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I&AP Database

NOTE: the names in RED text are additions to the database.

Organisation	Name	Surname	Organisation Interest
Amajuba District Municipality	M	Pumes	Commenting Authority
City of uMhlathuze	Sharin	Govender	Information
City of uMhlathuze Local Municipality	Admin		Commenting Authority
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:	Zamalanga	Langa	Competent Authority
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Nyiko	Nkosi	Competent Authority
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Ephron	Maradwa	Competent Authority
DAFF	Izak	Van Der Merwe	Competent Authority
DEFF: Climate Change and Air Quality Management	Ms Dineo	Ngobeni	Competent Authority
DEFF: Climate Change Monitoring and Evaluation	Jongikhaya	Witi	Competent Authority
DEFF: Climate Change Adaptation:	Tlou	Ramaru	Competent Authority
DEFF: Air Quality Management	Thulie	Khumalo	Competent Authority
DEFF: Protected Areas Systems Management	Skumsa	Mancotywa	Competent Authority
DEFF: Biodiversity Specialist Monitoring and Services	Wadzi	Mandivenyi	Competent Authority
DEFF: Biodiversity Economy and Sustainable Use	Khorommbi	Matibe	Competent Authority
DEFF: Oceans and Coasts	Chumani	Mangcu	Competent Authority
DEFF: Oceans and Coasts Specialist Monitoring Services	Lisolomzi	Fikizolo	Competent Authority
DEFF: Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring	Sabelo	Malaza	Competent Authority
DEFF: Regulatory Compliance and Sector Monitoring	Ranjini	Pillay	Competent Authority
DEFF: Law Reform and Appeals	Linda	Garlipp	Competent Authority
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Fisheries Management	Siphokazi	Ndundane	Commenting Authority
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Cetane	Veronica	Mangala	Commenting Authority
Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries	Chris	Wilkie	Commenting Authority
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries	Deon	Durholtz	Commenting Authority
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Fisheries Operational Support	Sue	Middleton	Commenting Authority
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Fisheries Research and Development	Justice	Matshili	Commenting Authority
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries: Resources Research	Kim	Prochazka	Commenting Authority
Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries:Resource Research	Janet	Coetzee	Commenting Authority
Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism	Ntomboxolo	Boni	Commenting Authority
Department of Environmental Affairs	Milicent	Solomons	Commenting Authority
Department of Environmental Affairs	Nosipho	Ngcaba	
Department of Environmental Affairs	Dee	Fischer	Information
Department of Environmental Affairs	Londeka	Ngcobo	
Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts	Nosipho	Peterson	Commenting Authority
General Biodiversity and Conservation	Shonisani	Munzhedzi	Commenting Authority

Organisation	Name	Surname	Organisation Interest
Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts	Gqobani	Popose	Commenting Authority
Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts	Jonas	Mphepya	Commenting Authority
Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts	Andy	Cockcroft	Commenting Authority
Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts	Mike	Meyer	Commenting Authority
Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts	Herman	Oosthuizen	Commenting Authority
Department of Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts	Alan	Boyd	Commenting Authority
Elephant Lake Group	Deon	Steyn	Information
eThekwini Municipality	Peron	Amein	Commenting Authority
eThekwini Municipality	Sean	O'Donoghue	Commenting Authority
eThekwini Municipality	Sipho	Nzuza	Commenting Authority
eThekwini Municipality	Chumisa	Thengwa	Commenting Authority
eThekwini Municipality	Diane	VanRensburg	Commenting Authority
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Nerissa	Pillay	Commenting Authority
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Santosh	Bachoo	Commenting Authority
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Andy	Blackmore	Commenting Authority
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Cedric	Coetzee	Commenting Authority
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Kevin	Green	Commenting Authority
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Tamsyn	Livingstone	Commenting Authority
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	George	Nair	Commenting Authority
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Caroline	Fox	Information
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife	Ashantia Nerissa	Pillay	
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, Scientific Services	Jennifer	Olbers	Information
iLembe District Municipality	Nonhlanhla	Gamede	Commenting Authority
Ingquza Hill Local Municipality	Admin		Commenting Authority
iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority	Terri	Castis	I&AP
iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority	Andrew	Zaloumis	I&AP
iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority	Thembi	Buthelezi	I&AP
iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority	Siboniso	Mbense	Information
iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority	Phumlani	Lugagu	Information
King Cetshwayo District Municipality	Admin		Commenting Authority
KwaDukuza Local Municipality	Ricardo	Mthembu	Commenting Authority
KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Affairs	Peter	Kuylar	Commenting Authority
KZN Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Thando	Tubane	Commenting Authority
KZN Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs	Vishnu	Govender	Commenting Authority
KZN Department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs		Mzila	Commenting Authority
KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Omar	Parak	Competent Authority
KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Bonisiwe	Sithole	Competent Authority
KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Kim	van Heerden	Competent Authority

