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Temperature

Mean, Minimum and Maximum

Number of Hours above 30°C

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Monthly Rainfall

Heat Units

HU and GDD for January 2026

Cumulative HU and GDD from July – January 2026



Temperature

TEMPERATURE & RAINFALL FOR 1 – 31 JANUARY: 2025/26

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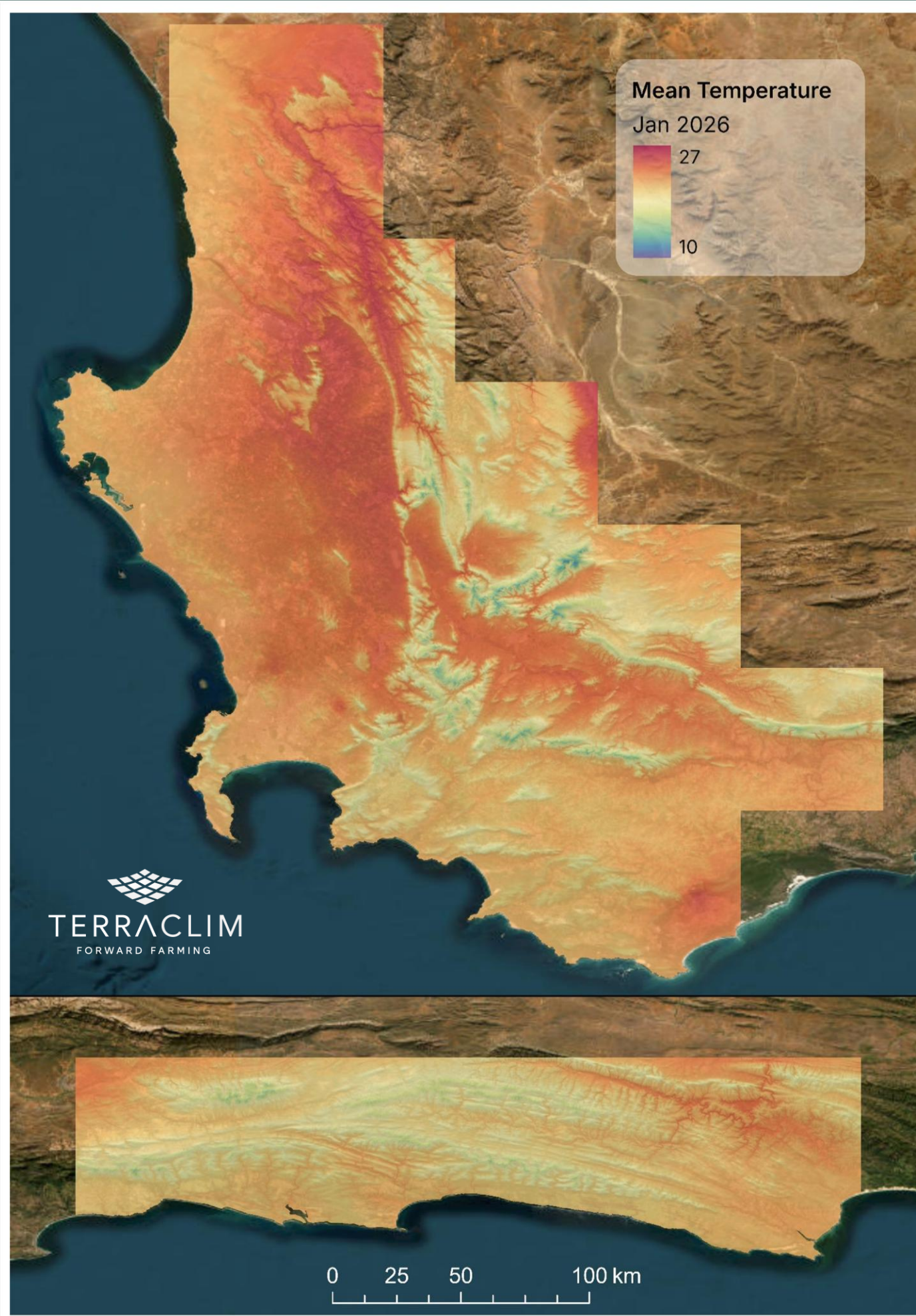
Area	Average Temperature				Maximum Temperature				Minimum Temperature				Avg Daily Maximum Temp				Avg Daily Minimum Temp				Total Rainfall			
	2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25	
Avontuur (Langkloof)	17,6	17,9	0,3	▲	33,1	33,1	0	-	2,6	5,7	3,1	▲	24,6	24,7	0,1	▲	11,5	11,5	0	-	13	11	-2	▼
Elgin**	19,4	19,3	-0,1	▼	33,7	29,9	-3,8	▼	11,1	7,2	-3,9	▼	24,2	24,6	0,4	▲	15,5	13,3	-2,2	▼	34	21	-13	▼
Ermelo	19,1	18,6	-0,5	▼	28,8	28,8	0	-	11,6	10,1	-1,5	▼	24,6	24,4	-0,2	▼	15,0	14,6	-0,4	▼	205	53	-152	▼
Franschhoek	22,6	23,3	0,7	▲	38,0	37,0	-1,0	▼	12,3	13,4	1,1	▲	29,3	30,5	1,2	▲	16,7	17,8	1,1	▲	6	4	-2	▼
Greyton	21,9	22,5	0,6	▲	38,0	35,7	-2,3	▼	9,7	11,1	1,4	▲	30,0	30,9	0,9	▲	15,2	15,2	0	-	7	14	7	▲
Joubertina (Langkloof)	20,1	20,9	0,8	▲	35,1	37,7	2,6	▲	5,9	8,9	3,0	▲	27,0	27,3	0,3	▲	14,1	14,6	0,5	▲	10	2	-8	▼
Koue Bokkeveld**	19,5	21,0	1,5	▲	33,0	33,8	0,8	▲	6,7	7,0	0,3	▲	26,7	28,1	1,4	▲	11,0	11,9	0,9	▲	1	0	-1	▼
Ladismith	22,1	22,0	-0,1	▼	37,2	35,9	-1,3	▼	9,0	10,9	1,9	▲	30,1	29,7	-0,4	▼	15,6	15,3	-0,3	▼	2	11	9	▲
Misgund (Langkloof)**	18,2	18,7	0,5	▲	31,5	34,9	3,4	▲	5,4	5,9	0,5	▲	23,5	25,4	1,9	▲	13,4	11,4	-2,0	▼	34	9	-25	▼
