

# Organic Lemongrass Production Wupperthal, South Africa



(*Cymbopogon citratus*)

# Affirmative action

# Volunteer Program



- US Agency for International Development
  - FAMU – #1 Black University in the nation
- All expenses paid, no salary (volunteer)

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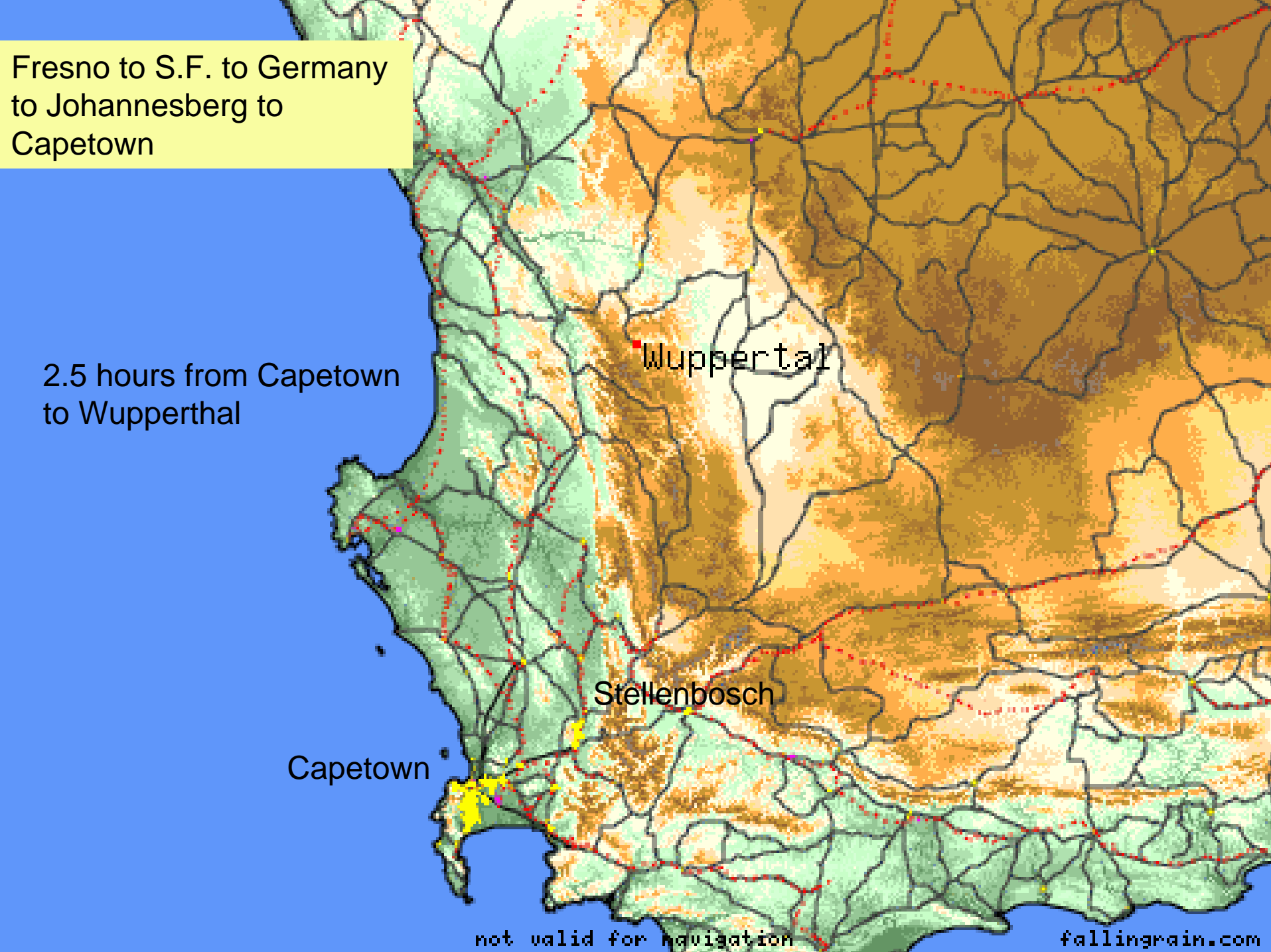
Fresno to S.F. to Germany  
to Johannesburg to  
Capetown

