



# National NCA Strategy review and update approach

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# Overview

- The current National NCA Strategy
- Why is the review undertaken?
- The NCA stakeholder consultation process
- Invite participation through the online MS Forms questionnaire
- How can you shape the future direction of NCA in South Africa?



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# The current NCA Strategy



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June 2021



## Vision:

Natural capital accounting is widely used to provide credible evidence for integrated planning and decision-making, in support of the development needs of the country



Intensive co-development process with  
range of stakeholders over three years



The National NCA Strategy has a 10-year time frame with a 5-year review.



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# National NCA Strategy: Two funding scenarios

## Low-road activities:



- can be undertaken with existing human and financial resources

## High-road activities:

- are only possible with additional resources

\*Significant co-finance

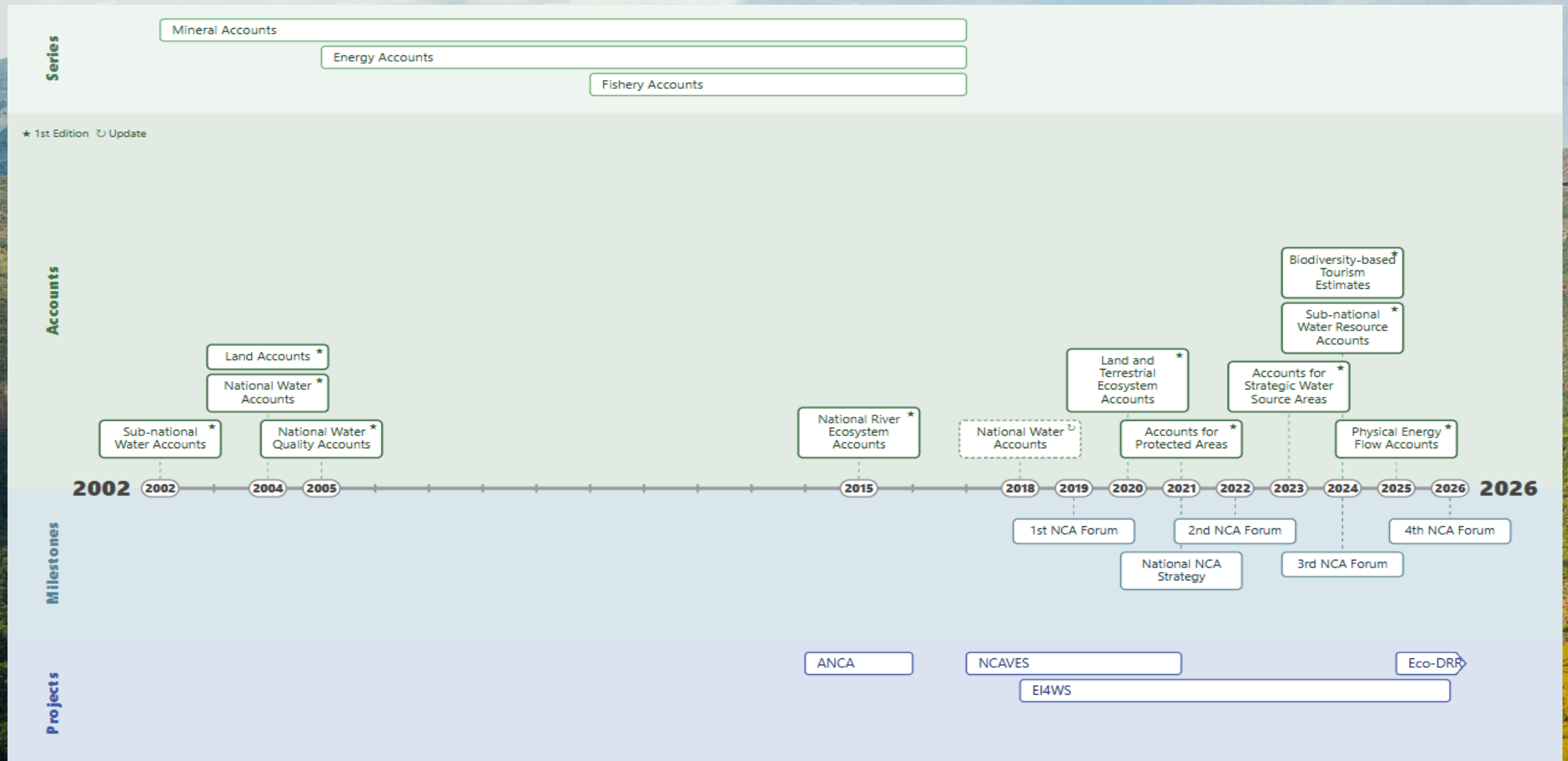


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# NCA in South Africa: A two-decade journey



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# Why review and update the National NCA Strategy now?