Montagu	23,5	23,6	0,1	▲	38,7	37,2	-1,5	▼	8,6	9,5	0,9	▲	32,3	32,4	0,1	▲	15,7	15,6	-0,1	▼	9	7	-2	▼
Nuy	22,1	23,1	1,0	▲	38,1	37,9	-0,2	▼	7,5	7,5	0	-	30,2	32,0	1,8	▲	12,6	13,5	0,9	▲	1	0	-1	▼
Piketberg	20,5	21,9	1,4	▲	36,2	36,0	-0,2	▼	7,0	6,7	-0,3	▼	28,2	29,4	1,2	▲	12,4	13,7	1,3	▲	7	3	-4	▼
Robertson**	21,9	23,2	1,3	▲	45,2	36,3	-8,9	▼	6,1	10,4	4,3	▲	37,8	31,1	-6,7	▼	10,8	15,8	5,0	▲	0	4	4	▲
Simondium	22,1	23,0	0,9	▲	37,6	37,0	-0,6	▼	12,1	12,6	0,5	▲	28,6	29,6	1,0	▲	16,4	17,3	0,9	▲	8	5	-3	▼
Stellenbosch	21,7	22,4	0,7	▲	37,4	37,2	-0,2	▼	9,4	11,0	1,6	▲	28,6	30,7	2,1	▲	15,2	15,2	0	-	18	6	-12	▼
Tulbagh	22,3	23,3	1,0	▲	38,0	37,6	-0,4	▼	10,8	11,1	0,3	▲	30,1	31,7	1,6	▲	15,1	15,5	0,4	▲	2	3	1	▲
Villiersdorp	20,9	21,2	0,3	▲	35,5	34,0	-1,5	▼	9,2	9,7	0,5	▲	27,9	28,5	0,6	▲	14,8	15,2	0,4	▲	27	14	-13	▼
Vrystaat	19,8	19,0	-0,8	▼	30,4	33,2	2,8	▲	10,0	9,2	-0,8	▼	25,8	29,8	4,0	▲	15,0	11,8	-3,2	▼	146	57	-89	▼
Vyeboom**	19,6	21,3	1,7	▲	33,6	34,2	0,6	▲	9,7	9,9	0,2	▲	25,9	28,6	2,7	▲	15,0	15,3	0,3	▲	6	7	1	▲
Waterberg	22,6	21,7	-0,9	▼	32,0	31,6	-0,4	▼	14,6	14,8	0,2	▲	28,1	27,2	-0,9	▼	18,1	17,3	-0,8	▼	140	110	-30	▼
WBV – Noord	21,9	23,6	1,7	▲	36,4	38,8	2,4	▲	9,2	8,6	-0,6	▼	30,2	33,5	3,3	▲	13,0	13,4	0,4	▲	5	0	-5	▼
WBV – Suid**	22,1	23,1	1,0	▲	36,8	36,8	0	-	8,1	8,8	0,7	▲	29,9	31,5	1,6	▲	12,9	12,9	0	-	7	0	-7	▼
Wellington**	24,0	23,6	-0,4	▼	39,0	40,6	1,6	▲	13,3	12,7	-0,6	▼	30,7	33,4	2,7	▲	17,9	15,8	-2,1	▼	9	7	-2	▼
Wolseley	22,7	23,7	1,0	▲	37,9	39,9	2,0	▲	9,5	2,3	-7,2	▼	30,5	33,5	3,0	▲	16,0	15,0	-1,0	▼	2	3	1	▲



