

**MUT poised to add value towards conservation and tourism**

MUT's Department of Nature Conservation has been growing exponentially through the introduction of new qualifications in Nature Conservation. During the past five years the department has made noteworthy progress in these qualifications: the Bachelor of Technology, Advanced Diploma, Postgraduate Diploma and Master's degree in Nature Conservation.

Professor Peter Small, head of the Nature Conservation department, has been employed at MUT for more than 30 years. This has put him at an advantage to drive his strategy of aligning MUT with the National Development Plan. He said at the time, "MUT is the first among other universities of technology to

offer the Advanced Diploma in Nature Conservation and a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Health. From 2017 the faculty will offer a Master's programme in Nature Conservation, a first for a university of technology in South Africa."

MUT Nature Conservation graduates are at the forefront of water conservation, marine coastal management and fresh water management. With the first Master's class having graduated on 19 April, MUT's research will intensify in order to make further contributions to the NDP 2030.



MUT Nature Conservation graduates with senior members of the department

**Black Panther movie inspires ethnic attire at the MUT graduation 2018**

One would have thought they were on Instagram or Twitter following #WakandaCameToSlay #BlackPanther when a number of Black Panther-inspired outfits were sported by our graduands throughout the five-day period of graduation ceremonies.

Commenting on the impact of the Black Panther film on the African mindset, one of the speakers during graduation, Ms Nelisiwe Magubane, said that big things are set to come out of Africa during the 4th Industrial Revolution. As portrayed in Black Panther, the world has come to appreciate the possibilities arising in Africa. How we want to be seen in our African attire is one of those possibilities, and signals a start in another direction.



Black Panther - inspired attire

**MUT graduation 2018 reflected the country's multicultures**

