PASTURE AND LAND MANAGEMENT

Managing the challenge of bush encroachment

Bush encroachment and invasive plant species remain a significant challenge for landowners across Southern Africa. Left unmanaged, these plants can reduce grazing capacity, impact biodiversity and place increasing pressure on valuable agricultural land.

Effective vegetation management requires more than simply applying a product. Accurate identification, careful planning, correct application and ongoing follow-up are important to achieving lasting results. This is where Terravusa provides a complete, practical solution.

Established to address the need for expert technical support and on-the-ground solutions, Terravusa specialises in managing indigenous bush encroachment and invasive alien plant species. The company combines specialised products, technical expertise and practical services to help landowners manage vegetation challenges effectively.

Terravusa works with landowners, farm or project managers to develop site-specific vegetation management strategies. Every property presents different challenges, with terrain, vegetation density, species composition, accessibility and land-use objectives influencing the most appropriate control strategy. Terravusa then provides tailored recommendations and planning support.

Leading solutions

Terravusa is the exclusive distributor of selected products from Corteva Agriscience and other strategic supply partners, providing access to industry-leading vegetation management solutions backed by global research and innovation. These products are combined with local technical knowledge to provide recommendations suited to Southern African conditions.

Local support, regional reach

Terravusa established a network of carefully selected and extensively trained distributors strategically positioned throughout Southern Africa. This provides professional guidance and reliable service close to where clients operate, while maintaining consistent technical standards.



Prosopis spp. before (left) and after (right) herbicide application in Calvinia, Northern Cape.

Services and offerings

A key strength of Terravusa is its ability to support clients throughout the complete process.

Site assessments: On-farm and site visits determine the extent of bush encroachment or invasive plant infestations and identify the client's specific requirements.

Planning: Terravusa assists with developing a practical strategy and determining the appropriate next steps.

Application support: Where required, Terravusa connects landowners with experienced aerial applicators and ground-application teams and assists with application planning to help ensure treatments are carried out correctly.

Post-application monitoring: Monitoring can be provided to assess treatment results and identify any further management requirements.

Three-year follow-up planning: Because effective vegetation management is an ongoing process, Terravusa provides guidance on follow-up actions to maintain results and manage regrowth or reinfestation.

Free product training: Training is available to help clients and application teams understand products and their correct use.

Solutions for indigenous encroacher and invasive alien plant species

Indigenous encroacher plant species include:

Sicklebush	*(Dichrostachys cinerea)*,
Sweet Thorn	*(Vachellia karroo)*,
Black Thorn	*(Senegalia mellifera)*,
Mopane	*(Colophospermum mopane)*,
Bankrupt Bush	*(Seriphium plumosum)*,
Vaalboom	*(Terminalia sericea)*,
Driedoring	*(Rhigozum trichotomum)*
Vaalbos	*(Tarchonanthus camphoratus)*.

Invasive plant species include:

Prosopis spp.	*(Honey mesquite & several hybrid species)*
Lantana	*(Lantana camara)*
Siam Weed	*(Chromolaena odorata)*
Demonia Weed	*(Parthenium hysterophorus)*
Opuntia spp.	*(O. ficus-indica, O. aurantiaca etc.)*

Because different plant species and conditions require different approaches, correct identification and appropriate treatment planning are essential.

A long-term partner for land and pasture management

Effective bush control is not simply about removing unwanted vegetation. Long-term success depends on choosing the right strategy, applying solutions correctly and following up to manage regrowth and reinfestation.

With access to leading products, technical expertise, trained distributors and practical field support, Terravusa offers landowners a comprehensive approach to bush encroachment and invasive plant management.

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