2.5 hours from Capetown  
to Wupperthal

Capetown

Stellenbosch

Wupperthal





# South Africa

- Independence from United Kingdom 1910
- 47 million people
  - 79.5% Black African
  - 9.2 White (Dutch, German, French, Huguenot, British)
  - 8.9 Mixed-race
  - 2.5 East Indian (Punjabi)
- 11 languages [Afrikaans, English]
- Major ethnic groups
  - Zulu, Xhosa, Basotho
- Religion – Christian (80%), Islam, Hindu



Afrikaans

Xhosa

Zulu

Tswana

**Southern Sotho**

Northern Sotho

# S.A. - Famous for wood carvings

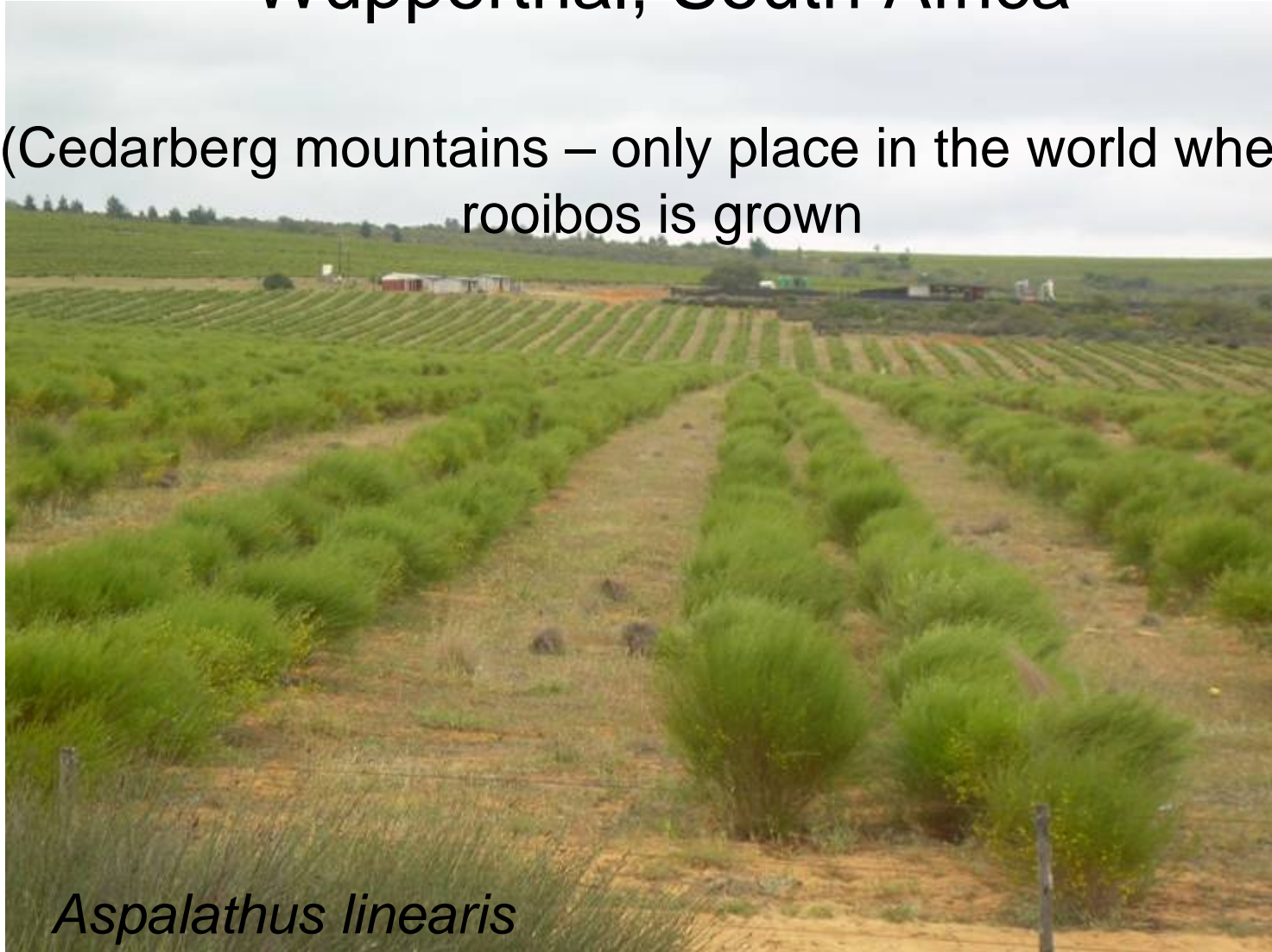


# Tourist trade is very big



# Organic Rooibos Tea – Wupperthal, South Africa

(Cedarberg mountains – only place in the world where  
rooibos is grown



*Aspalathus linearis*

# Waldo Weimers (FAMU) my contact there





Rooibos, an African slang word of Dutch origin meaning “ Red Bush.”

Fynbos - a Dutch origin slang word meaning “ fine bush”

Rooibos plant is green.  
It turns red when fermented



# Small yellow flowers



# Help small farmers in Wupperthal in production of Organic Lemongrass



# Wupperthal – population 436



Wupperthal

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# Welcome to Wupperthal

Established by the Rhenish missionary Johann Gottlieb Leipoldt in 1830. Since 1965 the Moravian Church has been responsible for the management and administration of the mission station.

