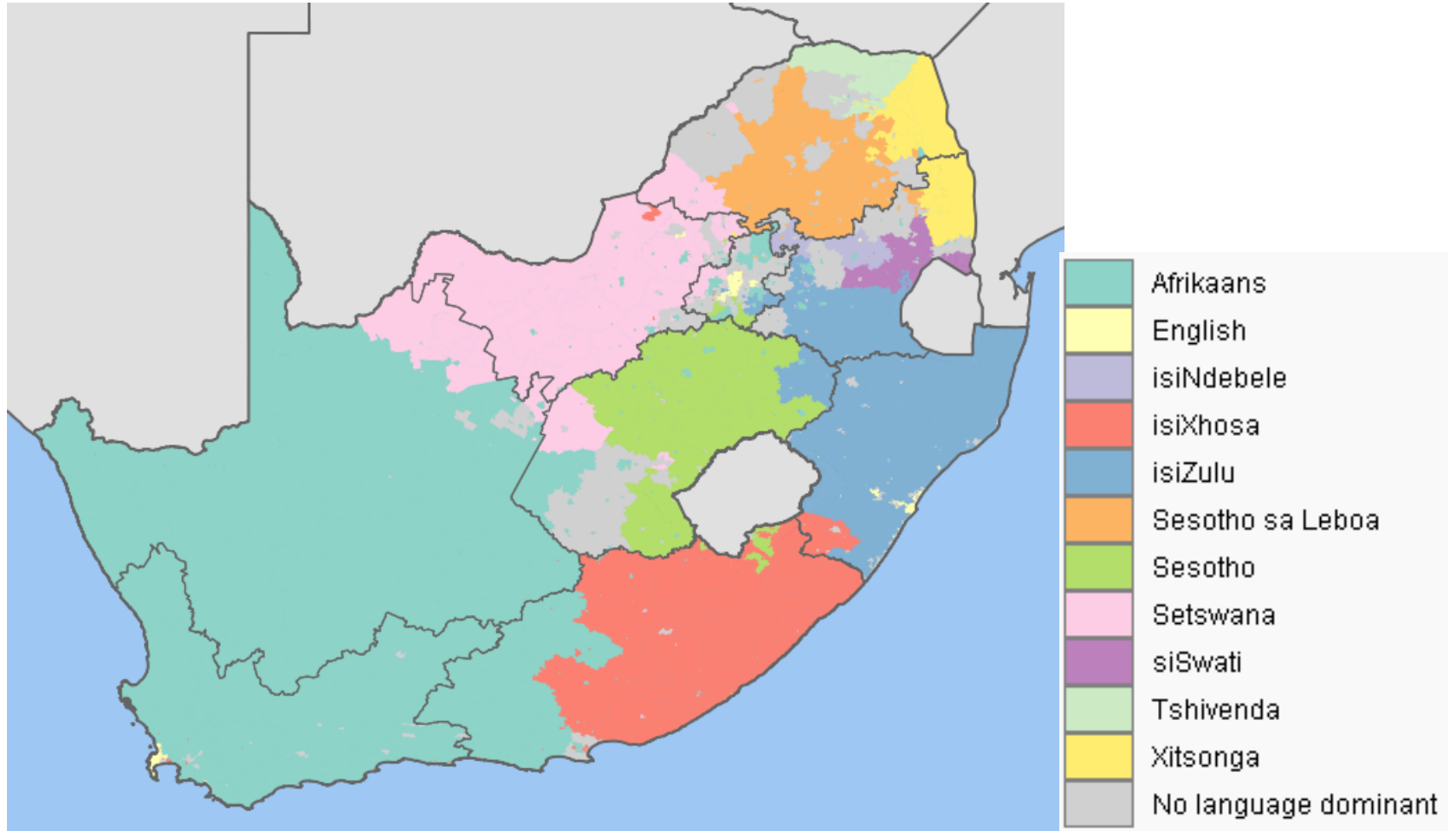


Language shift in South Africa

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Languages of South Africa



Khoisan languages

- Indigenous languages
 - San (Bushmen)
 - Khoi/Khoe (Hottentots)