MEAN TEMPERATURE

The mean temperature for January 2026 ranged between 10 - 27°C. The West Coast, Langeberg and Overberg regions exhibited higher mean temperatures.

Compared to the long-term mean, the Cape experienced a slight decrease of $\sim 0.1^{\circ}\text{C}$, with the coastal areas experiencing partial increases ($\sim 0.3^{\circ}\text{C}$).

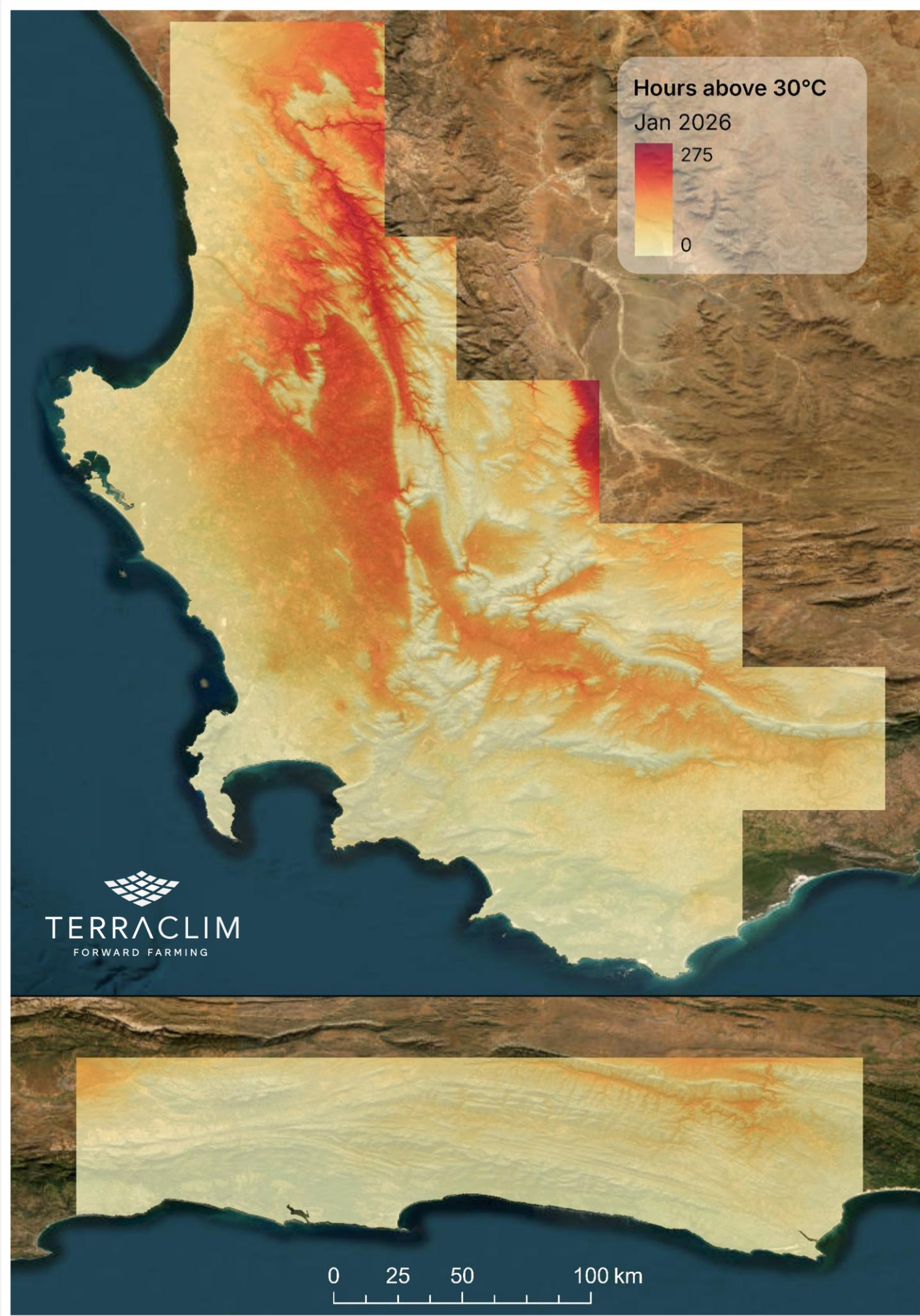




HOURS ABOVE 30°C

The accumulated hours above 30°C for January 2026 ranged between 0 – 275 hours. The Cape averaged around 70 hours above this threshold, with the Cederberg and Matzikama areas accumulating the most.

Compared to the long-term mean, the Cape experienced a slight reduction of ~4 hours, with the Langkloof being far cooler and accumulating ~22 hours less.





Rainfall

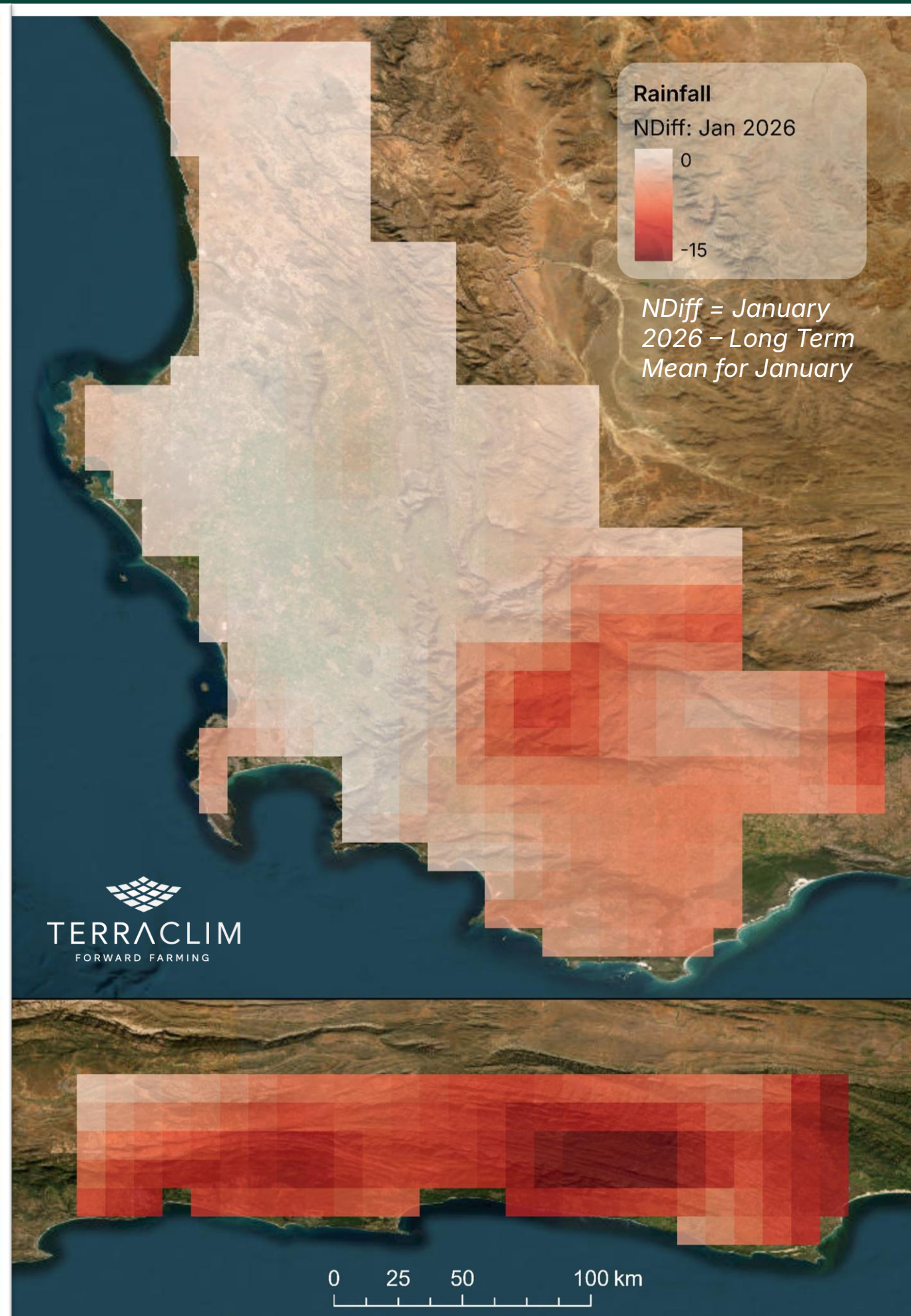




RAINFALL

The total rainfall for January 2026 ranged between 0 – 40 mm across the Cape and was mostly concentrated over the Langkloof.

Compared to the long-term average, the Cape received less rainfall this January with an average reduction of ~5mm while the Langkloof was even drier, averaging around ~11 mm less.



