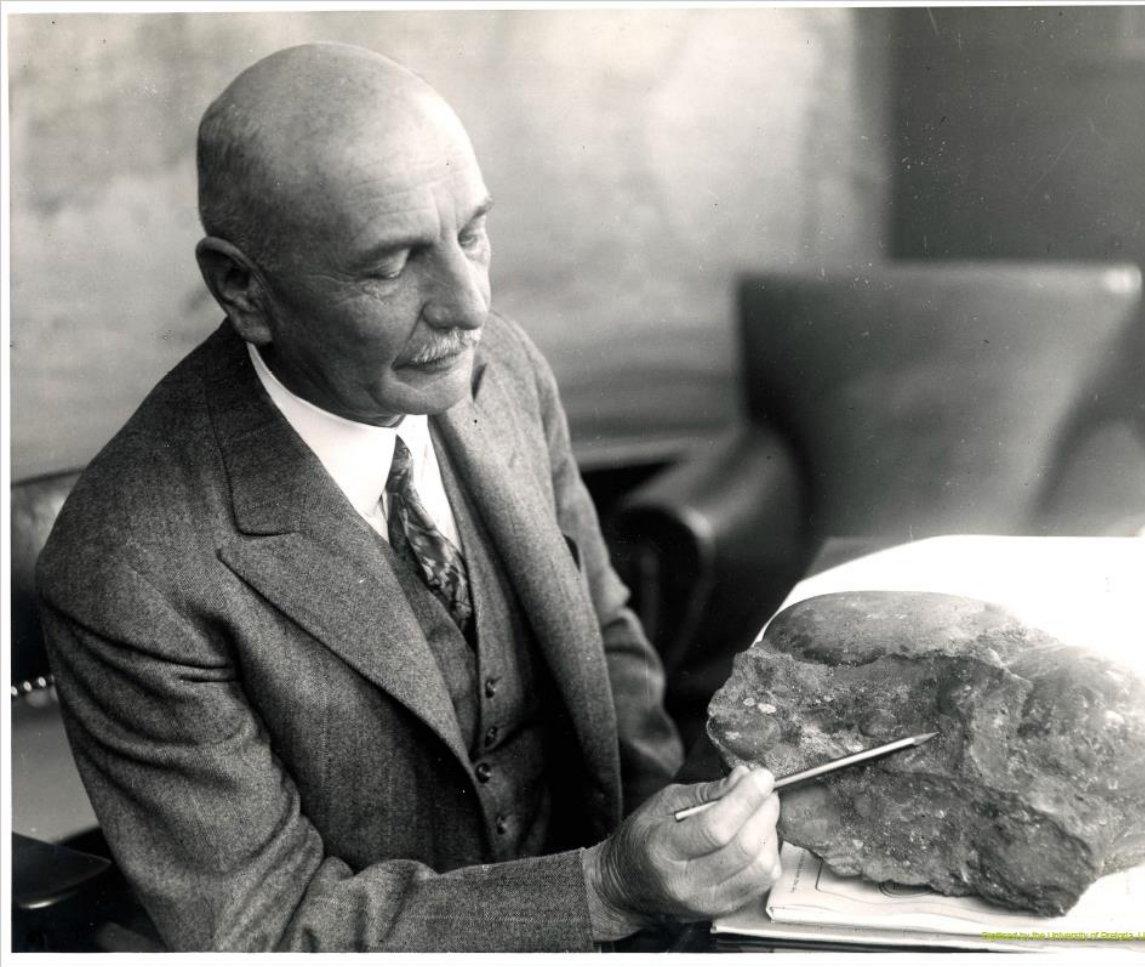
*More than fruit: The story of
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Dr Khotso Mokhele | Hans Merensky Holdings