Organisation	Name	Surname	Organisation Interest
KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Nombulelo	Zungu	Competent Authority
KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Sibusiso	Myeza	Competent Authority
KZN Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs	Zama	Mbanjwa	Competent Authority
Mandeni Local Municipality	SB	Zulu	Commenting Authority
Mbhashe Local Municipality	SV	Poswa	Commenting Authority
Mnquma Local Municipality	Zonwabele	Plata	Commenting Authority
Mtubatuba Local Municipality	Harry	Mchunu	Commenting Authority
Ndlambe Local Municipality	Rolly	Dumezweni	Commenting Authority
Ngqushwa Local Municipalit	Nosipho	Yaphi	Commenting Authority
Nyandeni Local Municipality	MD	Ngqondwana	Commenting Authority
Port St Johna Local Municipality	Mlombile	Cingo	Commenting Authority
Ray Nkonyeni Municipality	Sihle Maxwell	Mbili	Commenting Authority
Ray Nkonyeni Municipality	Bridgette	Turrell	Commenting Authority
SAAMBR	David	Pearton	
SANParks	Elizabeth	Mahlangu	Commenting Authority
Sarah Baartman District Municipality	Ted	Pillay	Commenting Authority
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	Briege	Williams	Commenting Authority
South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA)	John	Gribble	Commenting Authority
South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)	Ravi	Naicker	Commenting Authority
South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)	Daron	Burgess	Commenting Authority
South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)	Dave	Manley	Commenting Authority
South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)	M	Brkovic	Commenting Authority
South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) (Durban)	Hopewell	Mkhize	Commenting Authority
South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) (Richards Bay)		Lobo	Commenting Authority
South African Navy Hydrographic Office	A	Kampfer	Information
Sundays River Valley Local Municipality	I	Manene	Commenting Authority
Umdoni Local Municipality	X	Luthuli	Commenting Authority
uMfolozi Local Municipality	SW	Mgenge	Commenting Authority
uMgungundlovu District Municipality	Terence	Khuzwayo	Commenting Authority
uMhlathuze Local Municipality	Nhlanhla J	Sibeko	Commenting Authority
Umzumbe Local Municipality	NC	Mgijima	Commenting Authority
Umzumbe Local Municipality	N	Mgwatyu	Commenting Authority
uThungulu District Municipality	Mandla	Nkosi	Commenting Authority
Zululand District Municipality	Inkosi Mzamo	Buthlezi	Commenting Authority
Richard Evans & Associates	Matthew	Bremner	Commenting Authority
Rhodes University	Nicholas	Scarr	I&AP

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## Initial Notification Material

- C2.1 Notification Letter
- C2.2 Background Information Document

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## Notification Letter

30 November 2016

ERM Ref Number: 0282731

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Basic Assessment for the proposed development of Bhangazi Cultural Tourism Lodge within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, KwaZulu-Natal**

The Bhangazi Community Trust, on behalf of the Bhangazi Community, is proposing to develop a cultural tourism lodge on the south-eastern bank of Lake Bhangazi (South), within their concession area in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park (a World Heritage Site).



The proposed project will require environmental authorisation (EA) in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA). The development requires the authorisation of activities 12 and 30 in Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983) and activities 4, 6, 12, 14 and 17 of Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985).

