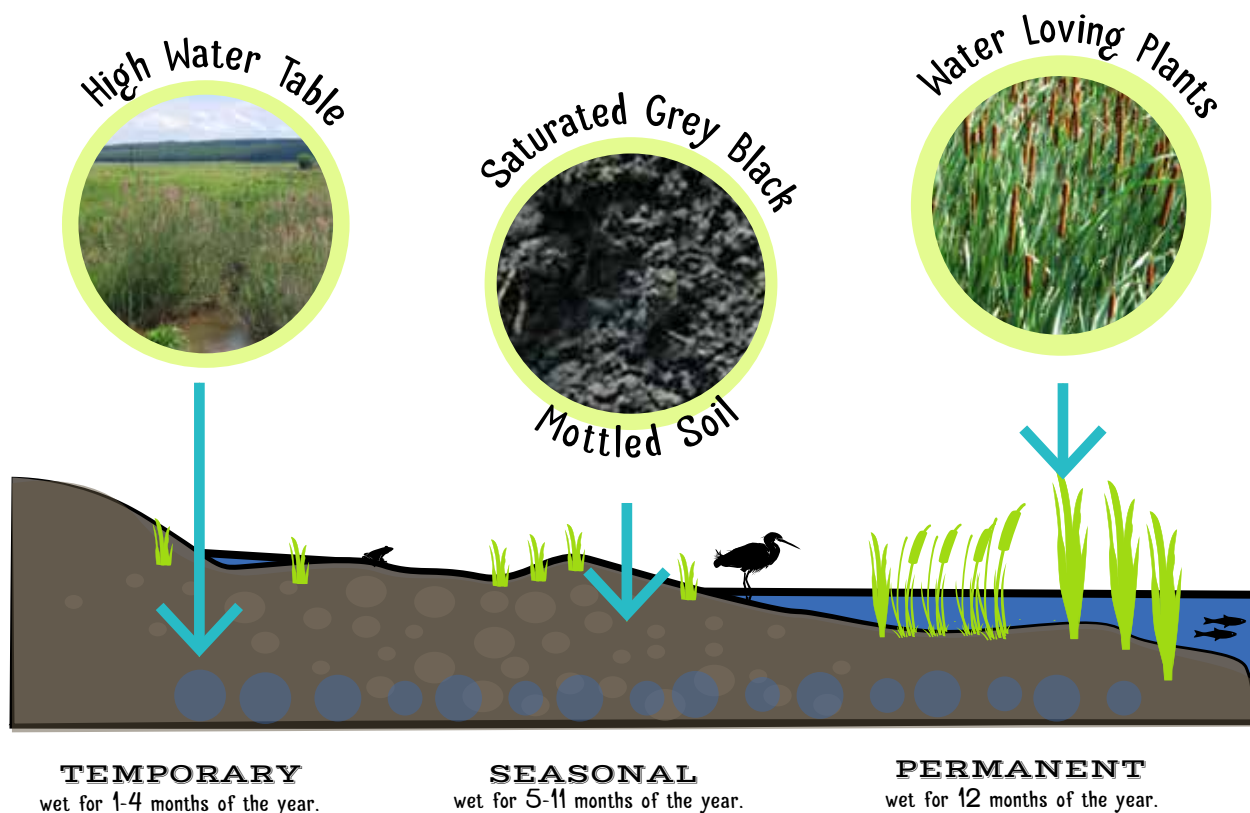


WETLANDS: WHAT ARE THEY?