## **Mid-term reflection – since 2021:**

- New natural capital accounts have been produced.
- New partnerships have emerged.
- Global and national policy priorities have evolved

## **New emerging needs– since 2021:**

- Climate adaptation needs.
- Biodiversity commitments.
- Water security challenges.
- Biodiversity economy opportunities.
- Increasing demand for environmental data and evidence

**IS THE CURRENT NATIONAL NCA STRATEGY STILL FIT FOR PURPOSES FOR THE NEXT 10 YEARS??**



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# Why review and update the National NCA Strategy now?

- The National NCA Strategy was **published in 2021 as a ten-year strategy, with a 5-year review**, to guide the development and use of NCA in South Africa.
- As the Strategy **reaches its five-year midpoint, a review is being undertaken** to assess progress made, identify areas for improvement, and ensure that the Strategy remains relevant and responsive to current and future policy, planning, environmental and development needs.
- The review of the National NCA Strategy, and its update, is not simply an administrative exercise.
- It is an **opportunity to strengthen the role of NCA in supporting national development, sustainability and evidence-based decision-making**.
- The **success of the review and updated National NCA Strategy depends on broad NCA stakeholder input**, and the Forum is the start of a collaborative review process.



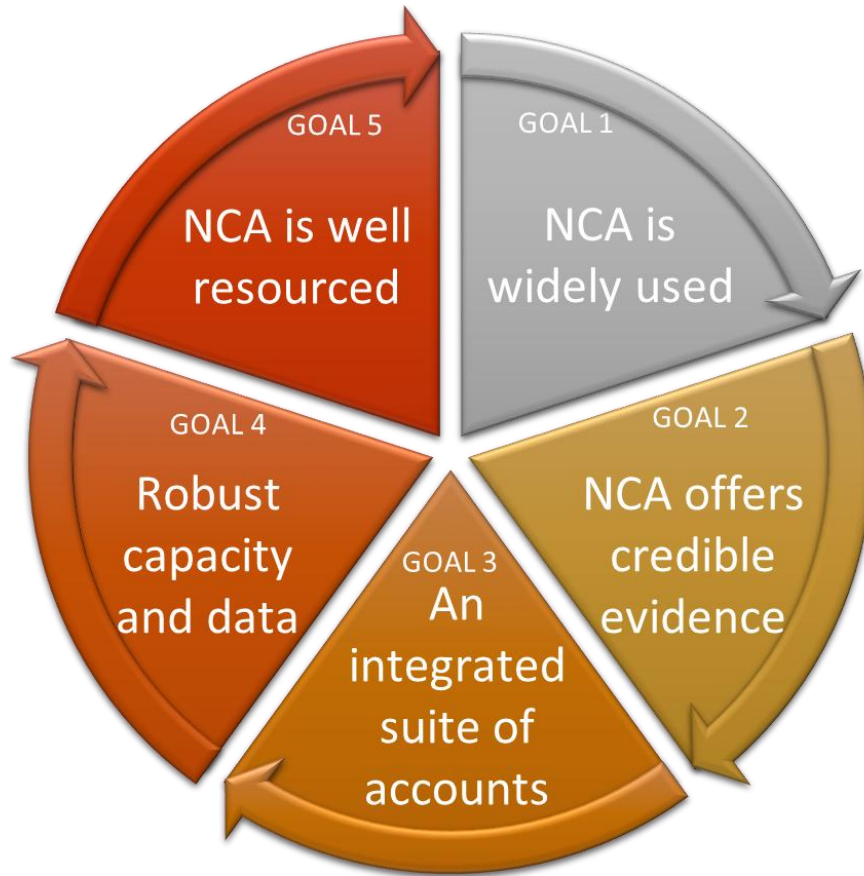
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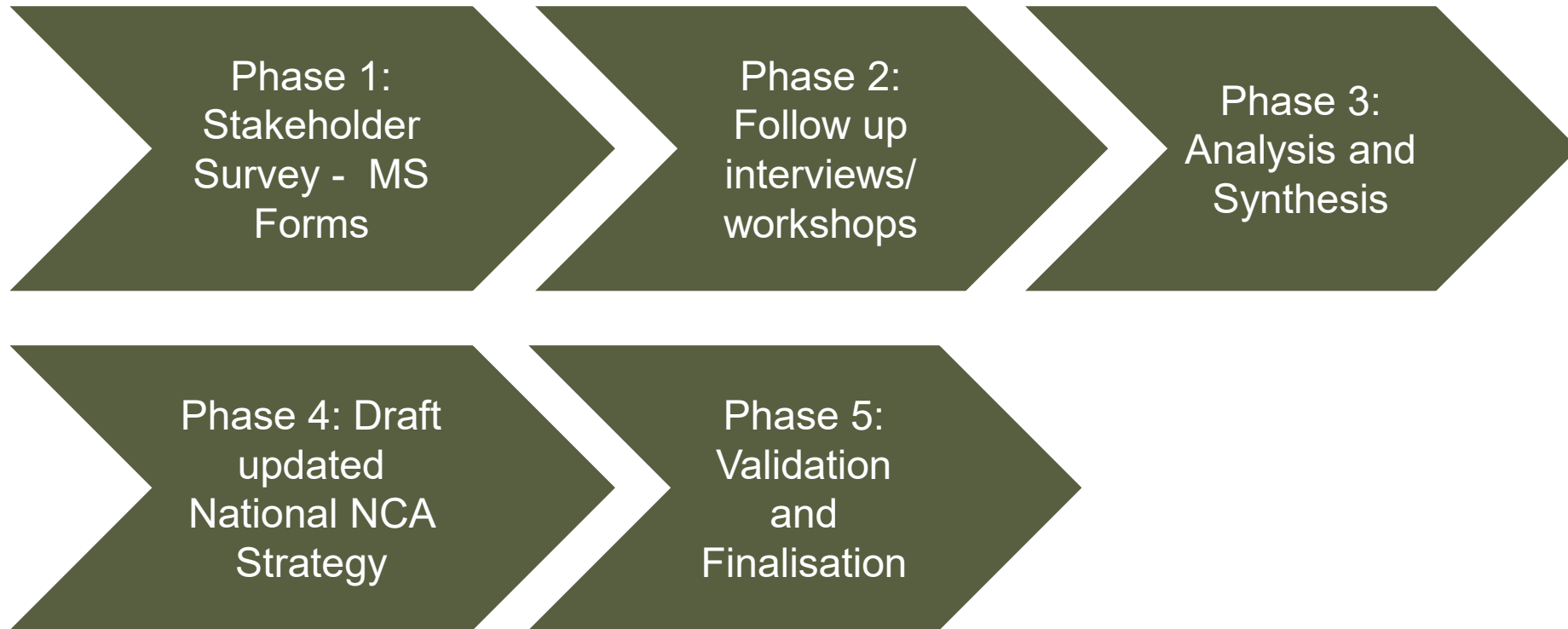