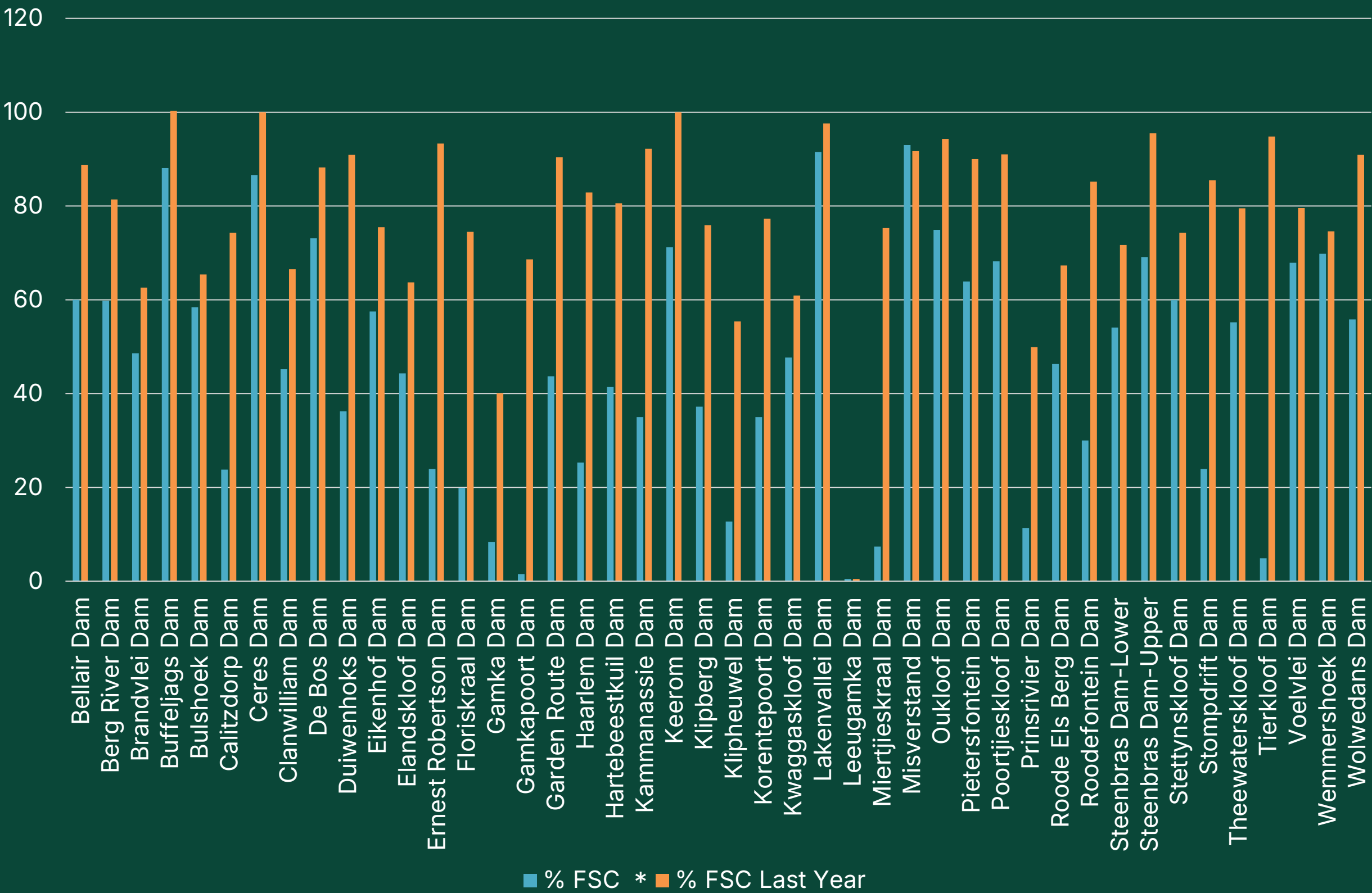
Current Level:

52,7% as of February 2nd, 2026.
Last year, this time, dam levels
were sitting at 74.9%.

*This data is sourced from the
Department of Water and
Sanitation.*

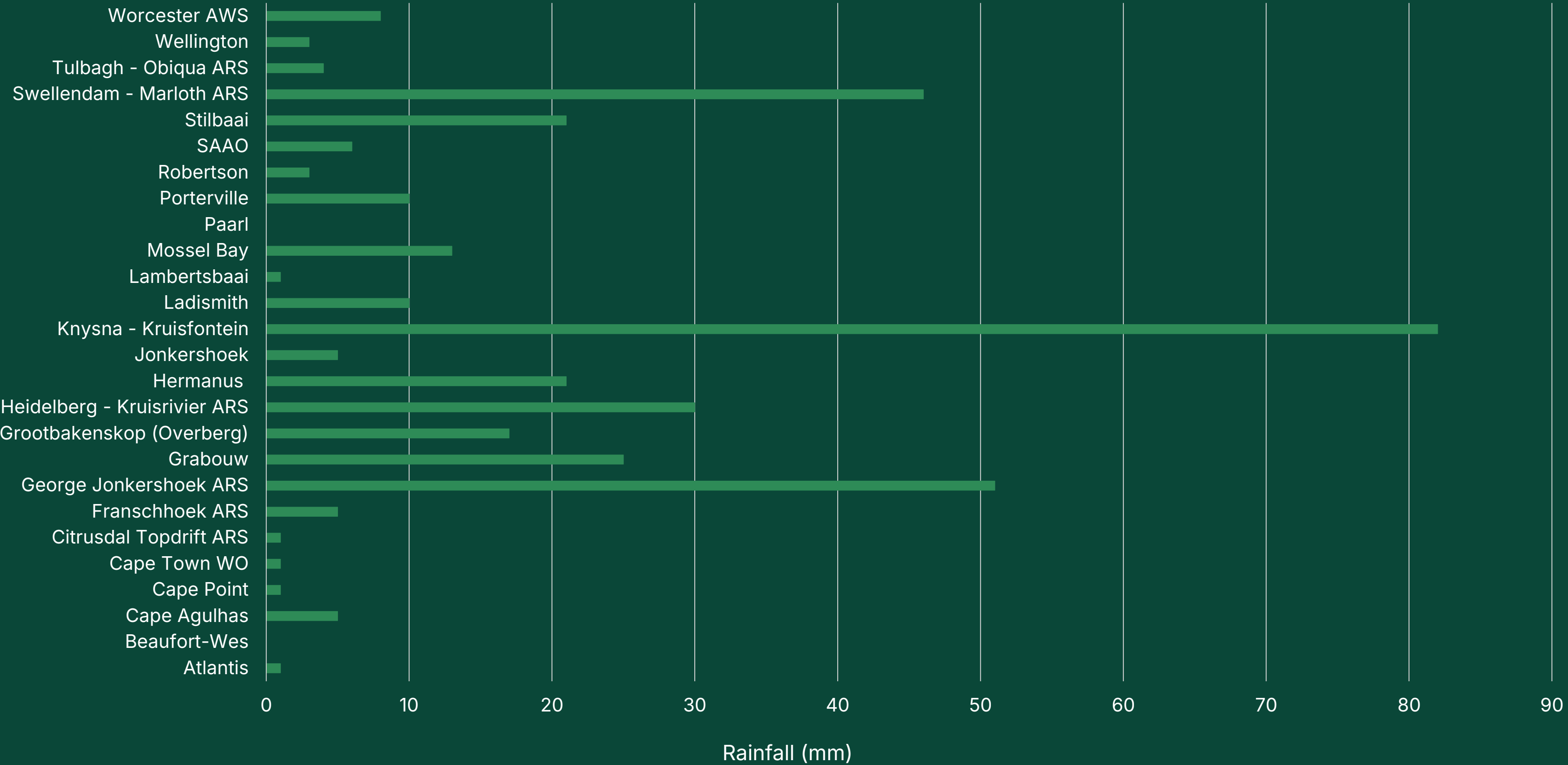


State of Western Cape Dams



*Full Supply Capacity

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Heat Units and Growing Degree Days