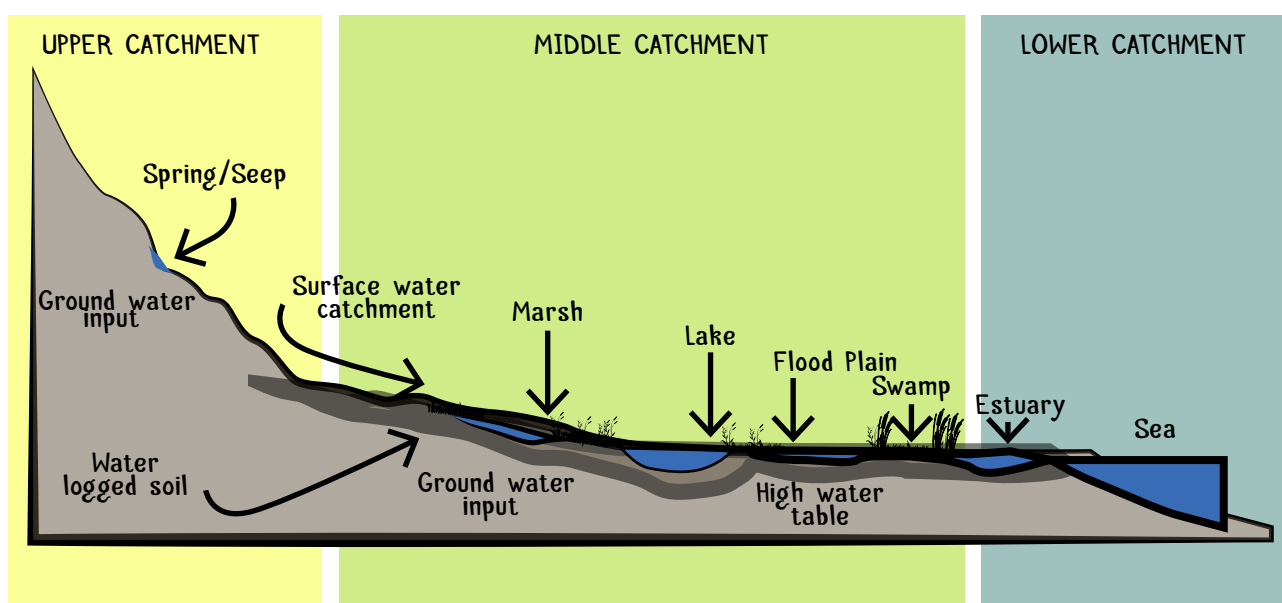
A wetland is an area of land where soil is saturated with moisture, for all or part of the year.

THE KEY FEATURES THAT DEFINE ALL WETLANDS



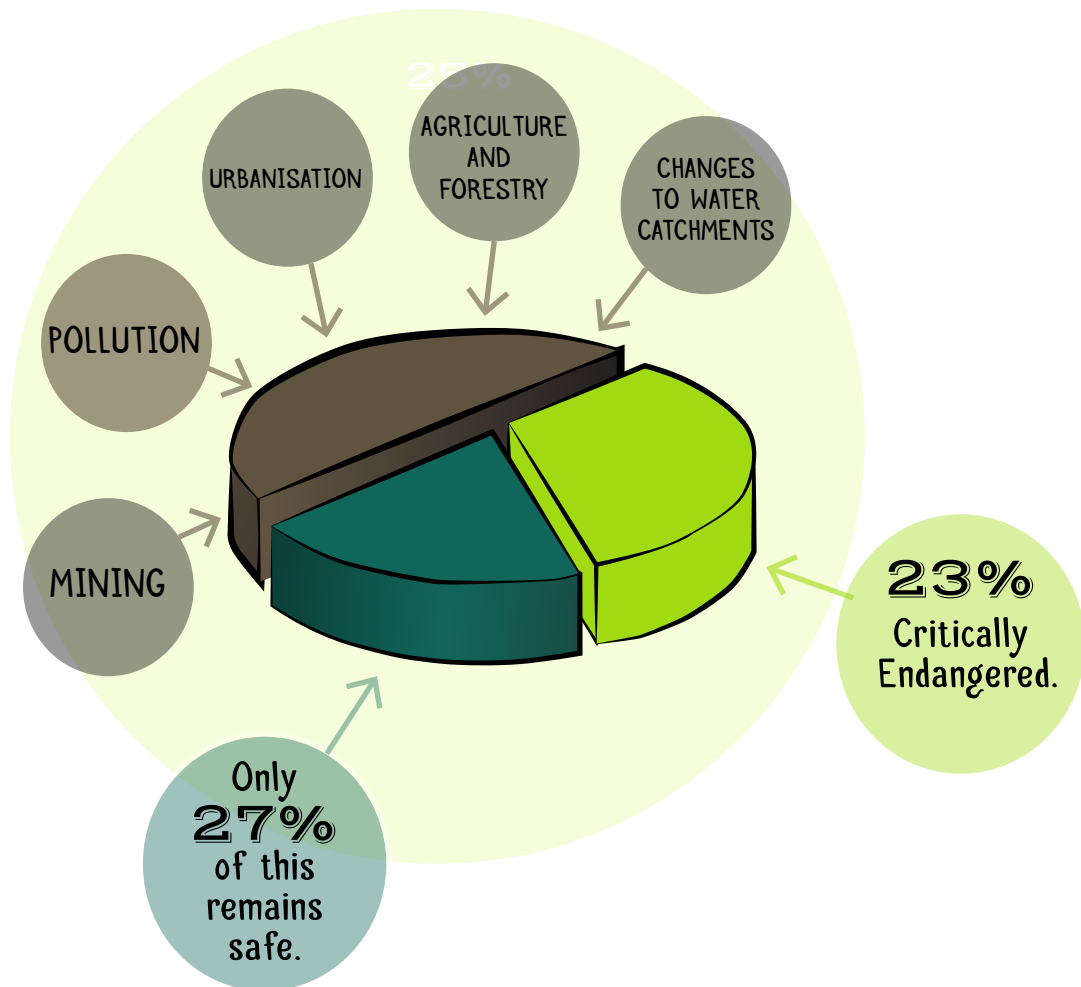
Wetlands don't need to be constantly wet!