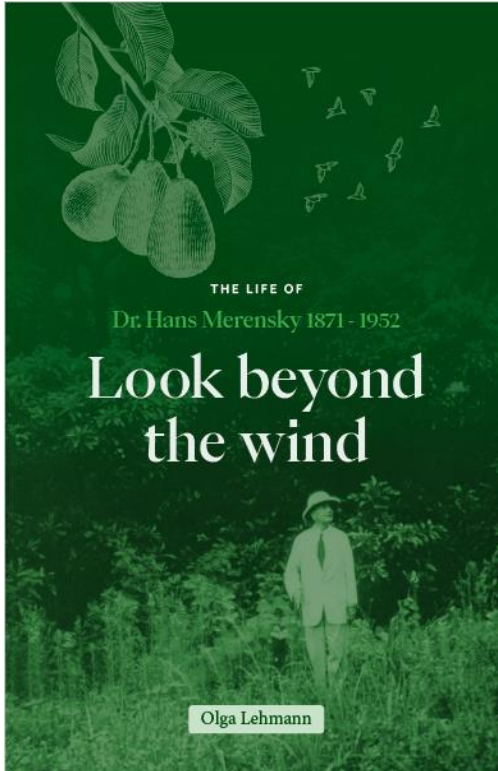
HANS MERENSKY
Legacy Foundation



Dr. Hans Merensky

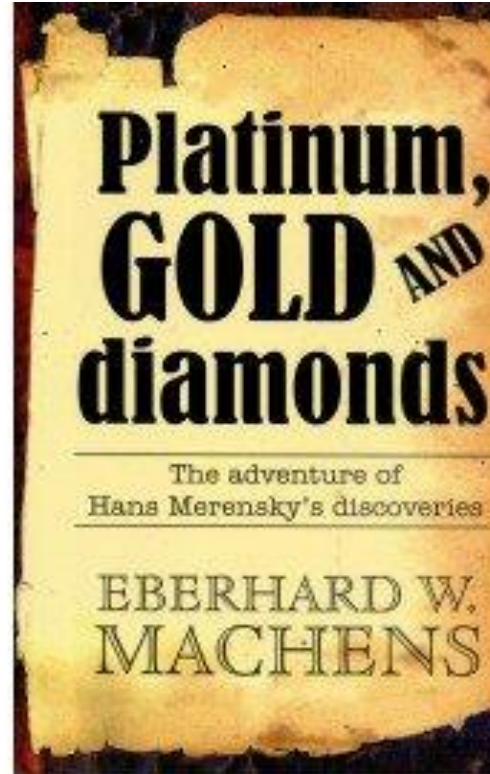


BOOKS ON THE LIFE OF DR. HANS MERENSKY



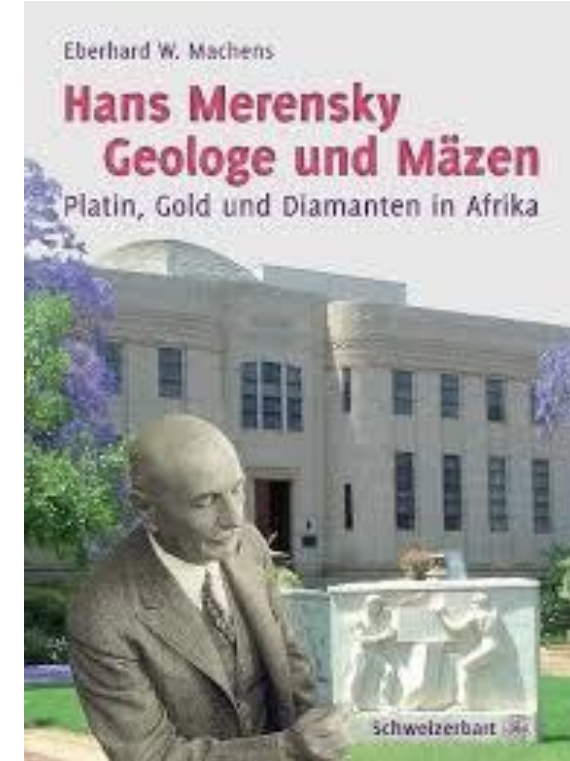
Look Beyond the Wind: The Life of Dr. Hans Merensky by Olga Lehmann

A comprehensive biography detailing Merensky's geological achievements and his pioneering work in agriculture at Westfalia



Platinum, Gold and Diamonds: The Adventures of Hans Merensky by Eberhard W. Machens

This book explores Merensky's role in discovering some of the richest mineral deposits in South Africa, including platinum and diamonds



Hans Merensky – Geologe und Mäzen: Platin, Gold und Diamanten in Afrika by Eberhard W. Machens