Indian languages

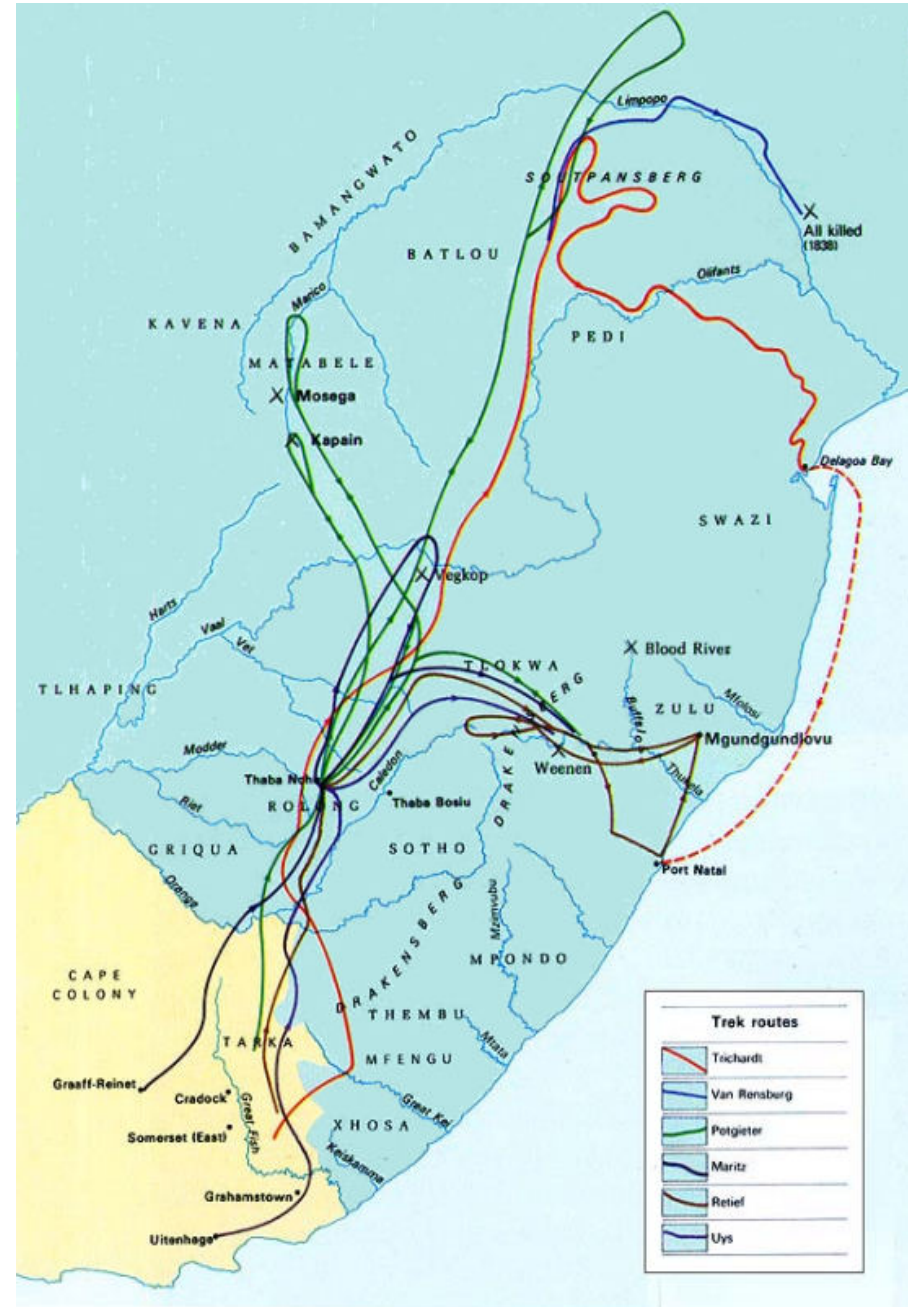
- Indentured labourers
 - Tamil
 - Hindi
 - Gujerathi
 - Urdu
- South African Indian English (SAIE)