Approximately 400 families live in Wupperthal and at the outposts Heuningvlei, Eselbank, Nuweplaas, Beukeskraal, Kleinvlei, Martiensrust, Heiveld, Langkloof, Langbome, Prins-se-kraal, Grasvlei, Brugkraal and Agterstevlei. Wupperthal is renowned for its quality shoes, the so-called "vellies", and healthy, Organic rooibos tea.

We gladly share our natural and cultural heritage, but kindly respect the faith and customs of our community.

- No public drinking or drunkenness
- No littering.
- No loud music at night.
- Orderly conduct and conformity to the policy of the mission station

Information about interesting sights in the village on the other side.

Enjoy the natural beauty on the 4x4 route.

# Gardening practiced by the entire town



# Wupperthal – Moravian Church Dutch Protestant links



# WUPPERTHAL

COMMUNITY TRUST

*Genuine Leather*




*Egte leee*

# SHOE FACTORY

# Making beds and planting





Snail eater snake



# Planting an experimental plot



# Mission accomplished



30 minutes by car



# 1-hour walk to **Kleinvlei**









# Kleinvlei – 25 homes



# 21 farmers interested in Lemongrass





# South African experiences

- Food -
- Moyo restaurant
- Table mountain
- Robben Island
- Waterfront
- Stellenbosch – Citrusdahl – Franschoek
- Wineries and wine trails
- Southern cross
- Rugby – ‘hakas’

