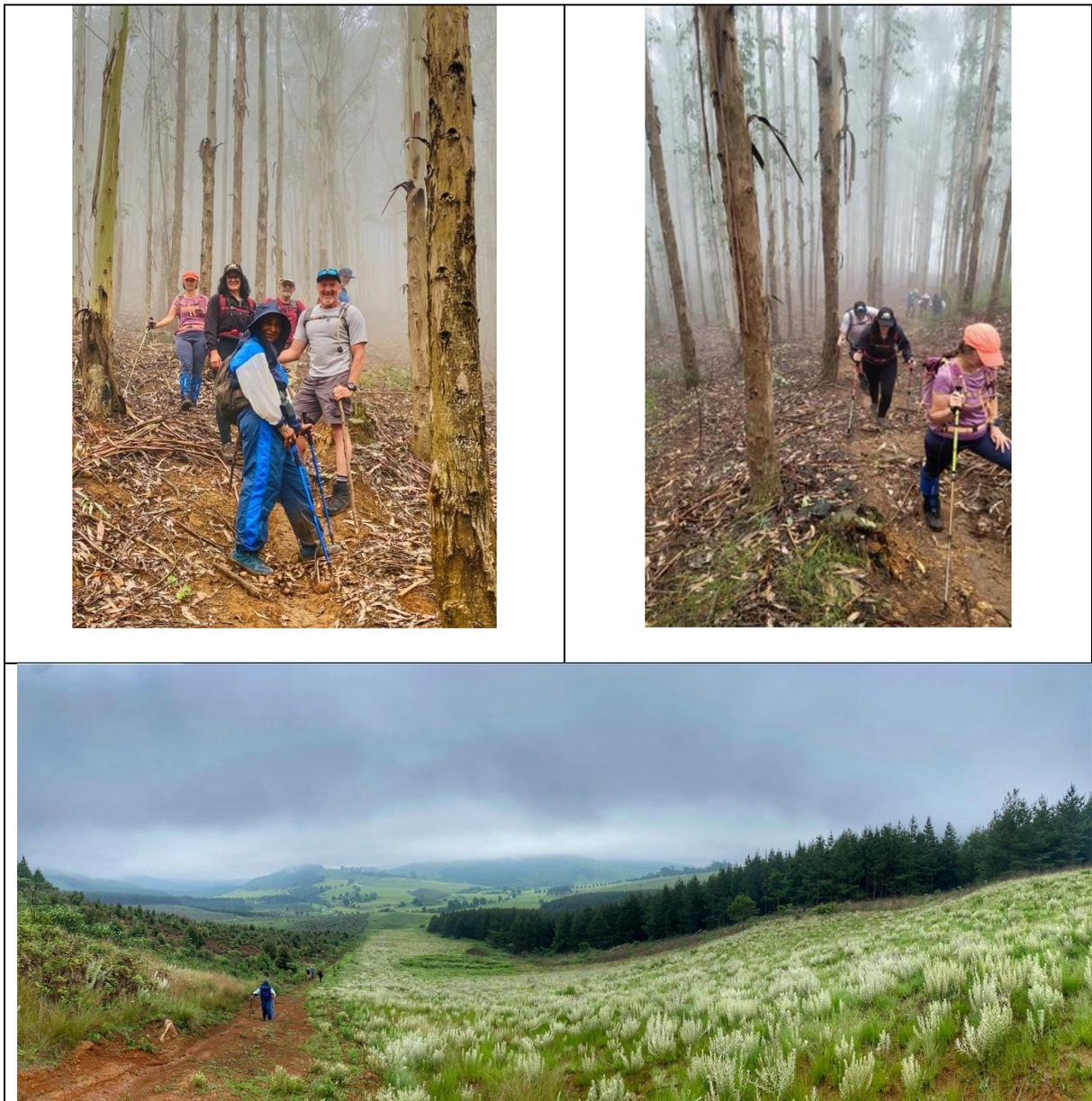


## Hike Report – Tekwani Hike on 22 November 2025

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I had been advised by the forester a few days prior that conditions were very wet, so we met at the entrance the plantation and nine of us piled into two 4X4 vehicles to continue the drive down to the container house on the bank of the uMgeni River. The conditions were misty and cool when we started the hike, which was a godsend because the first third of the hike is a long climb of 300m in ascent. The final steep climb through the Bluegum trees is always a challenge, but all of our small group rose to the challenge and reached the top without too many breaks to catch our breath.



Unfortunately the mist obscured the magnificent view that we usually have on this hike down the uMgeni Valley. We took a breakfast break in the forest next to a stream. Unfortunately the stream was dry, which is unusual for this time of the year. The trail took us further up to join a forest road. We took the upper road and came across a some horses in the plantation with a small foal that Tanya managed to photograph:



We dropped down onto the lower road which gave us a view of the waterfall up on the ridge above us and took a break at the point where the water from the waterfall collects at a weir and flows across the road:



The next stop was at another stream that tumbles down the side of the mountain. By that stage, the weather had warmed up considerably and a refreshing splash in the water was a welcome relief from the heat and humidity.



After that, it was downhill all of the way along forestry roads until we arrived back at the uMgeni River where everyone took the opportunity to cool off, before heading home.



Additional photos of natural fauna and fauna taken along the way, are shown below