Heritage languages of European origin

- French
 - Huguenots
- German
- Italian
- Portuguese

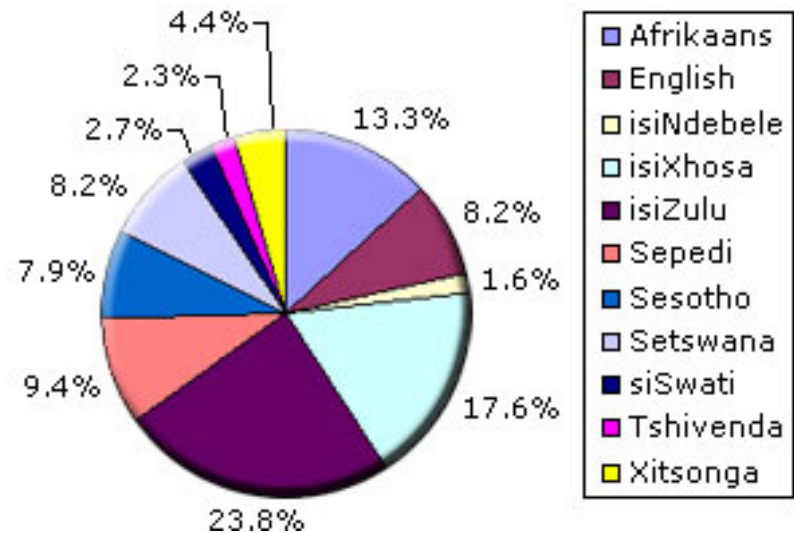
Afrikaans

- Dutch settlers (1652)
 - Dutch (Nederlands)
 - German
 - French
 - Khoi
 - English
 - Bantu languages
- Domination by English



African languages

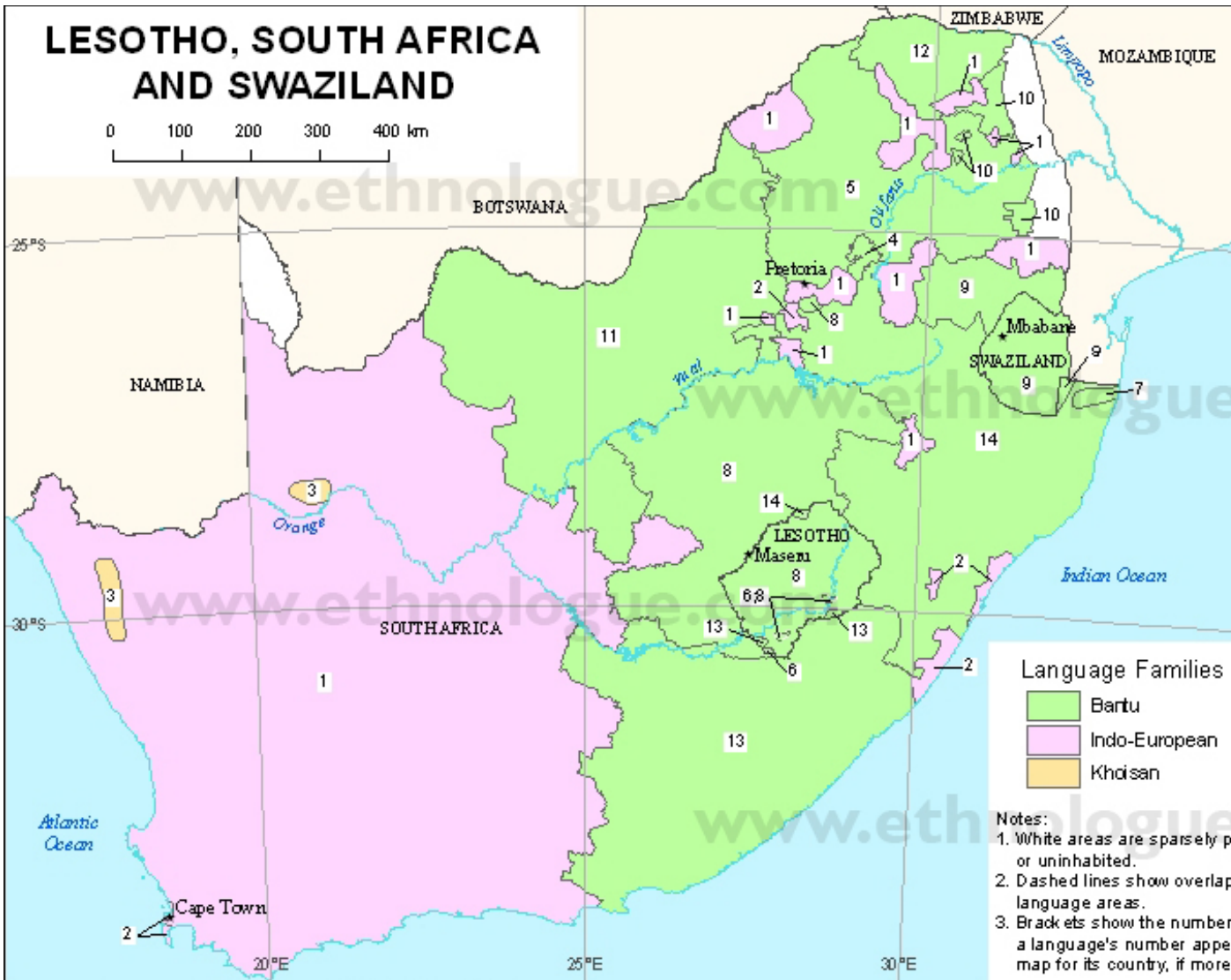
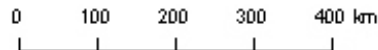
- Zulu
- Xhosa
- Siswati
- Ndebele
- Southern Sotho
- Tswana
- Northern Sotho/ Sepedi
- Tsonga
- Venda



