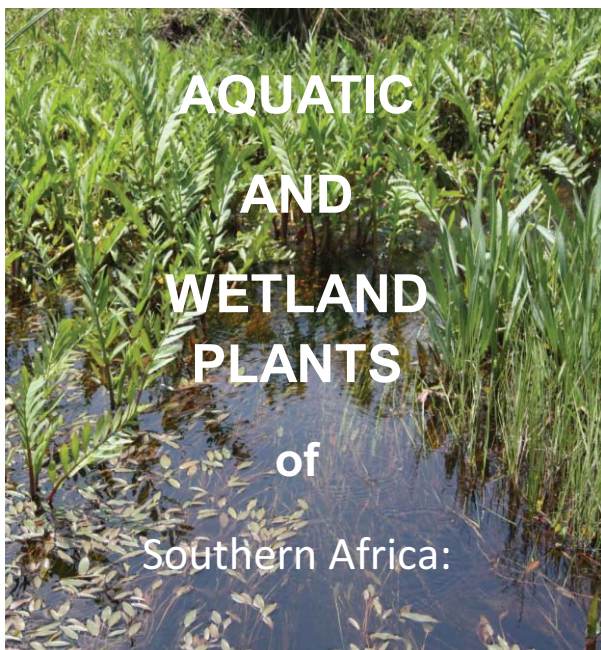


# HIPPO ROLLER DONATION BOOSTS FOOD PRODUCTION

The Water Institute of Southern Africa (WISA) through its Water Sciences Division's Women in Water programme, has facilitated the donation of hippo rollers to a number of urban food garden cooperatives in Gauteng. While water issues can impact anyone, the greater burden is placed on women; the role of women in rural areas as the primary water collectors is well known. The Women in Water programme aims to address these challenges and make a difference in the lives of women. At the second annual Women in Water Conference, organised by the Water Sciences Division and held in October last year, conference attendees were requested to sponsor hippo rollers for needy recipients. The Paper Manufacturers (PAMSA) and Recycling (PRASA) associations of South Africa met this call by sponsoring ten hippo rollers, which were then donated to Food and Trees for Africa, a social enterprise that addresses the issues of food security and environmental sustainability.

One roller was handed over to Paul Maluleke of the Alexandra Greening route for their garden. Food and Trees for Africa will hand over the remaining rollers to other beneficiaries that they are supporting in both urban and rural areas. The Hippo Roller Company donated three rollers which were handed over to World Vision, Violet Bhala at the Molobanyane Cooperative in Alexandra and the Modimo Oteng Cooperative – the latter is

a newly-established food garden in Alexandra. Finally, Aqua Resources donated ten rollers which were handed over to World Vision, which primarily focuses on supporting children. They have identified communities in the Eastern Cap where 55 children will directly benefit from the roller donation.



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