MONTHLY HEAT UNITS (HU) & GROWING DEGREE DAYS (GDD) for 1 - 31 JANUARY: 2025/26

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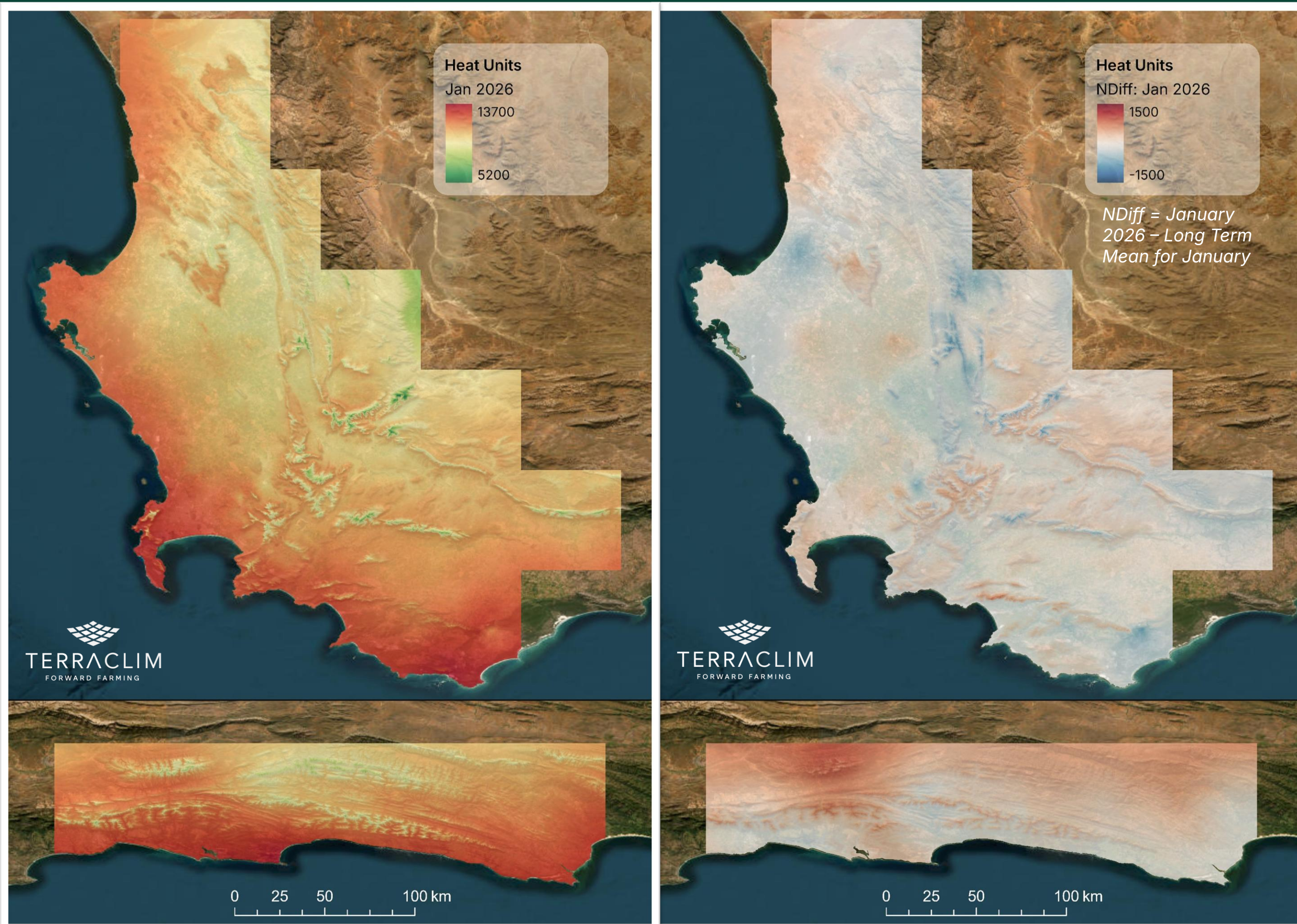
Area	GDD				HEAT UNITS			
	2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25	
Avontuur (Langkloof)	250	251	1	▲	5769	5935	167	▲
Elgin**	255	277	22	▲	6323	6919	596	▲
Ermelo	304	295	-9	▼	6774	6407	-367	▼
Franschhoek	403	439	36	▲	9373	9911	538	▲
Greyton	391	404	13	▲	8845	9339	494	▲
Joubertina (Langkloof)	340	340	0	-	7958	8080	122	▲
Koue Bokkeveld**	290	310	21	▲	7563	8196	633	▲
Ladismith	397	387	-10	▼	8988	8887	-100	▼
Misgund (Langkloof)**	252	262	9	▲	6162	6499	336	▲
Montagu	433	433	0	-	10081	10127	46	▲
Nuy	354	395	41	▲	9052	9741	688	▲
Piketberg	320	358	37	▲	7831	8858	1027	▲
Robertson**	401	417	17	▲	9392	9801	409	▲
Simondium	387	417	30	▲	9006	9633	627	▲
Stellenbosch	369	402	33	▲	8711	9209	498	▲
Tulbagh	391	422	30	▲	9131	9879	748	▲
Villiersdorp	352	368	16	▲	8091	8319	228	▲
Vrystaat	322	336	14	▲	7286	6727	-559	▼
Vyeboom**	357	370	13	▲	8102	8441	339	▲
Waterberg	407	379	-28	▼	9400	8703	-697	▼
WBV – Noord	359	416	58	▲	8905	10148	1244	▲
WBV – Suid**	367	378	12	▲	9228	9714	486	▲
Wellington**	412	451	39	▲	8979	10088	1109	▲
Wolseley	402	442	40	▲	9059	10214	1155	▲