(German edition)
A German-language biography focusing on Merensky's geological and philanthropic work



A LEGACY OF DISCOVERY

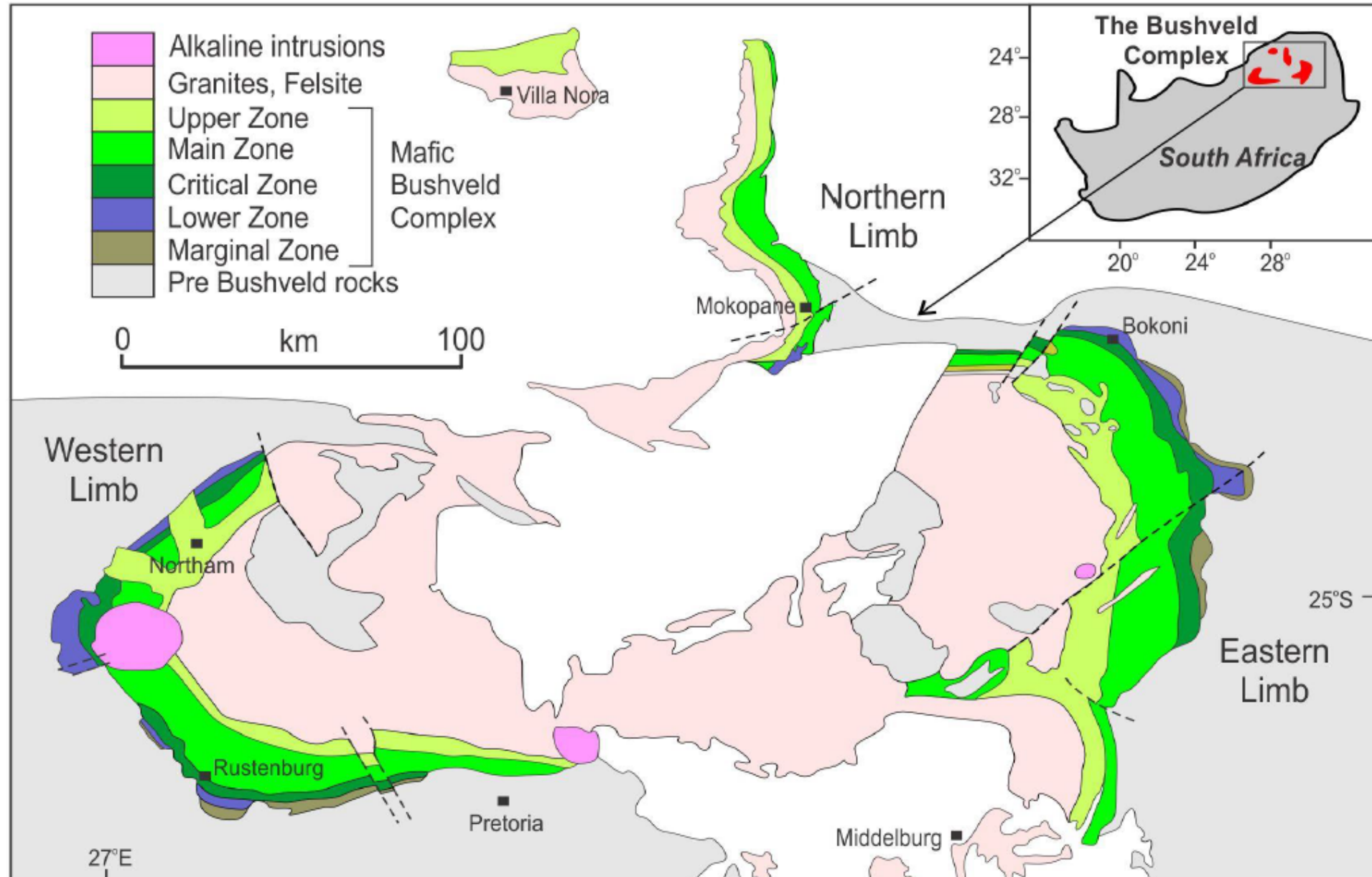
A Legacy of:

- Entrepreneurship
- Rigorous Research and Exploration
- Platinum – The Bushveld Igneous Complex of South Africa
- Diamonds – Oyster Bay / Alexander Bay / Alexcor
- Chrome - Jagdlust
- Gold - Free State
- Phosphates and Copper – Phalaborwa / Foskor
- Investment in Land - Tzaneen
- Investment in Education
- Exploration in Neighboring Territories
- Forestry and Agriculture - Tzaneen
- Sustainability
- Philanthropy and Humanity



THE BUSHVELD IGNEOUS COMPLEX OF SA

Market Cap of PSG Mining Companies= USD 56 Billion





Legacy of ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT in South Africa

Market Capitalisation of SA PSG Mining Companies	R1.1 Trillion
Market Capitalisation of SA Diamond Companies	R966 Billion
Phosphates enabled SA Agriculture – GDP contribution	R120 Billion pa.
Forestry Industry GDP contribution	R12 Billion pa.
Avocado Industry GDP contribution	R1.65 Billion pa.



THE LEGACY of DR HANS MERENSKY



"This country has given to me so much, that I am only too happy to be allowed to help it to develop in some way, and I am grateful to be able to give back to it a fraction of what it has given to me."



A LEGACY THAT LIVES ON

Last Will



Recognising the critical importance of long-term impact, Dr. Merensky established the Hans Merensky Trust in 1949, a courageous step to ensure his vital work in agriculture, forestry, and natural resource development would continue to flourish.



On November 26, 1973, this Trust boldly evolved into the Hans Merensky Foundation, a dynamic institution dedicated to ensuring that his visionary commitment to scientific research, sustainable resource management, and transformative education would endure for generations to come.



HANS MERENSKY
Legacy Foundation

Today, the Hans Merensky Legacy Foundation continues the extraordinary vision of Dr. Hans Merensky, upholds his commitment to progress, ensuring that knowledge, innovation, and sustainable development remain at the heart of everything we do.



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“The main objective of the Hans Merensky Foundation is to promote and assist in the development of the resources of the Republic of South Africa and neighboring territories – particularly such natural resources as soil, water, flora and fauna – and to promote the health and welfare of the inhabitants, more specifically by research, experimentation, demonstration and through the correlation and application of scientific knowledge.”

