

## Stakeholder meeting South Africa 19 August 2009

The BSI was invited to make a short presentation and provide opportunity for discussion about the Better Sugarcane Initiative at a South African Sugarcane Research Institute Extension Indaba.

This was held at the Karkloof Conservanry Venue in the midlands of KwaZulu Natal and was attended by L6 Extension officers, one representative from Ezemvelo Wildlife (the regional conservation authority) and one from WWF SA.

Peter Turner on behalf of the BSI, presented an overview of the Better Sugarcane Initiative and the current status of the standard and stage of development. Some of the aspects discussed included - rationale, membership, use of metrics in the standard, indicator suitability, integration with local sustainability systems and some discussion around possible benefits to certification.

The Biodiversity Stewardship programme developed by Ezemvelo Wildlife was also discussed briefly in which land owners who committed their land to various levels of conservation would receive recognition for this in various ways including to the extent of rates and tax incentives.