# What will the review of the National NCA Strategy examine?



- Goal 1 - Use of NCA in policy and decision-making.
  - Goal 2 - Communication, awareness and impact.
  - Goal 3 - Priority accounts and data production.
  - Goal 4 - Capacity building and partnerships.
  - Goal 5 - Institutional arrangements and governance.
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- What has worked well?
  - What has not worked well?
  - What gaps remain?
  - What new priorities should be included?

# Review of the National NCA Strategy Methodology



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# Review of the National NCA Strategy Methodology

## Expected Outcome:

- An updated National NCA Strategy that reflects:
- Current realities.
- Emerging opportunities.
- NCA stakeholder priorities.
- Lessons learned since 2021.



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# MS Forms NCA stakeholder questionnaire

- The purpose of the MS **Forms online questionnaire** is to gather feedback from key NCA stakeholders involved in the production, compilation, use and promotion of natural capital accounts.
- Your **responses will help inform the review and update of the National NCA Strategy** by identifying successes, challenges, emerging priorities, capacity and data needs, and opportunities to strengthen the use of natural capital accounting in decision-making over the next five years.
- Answer the questions based on your knowledge, experience and involvement with NCA in South Africa.
- **Not all questions will apply to every respondent.**
- The questionnaire has therefore been designed with **sections tailored to different stakeholder roles to minimise the time required for completion.**
- **All responses will be treated confidentially** and will be used only for the purposes of reviewing and updating the National NCA Strategy.



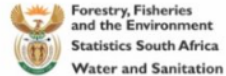
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# MS Forms NCA stakeholder review questionnaire



## National NCA Strategy Review Questionnaire (D4 )

It is strongly recommended that this questionnaire be completed on a desktop computer or laptop, as some questions may not display or function correctly on mobile devices. Please note that the questionnaire must be completed and submitted in a single session, as there is no save-and-return functionality. Any unsaved responses may be lost if the questionnaire is closed before submission.