Wetlands come in different forms and do not have to be connected to other water bodies such as rivers.



MAJOR THREATS TO WETLANDS

Key players in wetland loss.



Globally, we have lost half the world's wetlands and South Africa is no different.

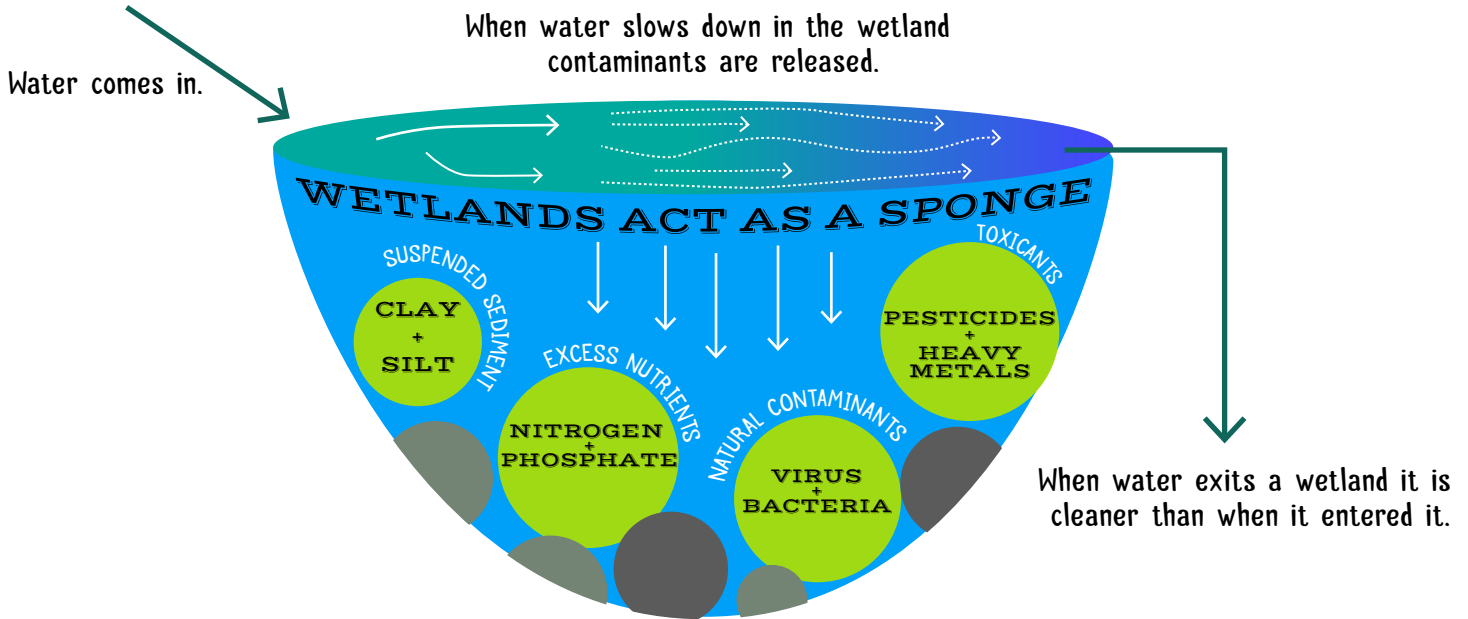
50% have been destroyed and **23%**
are **CRITICALLY ENDANGERED.**



