

## **CLIMATIC ZONE 5: SUB-TROPICAL COASTAL**

East London; Durban; Richards Bay Data referenced

**HOLM Subtropical** NAPIER Subtropical Coast VAN LENGEN Humid Tropics

## **CLIMATE = DESIGN PRINCIPLES**

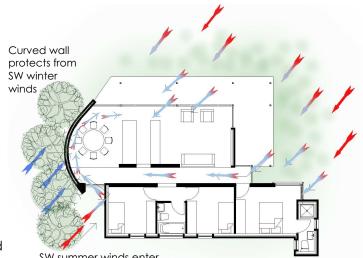
- •HUMIDITY: High humidity problematic= cross ventilation required
- •RAIN: Eaves protection from rain and sun to entrance and outdoor social areas required -
  - •EQ window = 16% of floor area
- •TEMPERATURES: High = COOLING imperative; lightweight building envelope that can cool down rapidly at night
- •High solar radiation = west facade shaded and buffer zones
  - •High soil temperatures = minimal ground contact
- •WIND: Summer = SW & NE and Winter= SW predominantly
- •LANDSCAPING: planted surfaces cool air for ventilation

## **DESIGN APPLICATION**

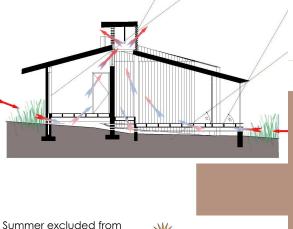
This house was designed primarily for efficient ventilation, with a passage that runs the length of the house and draws in both NE and SW winds through the house to cool down the interior and the structure. The removal of hot air is further aided by vents at high level in the passage which draw out hot air. This stack effect is increased by adding a dark coloured roof on the passage which heats the air under it and increases the removal of air out.

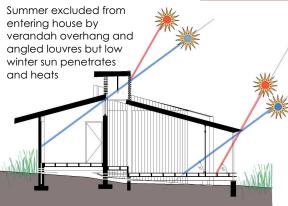
In terms of structure the house is designed with a lightweight structure which can cool rapidly at night, and the floor is further removed off the ground to both further cool the floor and prevent heat from the soil radiating into the house.

All rooms either have North facing EQ windows sized as per the data above or in the case of the south facing roof are sized to act as EQ windows. Note that the depth of the veranda that wraps around the living area is such that it allows winter sun to penetrate the living area whilst blocking the summer sun. Similarly the overhangs over both the clerestory windows are designed to exclude direct summer sun. The main bedroom window has been designed with shutters that have the same effect.



through open vents and dispersed into house by curved wall





back bedrooms high level clerestory windows under the

architects and garden designers

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