The need for a water use authorisation under the requirements of the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) will be determined.

This notification serves to announce the commencement of the Basic Assessment (BA) process and advise Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP) to register to be kept updated. We also invite you to participate and comment on the process and reports disclosed as the project progresses. For further information about the BA, the associated public participation process and how you can register as an I&AP, please refer to the attached Background Information Document.

ERM invites you to an open house event to find out more, raise issues and pose questions to the Project team. **Please note that the venue has changed since the previous notification as per the details below.**

<p><b>Date:</b> 3 December 2016 <b>Venue:</b> Hotel Paradiso, Dias Road, Mtubatuba <b>Time:</b> 10:00 to 14:00</p>
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To RSVP or register as an I&AP contact Debbie Weldon of ERM:  
Visit the Project website: <http://www.erm.com/bhangazilodge>

Yours sincerely,

Debbie Weldon  
Project Manager



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## Background Information Document

# Background Information Document & Invitation to Comment



iSimangaliso  
Wetland Park



## Basic Assessment for the Proposed Cultural Tourism Lodge Development at Lake Bhangazi (South), iSimangaliso Wetland Park, KwaZulu-Natal

### Overview

The iSimangaliso Wetland Park (iSimangaliso) is a World Heritage Site located in the coastal and inland areas of north-eastern KwaZulu-Natal. It was established in November 2000 in terms of Regulations published under the World Heritage Convention Act (No 49 of 1999). Between the 1950s and 1970s, the residents of what is today known as the Eastern Shores of Lake St Lucia were forcibly removed from their ancestral land. This resulted in a post-apartheid land claim that was settled in 1999 through cash compensation, a right to a percentage of gate takings, traditional access to graves and other heritage sites, and development rights to a portion of land (Bhangazi Heritage Site) on the south-eastern shore of Lake Bhangazi.

The Bhangazi Community Trust proposes to develop a cultural tourism lodge within the developable area of the Bhangazi Heritage Site., which provides links to their cultural heritage (as agreed between the Trust and the iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority (iSimangaliso)). The proposed three star lodge will provide catered and self-catering options as detailed in the *Project Description* section and has been designed in line with iSimangaliso's Environmental and Development Guidelines/ Framework.

Before the proposed project can begin, environmental authorisation (EA) must be obtained in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations of the National Environmental Management Act (No 107 of 1998, as amended) (NEMA). The proposed project triggers listed activities in terms of the NEMA EIA Listing Notices 1 and 3 (GNR. 983 and 985) and therefore requires the completion of a Basic Assessment (BA). As the project is proposed to take place within a World Heritage Site, the National Department of Environmental Affairs is the designated Competent Authority.

As the development also falls within 500m of a wetland, the need for a water use authorisation under the requirements of the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) will need to be determined.

### Purpose of the Background Information Document

The aim of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide stakeholders with initial project information, as well as information regarding the associated BA and Public Participation Process. You are encouraged to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) so that you can be kept informed about the project throughout the BA process.

### ERM's Role

Environmental Resources Management Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd (ERM) has been appointed by The Bhangazi Community Trust to undertake the Basic Assessment (BA) and associated Public Participation Process.

You are invited to register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP) and to comment on this project .

Please complete the enclosed registration/ comment sheet and/or contact:



**Figure 1. Bhangazi Heritage Site Location**



# Bhangazi Heritage Site Location and Project Description

## Bhangazi Site Location & Description

The Bhangazi Heritage Site is located in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, within the uMkhanyakude District Municipality (Figure 1). The Bhangazi Site is about 30 km north of St Lucia and 2 km south-west of the beach at Cape Vidal. It lies along the fringe of a small south-eastern extension of Lake Bhangazi, just west of the St Lucia to Cape Vidal road before it crosses the coastal dune belt to Cape Vidal (a popular tourist destination). The site is 9.94 ha in extent and is divided into two land zones: a northern portion of 5.06 ha earmarked for development and a southern no-development but exclusive use zone of 4.88 ha (Figure 2).