# delicacy - termites



# Stellenbosch “Moyo” restaurant



Moyo seating capacity = 1200  
Tree-house tables  
Gazebos, tents



# Table mountain, Waterfront, Robben Island



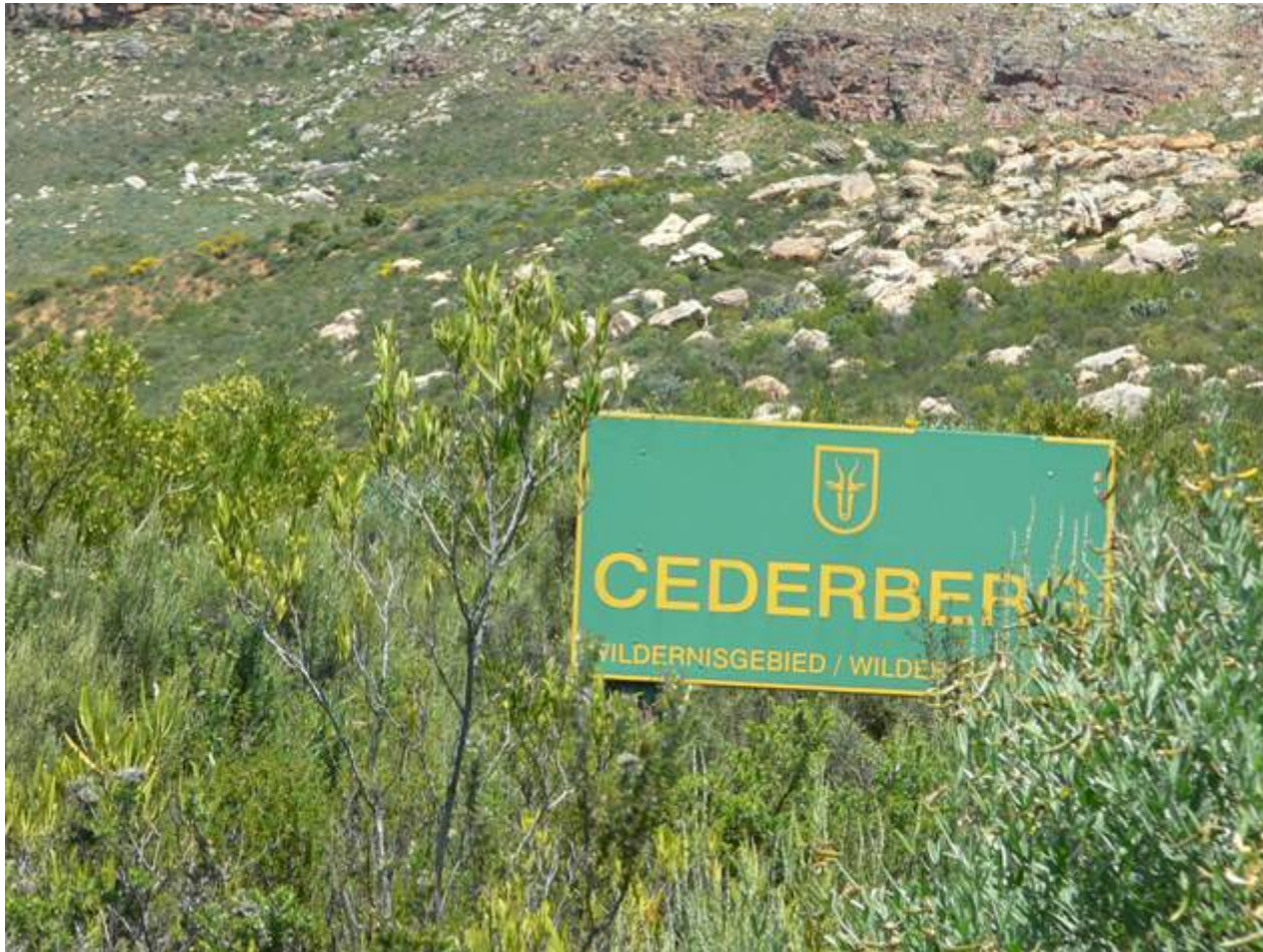
# Wineries and famous wine trails



# Boulders Beach near Capetown



# Cedarberg mountains 'Fynbos'



# Stellenbosch botanic garden excellent



# haka

- <http://deadspin.com/sports/rugby/haka-haka-haka-161932.php>
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PdkjujgYqZ4>