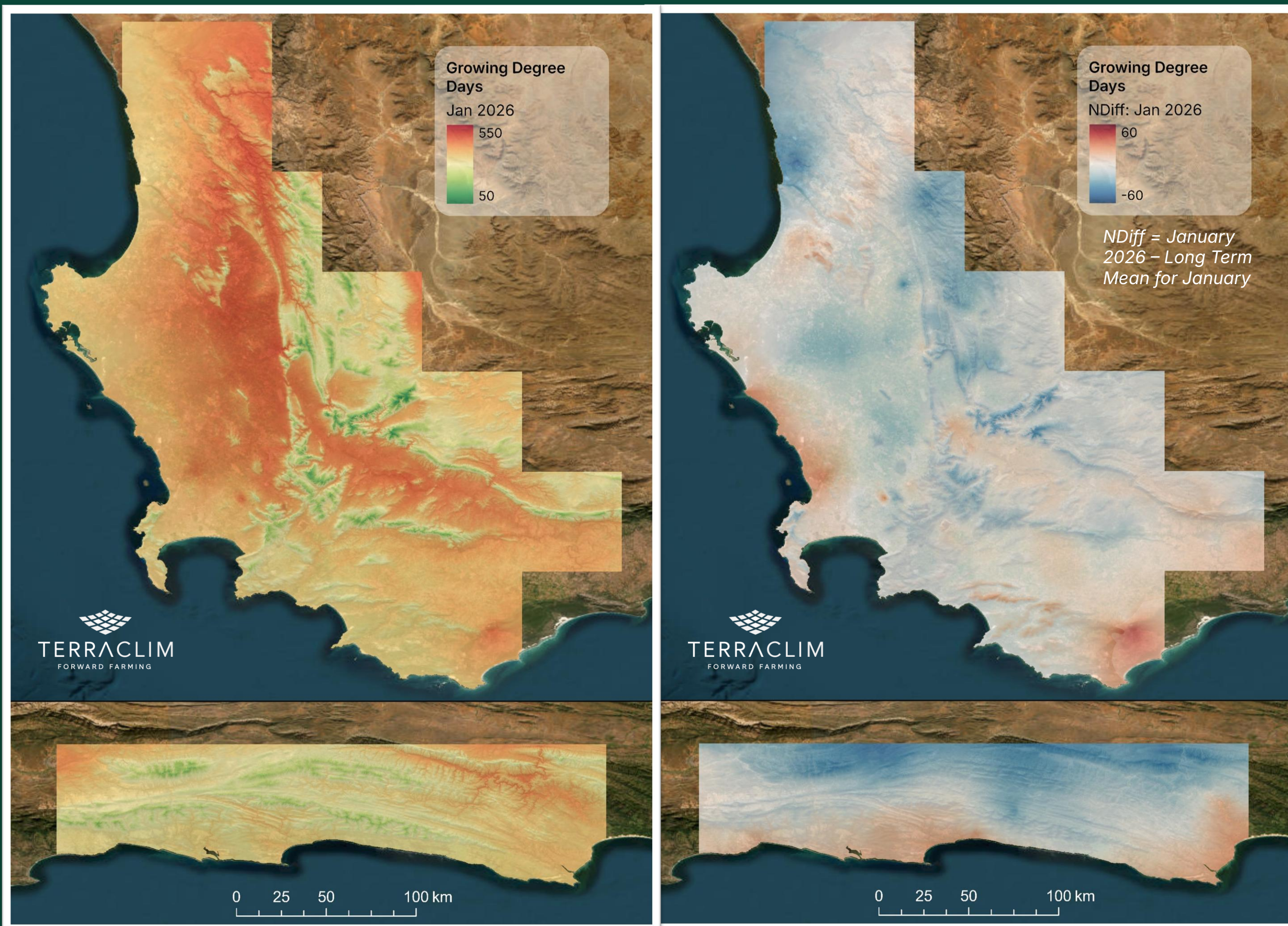


HEAT UNITS (JANUARY 2026)

The heat units (HU) for January 2026 ranged between 5200 – 13 700 HU. This accumulation was largely concentrated over the coastal areas.

The Cape experienced slightly below-average heat accumulation with an average reduction of ~100 HU. On the other hand, the Langkloof experienced an average increase of ~450 HU during this period.





GROWING DEGREE DAYS (JANUARY 2026)



The growing degree days for January 2026 ranged between 50 – 550 GDD.

The West Coast and Overberg regions received more growing days this period, with around ~430 GDD, while the rest of the Cape averaged around ~380 GDD. Compared to the long-term mean, the Cape accumulated around ~10 fewer growing days.