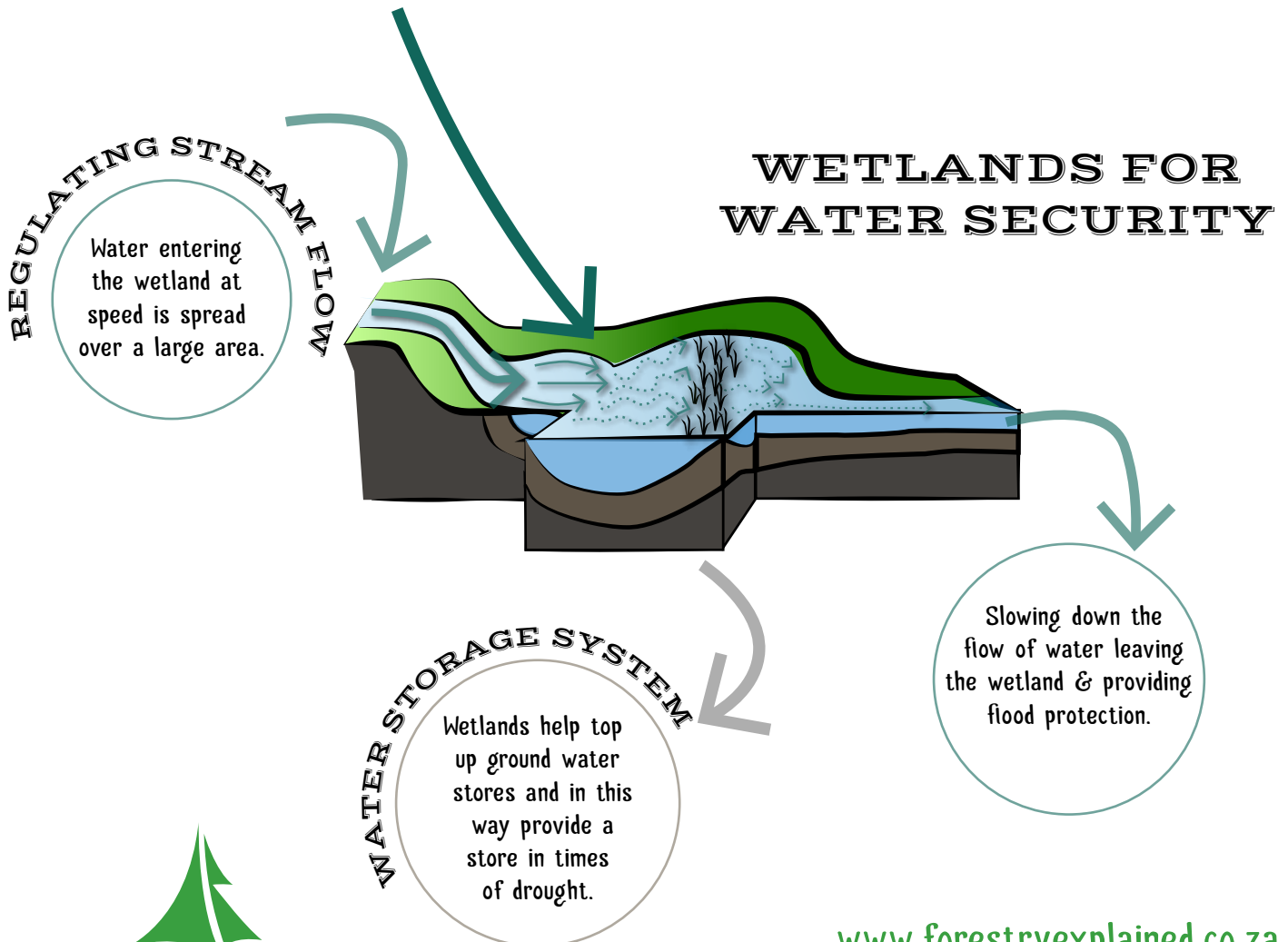
WETLANDS: WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

#1 Because wetlands protect an important South African resource! **WATER**

Wetlands: Nature's Purifiers.