Lake Bhangazi is the only permanent fresh water source in the area. The area provides an extremely important habitat for a number of plant and animal species, including leopards, buffalo, hippos and crocodiles.

To the south of the Bhangazi Heritage Site, separating the lake from the Mfabeni swamp, is a berm, a unique geomorphological feature of high ecological importance, that is also unique in the KwaZulu-Natal coastal section of Maputaland. The vegetation along this berm has a range of Sand Forest elements that do not usually occur in the coastal Lowland Forest and Dune Forests to the east of the whole area. Furthermore, it shows a unique combination of dune, coast and sand forest elements (dry and wet), a few species of which do not extend any further southwards. Amongst the plants that have become established on this berm are several large trees, some of which are estimated to be several hundred years old, such as the group of large *Cleistanthus schlechteri* (Umzithi, False Tamboti), trees that are more common in sand forests further north, extending into Mozambique. There are several other unexpected floral components, some of which reach their natural limit of known distribution. Epiphytic orchids are also present on some of the tree species.

## Project Description

The design of the site is centred on creating a diversity of uses (indoor and outdoor), taking a modern cost effective design approach whilst interpreting the local culture and architecture through the materials used. Each unit will be designed and orientated for maximum potential views (whilst limiting visibility, particularly from the adjoining area zoned Wilderness) as well as privacy. A variety of family and single units will be provided.

A restaurant consisting of a lounge, all day bar and dining area, sundowners deck as well as a recreational pool deck area are proposed in the south-western corner of the site. It will be located and orientated in such a way as to maximize views whilst limiting visibility from the adjoining Wilderness zone. This facility will cater to both overnight guests as well as day visitors.

The Trust also has the mandate to develop activities aligned with the operational conditions developed by iSimangaliso. Based on their agreement, these activities should have a cultural heritage focus and could include, for example, guided walks leading to culturally significant sites. Any activities developed by the Trust will need to abide by the conditions of operation developed by iSimangaliso. *It must be noted, that this application is limited to the development of the lodge and does not include any associated tourist activities.*

There are currently five cottages as well as a main guest house on the site that have historically been used for tourism accommodation, each accommodating between eight and 20 people. The cottages and the house are in a state of disrepair and will be demolished.

Piped water is available from the pipeline and storage facilities feeding Cape Vidal while power is supplied via the Eskom grid.

**Figure 2. Lake Bhangazi (South) Development Site. The site is divided into two land zones: Concession area A which is earmarked for development and Concession Area B which is a no-development but exclusive use zone.**



## Figure 3. Bhangazi Lodge — Development Plan



### The Lodge will include:

- 10 x 2 bed units with the option of catered and self-catering.
- 8 x 4 bed family units with the option of catered and self-catering.
- Trail camp - 4 x 2 bed units with a communal braai area.
- A restaurant located close to the lake shore with a footprint of 300m<sup>2</sup>, including a recreation deck and pool area.
- 8 staff quarters each with a footprint area of 50m<sup>2</sup> and single storey in height.
- The parking arrangements for the project include:
  - Visitors parking (31).
  - Bus parking (2).
  - Staff parking (3).
  - Lodge vehicles (2).
  - Game drive (1).
- The reception is located within the day visitors' /gathering area.

# Bhangazi Cultural Tourism Lodge — Design and Layout

Considering the preferred/ target market, the characteristics of the site, the need to incorporate the cultural significance of the area, the sensitivity of the area and the need to keep capital costs low, the facilities will consist of a light-footprint lodge that uses standard safari tents on raised timber decks that blend into the natural environment, thus, minimizing visual disturbance. Given the need to optimize views whilst limiting the visual impact from the zoned Wilderness area, the accommodation units will be sited in the strip between the 25- and 15-metre contour lines below the current development footprint, with views to the west and northwest across Lake Bhangazi (South). This will require innovative placing and siting along the slope to ensure minimal disturbance to the forest.

