

## PROF ANDRÉ DRENTH EXPLORES TREE HEALTH ISSUES IN THE WESTERN CAPE

Prof André Drenth of the University of Queensland, a close collaborator and advisor on many FABI projects, joined Prof. Mike Wingfield on a short visit to inspect various tree disease issues in the Western Cape Province.



They inspected natural forest and fynbos sites in various parts of the Cape Peninsula for diseases such as the ongoing and dramatic die-back of *Virgilia oroboides* and the invasion of the fynbos by pathogens such as *Phytophthora cinnamomi*. The visit also included discussions on pathogens of the Proteaceae that potentially threaten the natural ecosystems of Australia.