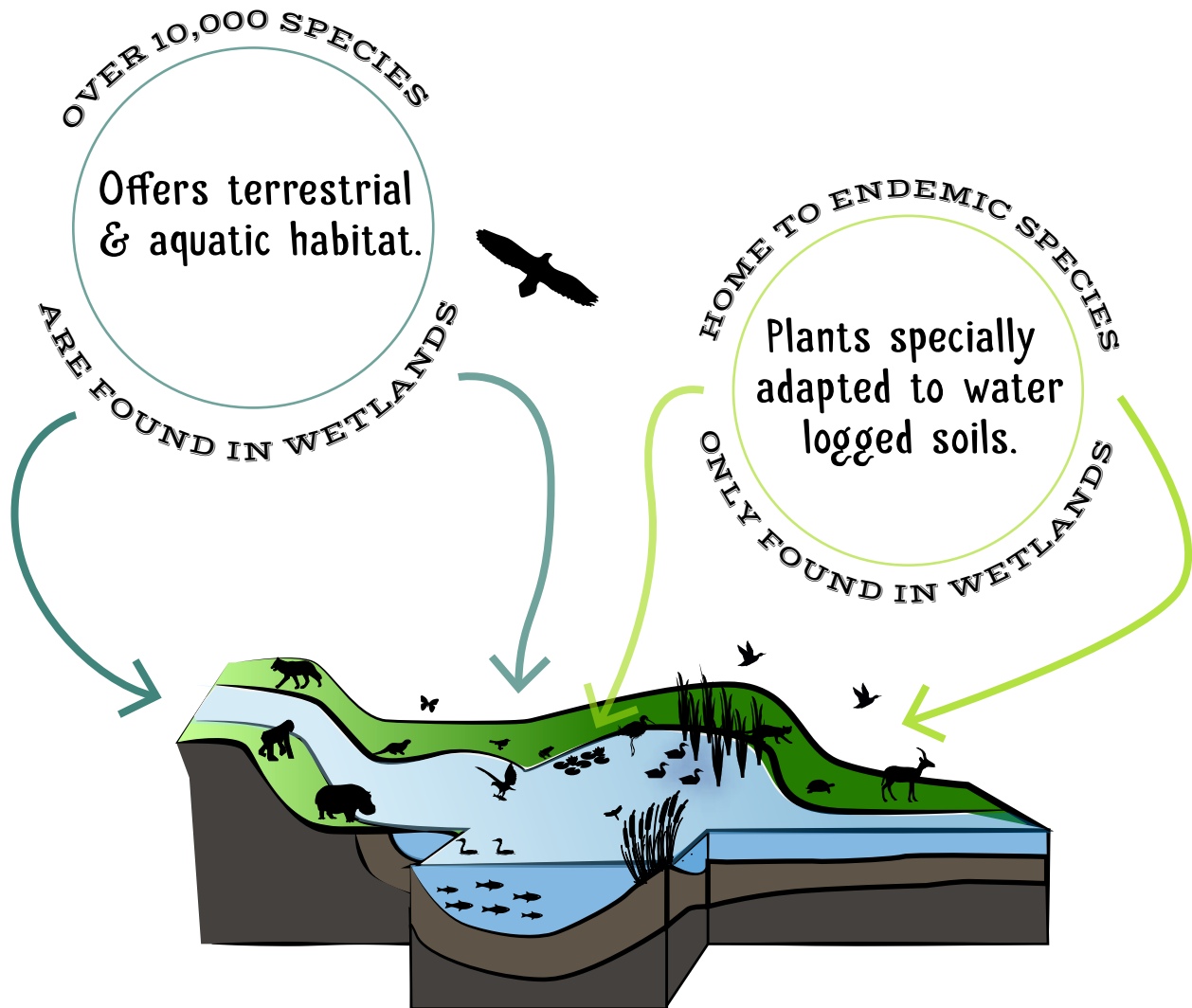


Some of the purest water comes from wetlands.



#2 Because wetlands are biologically diverse habitats and home to some of South Africa's rarest species.

WETLANDS FOR BIODIVERSITY



Pickersgill's Reed Frog



JEANNE TARRANT

Barber's Cape Flat Ranger



STEVE WOODHALL

KZN Dwarf Chameleon



JEANNE TARRANT



#3 Because wetlands provide us with so much.

WETLANDS FOR PEOPLE