Reversal of shift

- Joshua Fishman
- Afrikaans
- African languages

LESOTHO, SOUTH AFRICA AND SWAZILAND



- LESOTHO**
 6 Phuthi (2)
 8 Southern Sotho (2)
 13 Xhosa (2)
 14 Zulu

- SOUTH AFRICA**
 1 Afrikaans (11)
 2 English (4)
 3 Nama (2)
 4 Ndebele
 5 Northern Sotho
 7 Ronga
 8 Southern Sotho (2)
 9 Swati (2)
 10 Tsonga (3)
 11 Tswana
 12 Venda
 13 Xhosa
 14 Zulu

- SWAZILAND**
 9 Swati

OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

LESOTHO:

- English
 - Southern Sotho
- SOUTH AFRICA:**
- Afrikaans
 - English
 - Ndebele
 - Northern Sotho
 - Southern Sotho
 - Swati
 - Tsonga
 - Tswana
 - Venda
 - Xhosa
 - Zulu

SWAZILAND:

- English
- Swati

Language Families

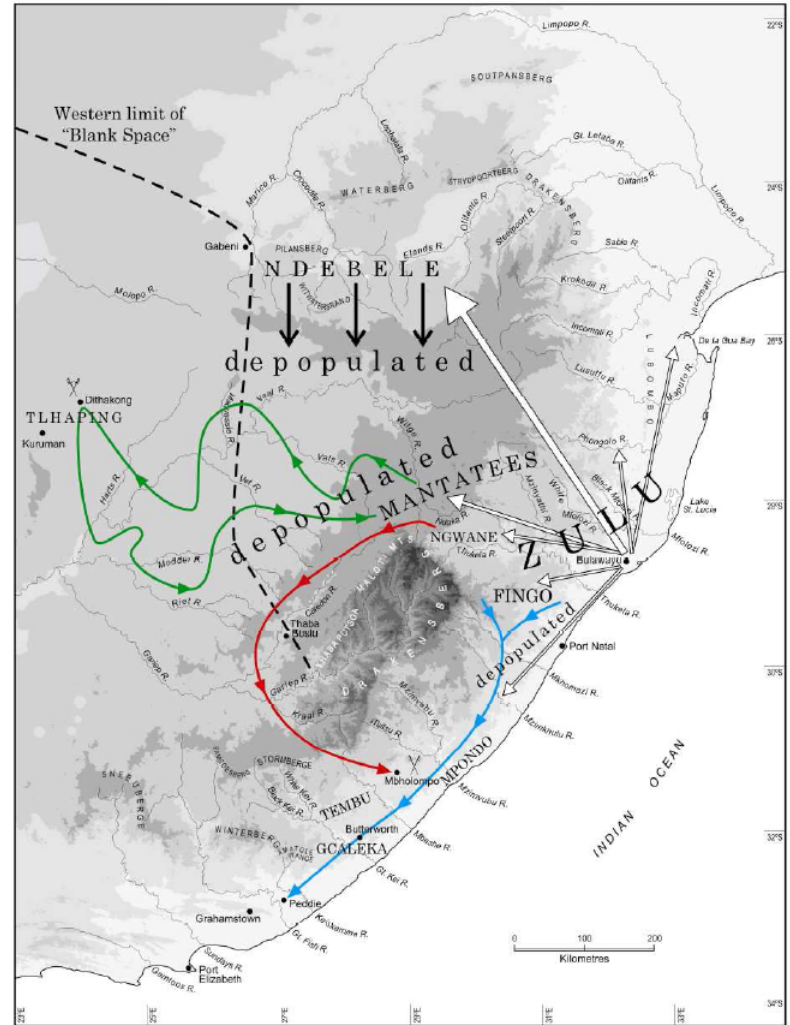
- Bartu
- Indo-European
- Khoisan

Notes:

1. White areas are sparsely populated or uninhabited.
2. Dashed lines show overlap of language areas.
3. Brackets show the number of times a language's number appears on the map for its country, if more than once.