ACCUMULATED HEAT UNITS (HU) & GROWING DEGREE DAYS (GDD) for 1 JULY - 31 JANUARY: 2025/26

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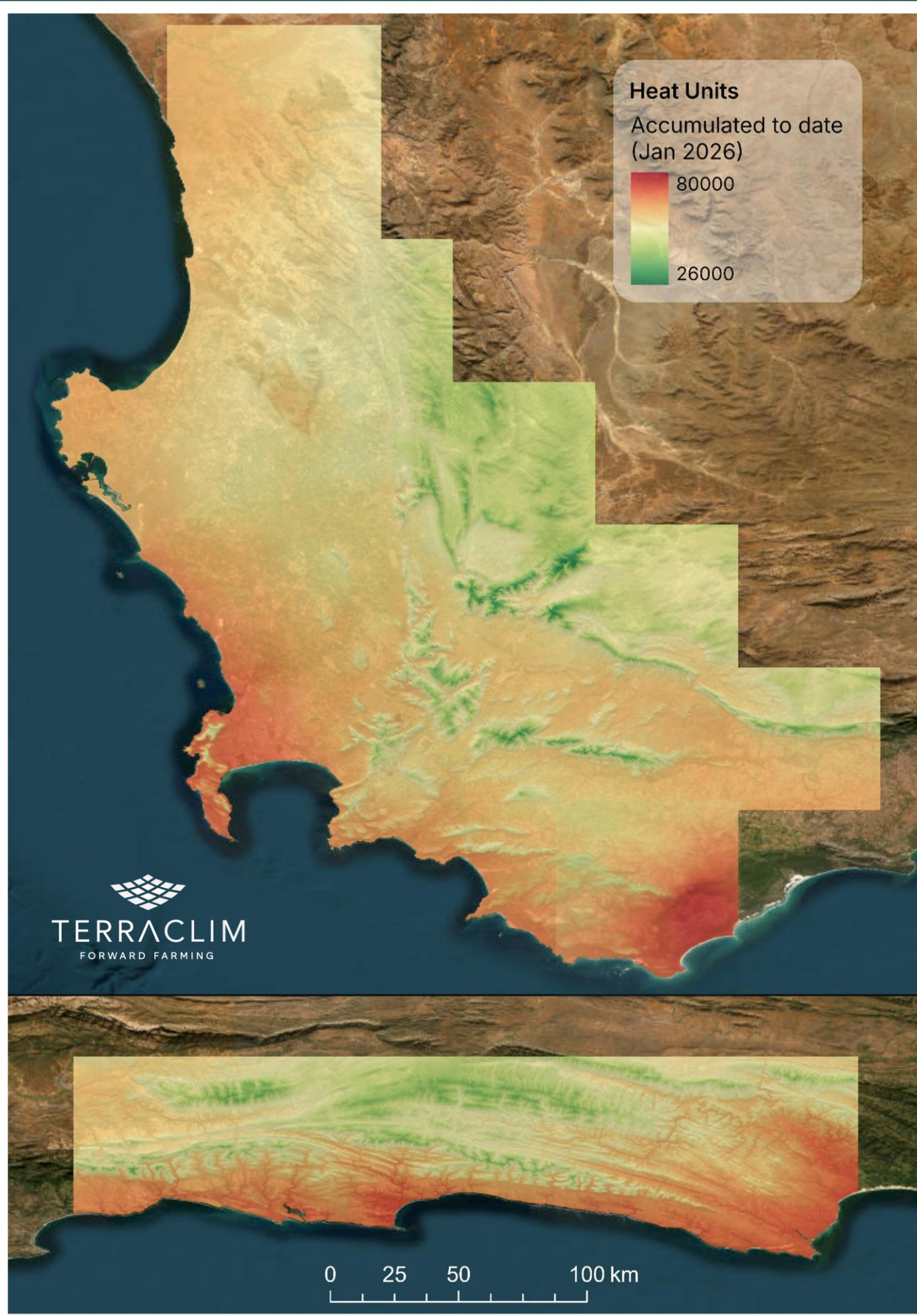
Area	GDD				HEAT UNITS			
	2025	2026	26 vs 25		2025	2026	26 vs 25	
Avontuur (Langkloof)	695	798	103	▲	22420	24637	2217	▲
Elgin**	1208	1010	-198	▼	28326	29030	704	▲
Ermelo	1585	1361	-224	▼	36725	31097	-5628	▼
Franschhoek	1673	1943	270	▲	38885	44043	5158	▲
Greyton	1513	1691	178	▲	35376	39824	4448	▲
Joubertina (Langkloof)	1187	1378	191	▲	30780	34388	3608	▲
Koue Bokkeveld**	714	968	254	▲	26145	32684	6539	▲
Ladismith	1465	1627	162	▲	35333	38587	3254	▲
Misgund (Langkloof)**	896	859	-37	▼	24619	27281	2662	▲
Montagu	1556	1718	162	▲	39422	43618	4196	▲
Nuy	1317	1499	182	▲	36642	40974	4332	▲
Piketberg	1153	1361	208	▲	31650	37390	5740	▲
Robertson**	1478	1726	248	▲	34925	42776	7851	▲
Simondium	1590	1834	244	▲	37264	42701	5437	▲
Stellenbosch	1454	1695	241	▲	35651	40130	4479	▲
Tulbagh	1523	1660	137	▲	37185	41120	3935	▲
Villiersdorp	1398	1561	163	▲	33272	36466	3194	▲
Vrystaat	1372	1268	-104	▼	34347	29188	-5159	▼
Vyeboom**	1217	1560	343	▲	28645	36564	7919	▲
Waterberg	2314	2007	-307	▼	55603	48090	-7513	▼
WBV – Noord	1229	1554	325	▲	34722	41712	6990	▲
WBV – Suid**	1169	1448	279	▲	33870	40055	6185	▲
Wellington**	1895	1879	-16	▼	44410	42134	-2276	▼
Wolseley	1659	1808	149	▲	38442	43189	4747	▲



ACCUMULATED HEAT UNITS (JANUARY 2026)

The accumulated heat units to date (January 2026) ranged between 26 000 - 80 000 HU.

Higher accumulations were observed across the City of Cape Town, Overberg and coastal Langkloof regions. Compared to the long-term mean, the Cape experienced slightly warmer conditions (~100 HU more), while the Langkloof experienced a larger increase of ~2000 HU.