When you submit this form, it will not automatically collect your details like name and email address unless you provide it yourself.



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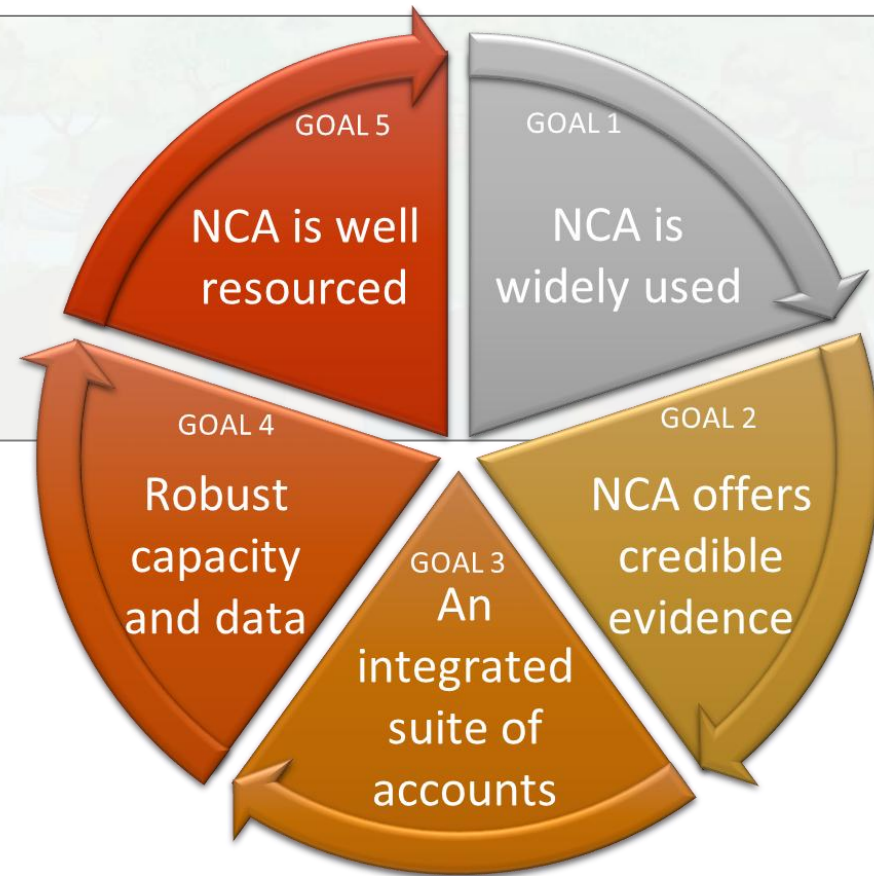
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# MS Forms NCA stakeholder questionnaire

15. What best describes your role? \*

- ☐ NCA data provider
- ☐ NCA account compiler
- ☐ User of NCA



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# MS Forms NCA stakeholder questionnaire

## The national NCA Strategy belongs to the National NCA Community of Practice (CoP) of South Africa

- The MS Forms questionnaire will take **approximately 20 to 30 minutes to complete** (maximum).
- Survey questions cover:
  - Awareness and use of NCA.
  - Progress since 2021.
  - Emerging priorities.
  - Policy needs.
  - Capacity needs.
  - Future opportunities and challenges.



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# We need your voice!

## Three asks from the National NCA Forum 2026 participants:

1. Complete the MS Forms questionnaire.
2. Share the survey with relevant NCA stakeholders.
3. Continue engaging throughout the review process.



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# By the end of the NCA Strategy review, we aim to have...

- ✓ Clear understanding of achievements
- ✓ Lessons learned
- ✓ Stakeholder-driven priorities
- ✓ Stronger alignment with national needs
- ✓ A practical roadmap for the next phase of NCA in South Africa



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# By the end of the NCA Strategy review, we aim to have...

## Overall assessment

- **Strategy remains fit for purpose with minor updates**
- **Strategy requires moderate revision**
- **Strategy requires substantial revision**

## Key priorities for update for the National NCA Strategy:

- 1)
  - 2)
- etc



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## Closing message...

The first National NCA Strategy established the foundation for NCA in South Africa. This mid-year review provides an opportunity for all NCA stakeholders to help shape the next chapter and maximise the impact of NCA on policy, planning and sustainable development.



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