Language data from I.J. Van der Merwe and L.U. Van Niekerk (1994)

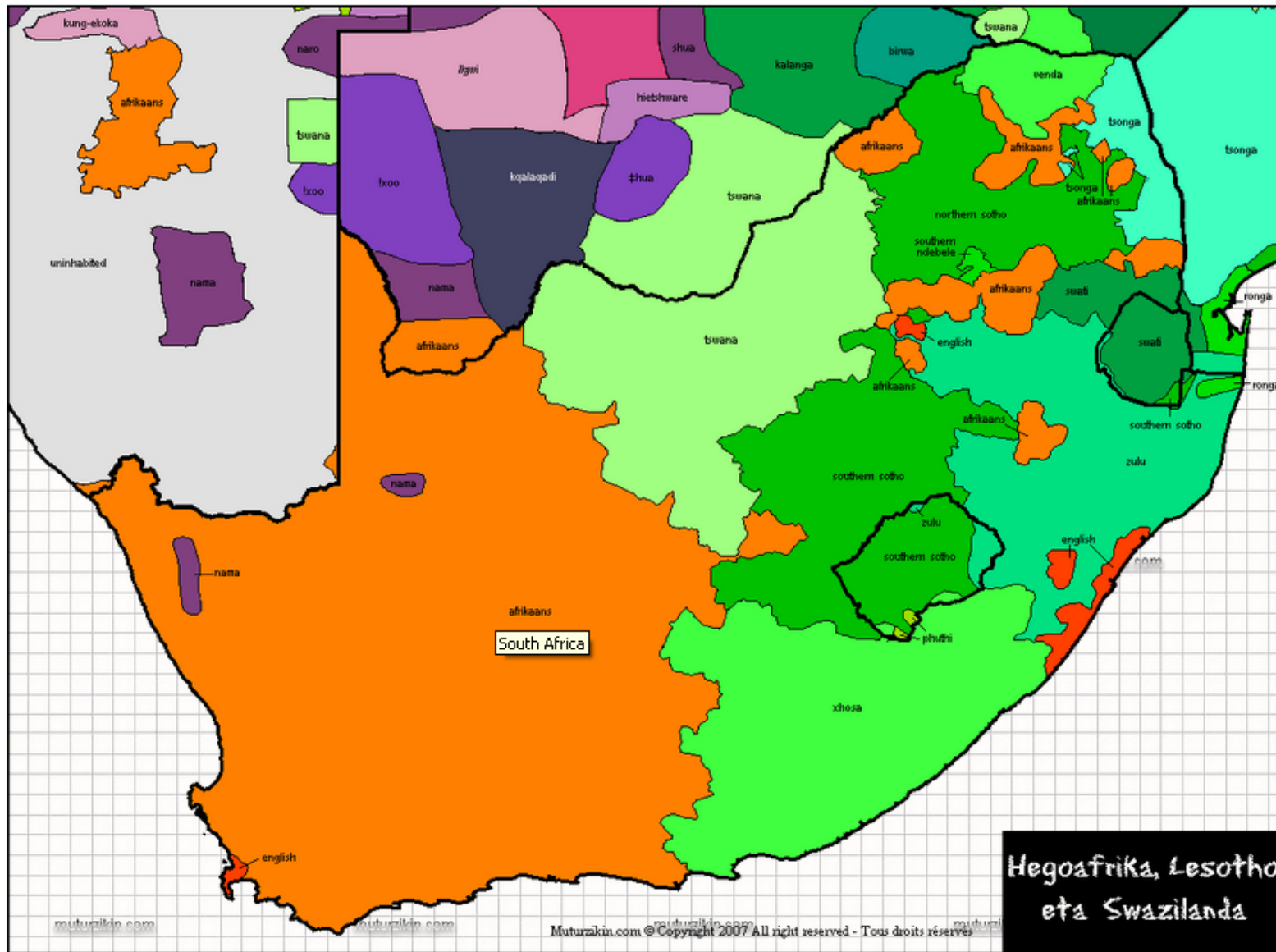
Jürg Emil Richner,
 The Historiographical Development of the
 Concept “mfecane” and the Writing of Early
 Southern African History, from the 1820s to
 1920s, 2005 (MA thesis)



The mfecane narrative as it had developed by 1838, at end of chapter 2.

- = Ndebele depopulations
- = Zulu attacks
- = Ngwane movements
- = Mantatee movements
- = Fingo movements





Familles linguistiques

famille Niger-Congo

famille Indo-Européenne

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famille Khoi-san ou Khoi

famille Austronésienne

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Parc & zone inhabitée

Océan & lac

Hegoafrika, Lesotho
eta Swazilanda