HANS MERENSKY
CONSTITUTION

The Story of Land, People and a Shared Future

RAKWADU FRUIT

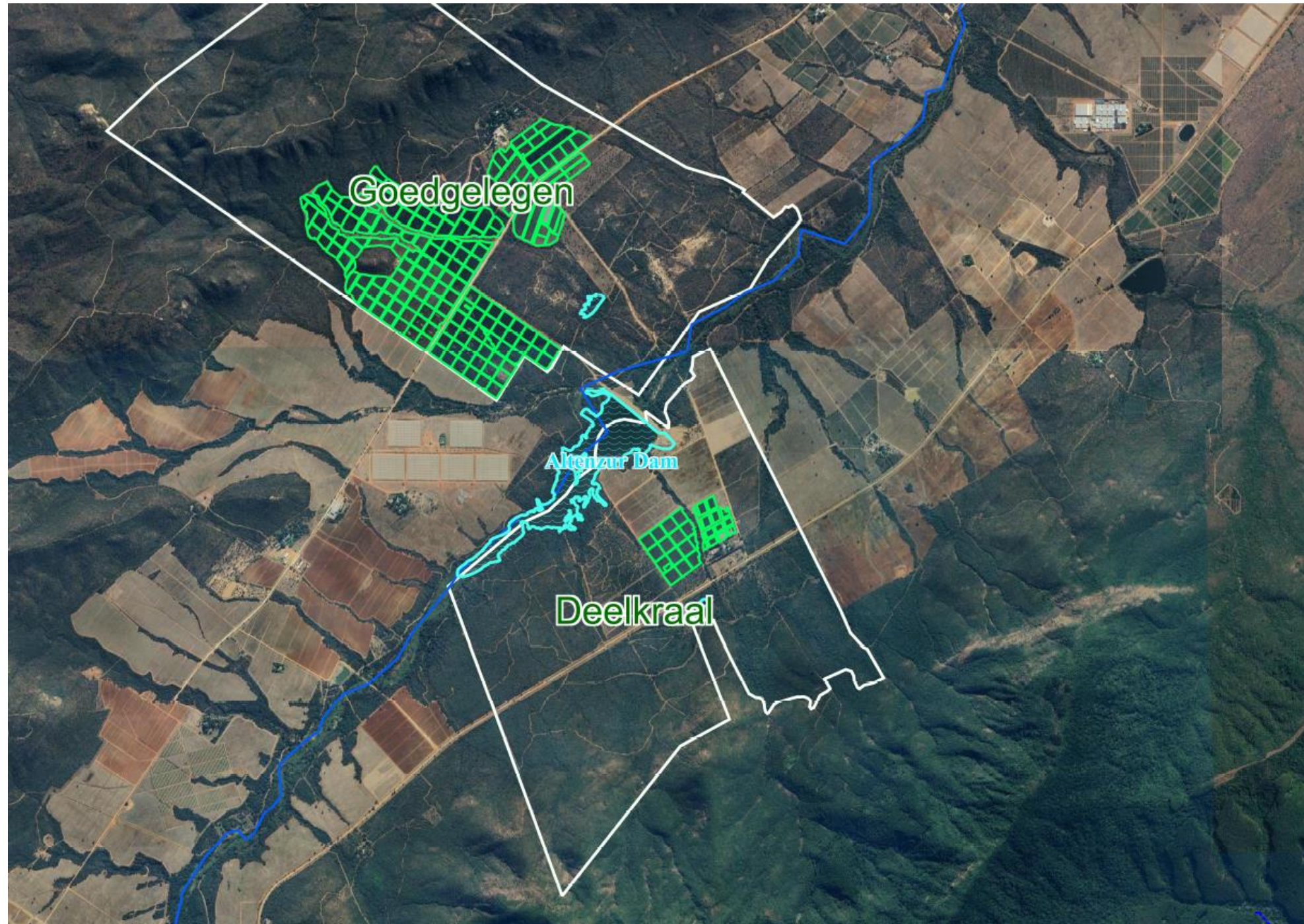
More Than Fruit

Land. People. Shared Futures.

A partnership model showing how sustainable agriculture can create opportunity, protect livelihoods, and build long-term shared prosperity.



“Transformation succeeds when communities participate in shared opportunity.”



The Rakwadu Story

Land reform succeeds when sustainability is built into the model.

From Land Claim to Sustainable Partnership - What began as a land claim in 1998 became the foundation for a long-term partnership model built on dignity, sustainability, and shared growth.



1,123
hectares
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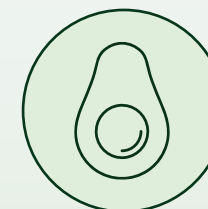
172
households
represented



2024
land officially
restored



51 / 49
partnership
model



Westfalia Fruit
& Rakwadu Enterprise
(Rakwadu CPA entity)

Sustainable agriculture. Shared opportunity. Social and economic growth.