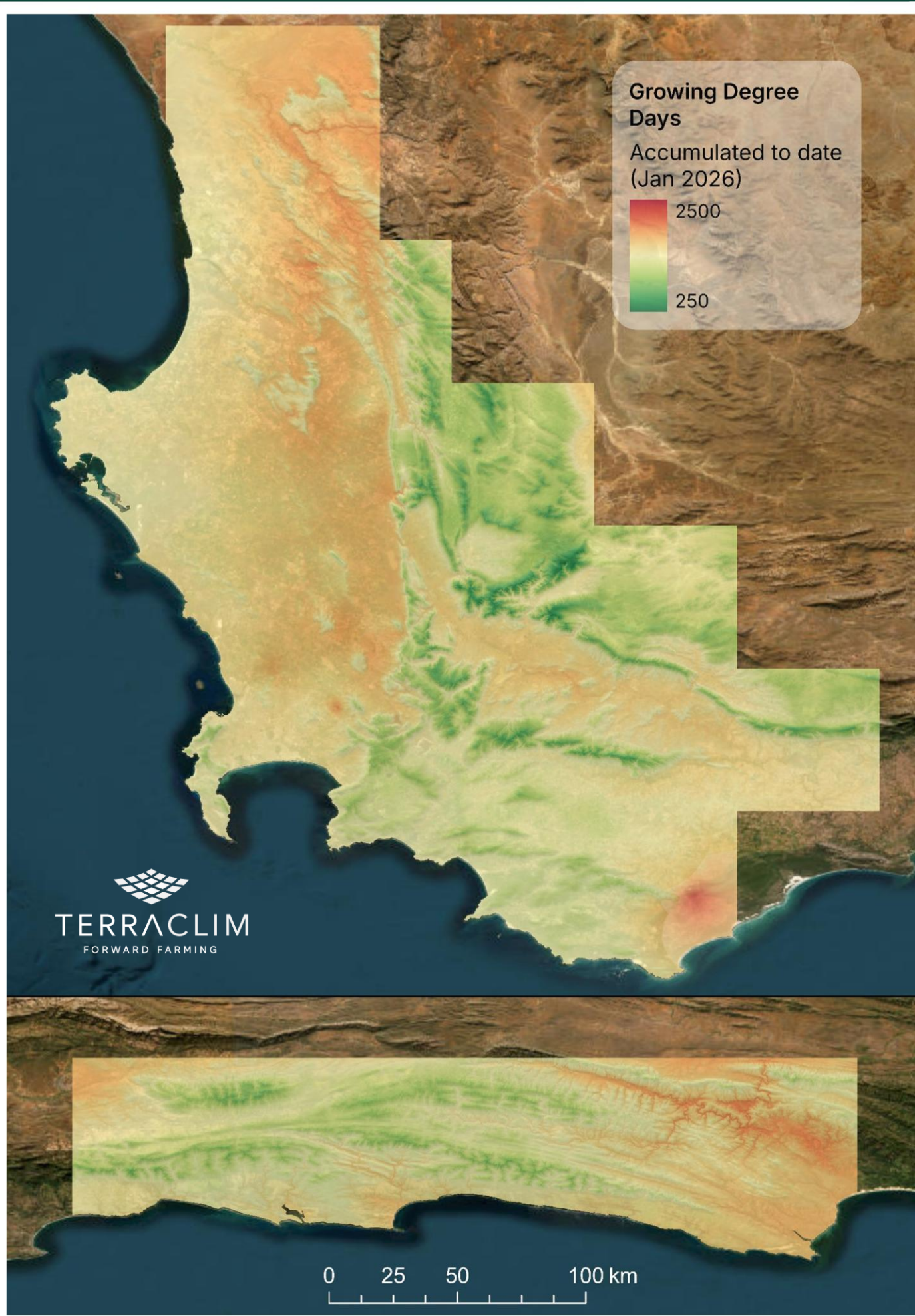




ACCUMULATED GROWING DEGREE DAYS (JANUARY 2026)

The accumulated growing days to date (January 2026) ranged between 250 – 2500 GDD. The West Coast, Overberg and eastern Langkloof experienced more growing days.

Compared to the long-term mean, the Cape received more growing days, with an average increase of ~80 GDD and ~65 GDD in Langkloof.



Stations used in this report (1 - 31 January): 2025/26

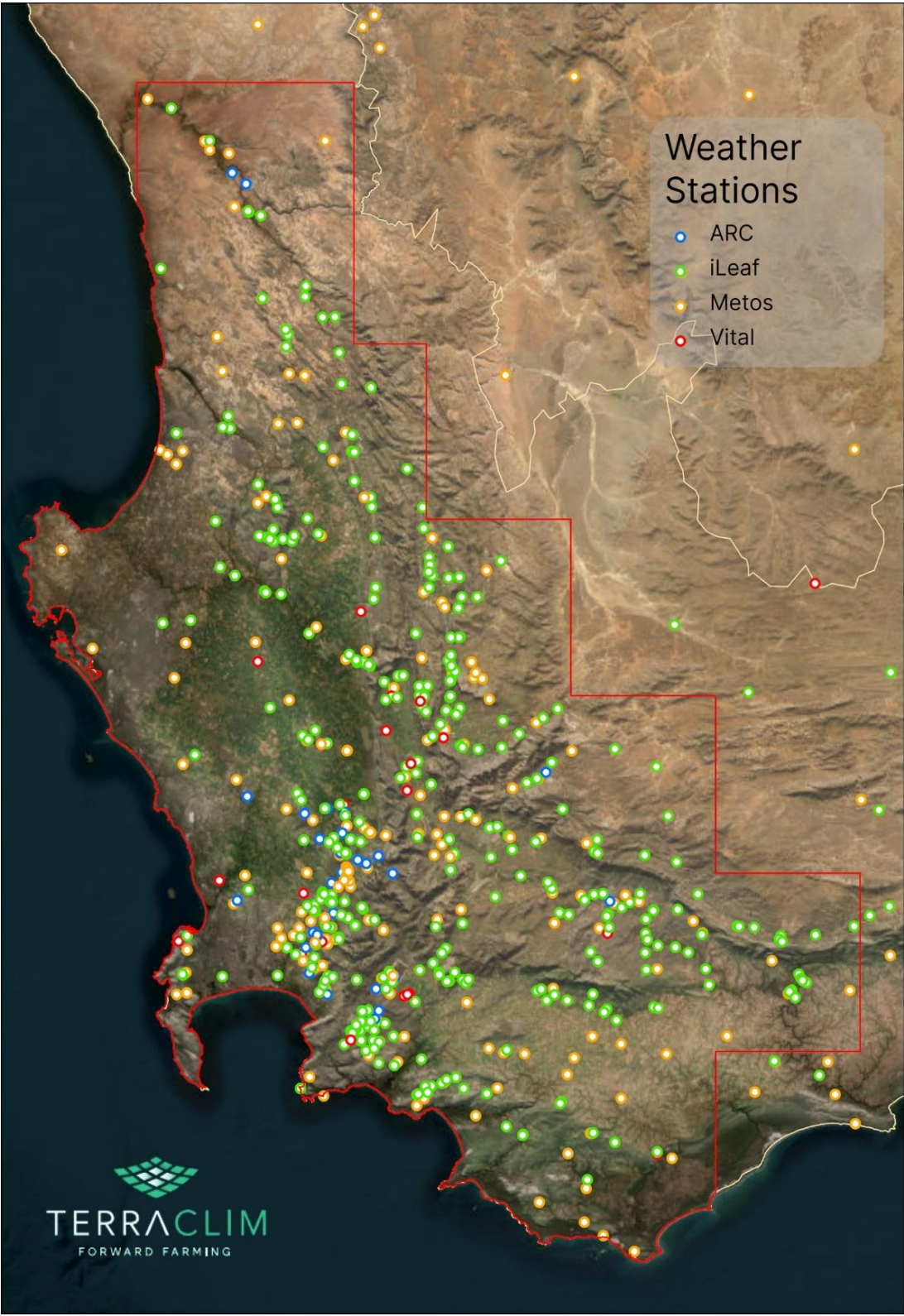
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Area	Station (2026)
Avontuur (Langkloof)	Avontuur
Elgin**	Beaulieu
Ermelo	Voorsorg
Franschhoek	La Motte
Greyton	Greyton
Joubertina (Langkloof)	Joubertina
Koue Bokkeveld**	Bronaar Alto
Ladismith	R2C Ladismith
Misgund (Langkloof)**	JG Stewart
Montagu	Derdeheuwel/Baden
Nuy	La Motte Rivier
Piketberg	Moutons Valley
Robertson**	La Colline
Simondium	Simonsvlei Landgoed
Stellenbosch	Kanonkop1
Tulbagh	Waveren Berries
Villiersdorp	Villiersdorp
Vrystaat	Lettie
Vyeboom**	Graymead
Waterberg	Waterberg Berries
WBV – Noord	Lushof
WBV – Suid**	Edenville cirrus50
Wellington**	Olyvenboom
Wolseley	Platvlei

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