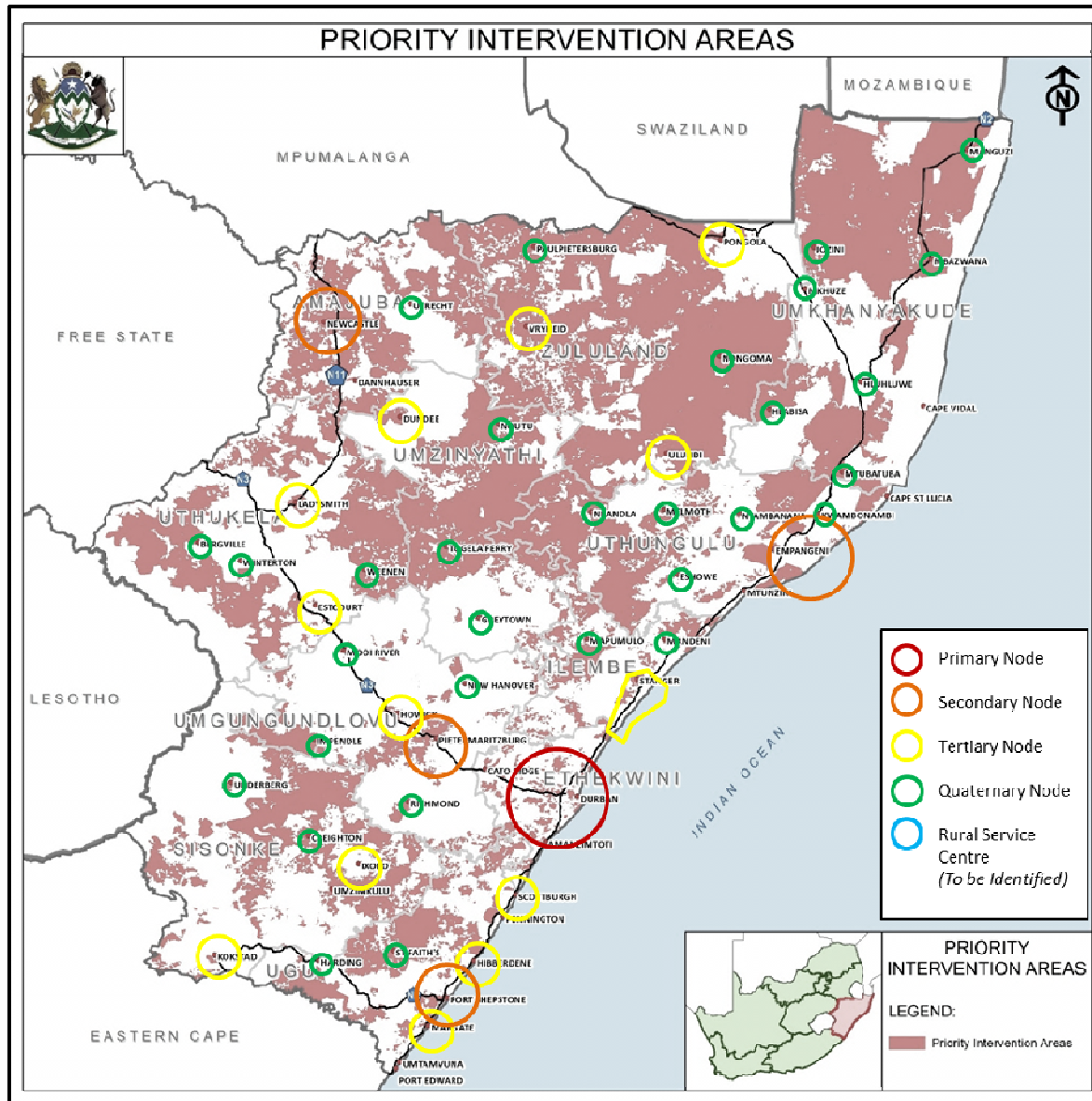


Map 5: KZN Nodal Hierarchy



Given the urbanisation trends as well as the already significant contribution which major urban centres such as eThekweni, Msunduzi and Richards Bay make to the regional economy of the province, as well as the fact that these areas also accommodated concentrations of poverty stricken areas, these centres should not be neglected. The Provincial Spatial Economic Development Strategy (PSEDS) has identified a hierarchy of provincial nodes which contribute strategically to the provincial, regional and local economies as well as service as vital service centres to communities. These nodes, in relation to the Level 1 and 2 Priority Interventions areas, are illustrated on the adjacent map.

It noted that 3 towns within the ZDM area are considered as Provincial Tertiary Nodes, namely Ulundi, Vryheid and Pongola.

The various nodes and their broad intended function and possible interventions are described by the table below:

Intervention Node	Broad Intended Function
<p>Primary Node</p>	<p>Only eThekweni is classified as a Primary Node within the Provincial Context as an urban centre with very high existing economic growth and the potential for expansion thereof. Provides service to the national and provincial economy. The main categories of potential within this node includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Production of high value, differentiated goods, ● Production of labour intensive, mass produced goods, ● Innovation and experimentation, ● Retail and private sector services, ● Tourism, ● Public service and administration
<p>Secondary Nodes</p>	<p>Richards Bay, Msunduzi, Newcastle and Port Shepstone has been identified as provincial Secondary Nodes and thus urban centres with good existing economic development and the potential for growth and services to the regional economy.</p> <p>Key strategic interventions specifically targeted at these nodes might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Primary Economic Growth Area ● Priority Socio-Economic Development Spending ● Promote as Primary Node in support of Corridor Development ● Promote Compact Urban Development & Combat Urban Sprawl ● Promote Focused Investment & Managed Growth

Intervention Node	Broad Intended Function
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Promote Densification (Brown Agenda) and Infill Development ● Provide Economies of Scale for Effective & Affordable Service Delivery ● Infill where High Levels of Services are Available (Restructuring Nodes) ● Increased Residential Density (number of dwellings) ● Promote provision of sufficient Bulk Infrastructure Services (Demand & Supply) ● Priority spending on Infrastructural Upgrading Needs (New & Maintain) ● Promote Effective & Efficient Public Transportation Systems linked to Multi Modal Facilities ● Single Land Use Management System (Township Formalization)
<p>Tertiary Nodes</p>	<p>These nodes are mainly centres which should provide service to the sub-regional economy and community needs and is represented by the following towns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pongola ● Vryheid, ● Ulundi, ● Dundee, ● Ladysmith, ● Estcourt, ● Howick, ● Kwadukuza, ● Ixopo, ● Scottburgh,