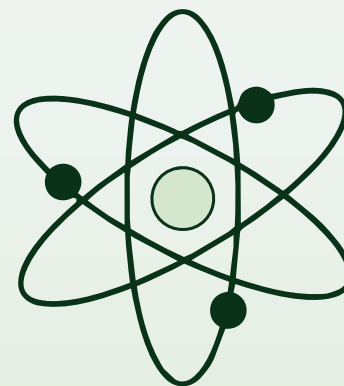
Dr Merensky's Legacy



**Responsible
stewardship of
land**



Sustainability



**Scientific
Agriculture**



Shared Prosperity

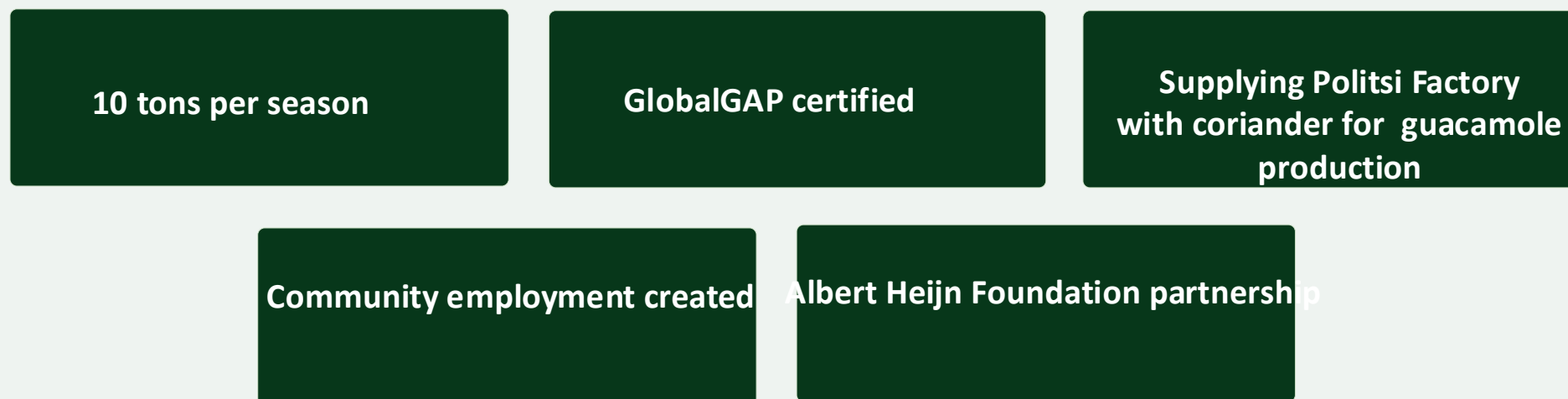
These principles continue to shape how Westfalia Fruit approaches transformation and sustainable agriculture today.

The Rakwadu partnership reflects the Hans Merensky legacy in action.

Beyond Avocados

Community-led agriculture integrated into the value chain

Rakwadu Coriander Project



Today, members of the Rakwadu Community are not only landowners, but active participants in the agricultural value chain.

“Connecting communities directly into the value chain.”

RAKWADU CPA TITLE DEED HANDOVER

The Rakwadu CPA Title Deed was handed over by Honorable Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development, Mr. Mzwanele Nyhontso on 25 October 2024





Unpacking the challenges of land restitution in South Africa

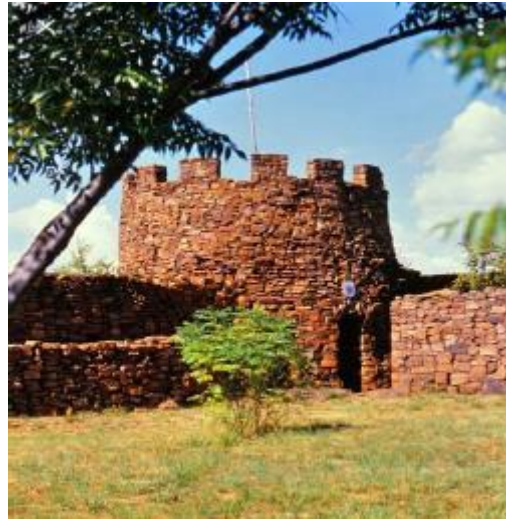
¹H. M. Tshivhase, ²E. Mahole & ³S. T. Matloga

Theme	Issues	Implications
Weak Institutional Capacity	Limited coordination, funding shortages, lack of technical expertise within the DRDLR	Delays in claim processing, inconsistent support to CPAs, weak policy implementation, and declining community trust
Challenges of Communal Property Associations (CPAs)	Poor governance, internal conflicts, weak financial management, and a lack of post-settlement support	Ineffective management of restituted land, stalled development projects, and failure to translate restitution into socio-economic benefits
Willing Buyer–Willing Seller Dilemma	Market-driven land acquisition with inflated prices and limited land availability	Slow pace of land acquisition, reduced number of settled claims, and restricted reach of land reform, especially in rural areas
Limited Community Participation	Inadequate consultation, poor communication, and exclusion of communities from decision-making	Low community ownership, mistrust in restitution processes, weak sustainability of land reform outcomes, and marginalisation of vulnerable groups





Rev Alexander Merensky



Place of Refuge



Merensky House restored in 1979 by HMF



Botshabelo



Botshabelo 1870



For more information on Dr. Hans Merensky

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