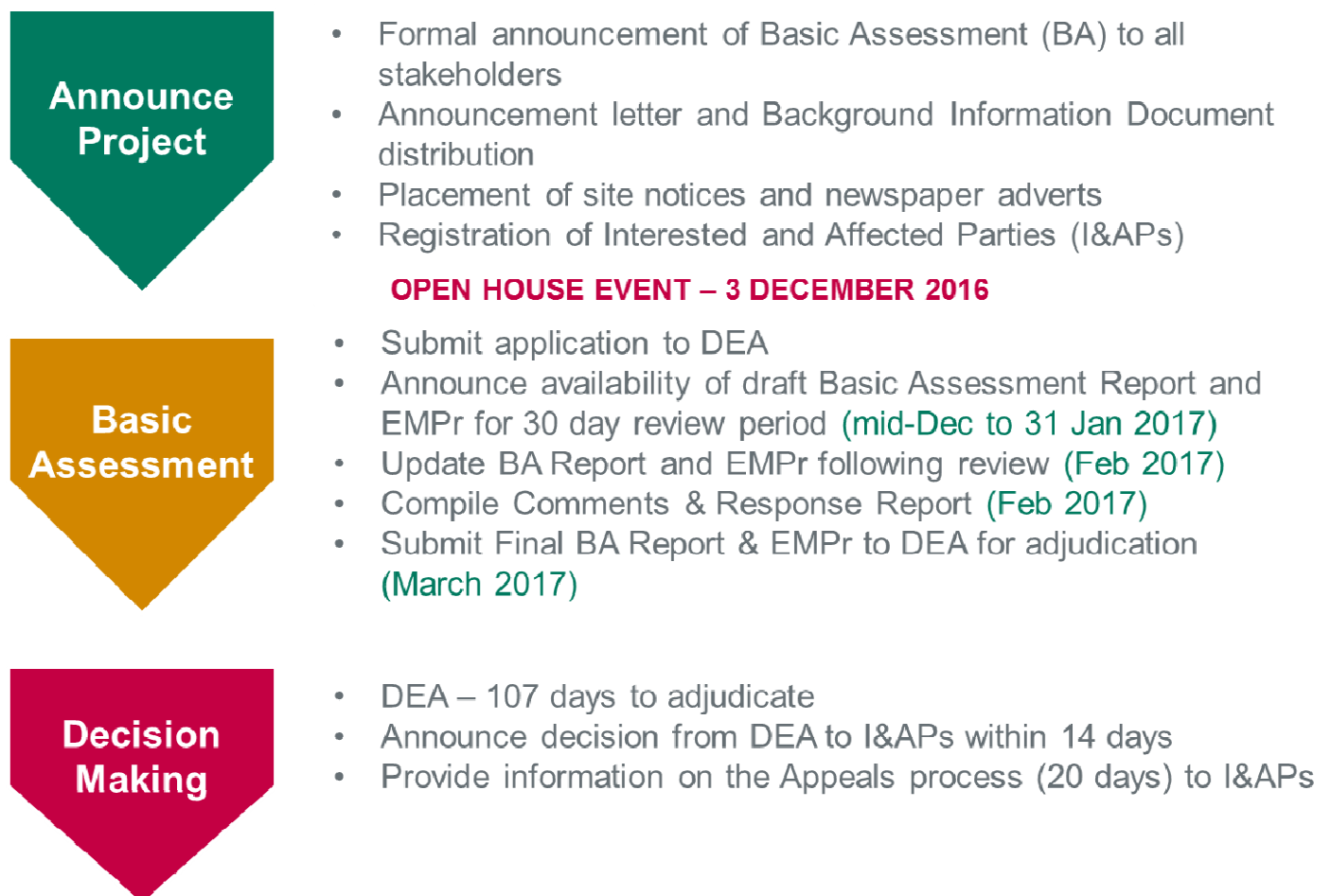
The self-catering units will be configured with en-suite bathrooms, kitchenettes and dining areas while the trail camp units will be linked to a communal kitchen and braai area. Service infrastructure will also need to be developed and will include parking, on-site housing for sufficient employees to ensure efficient operation; back-of-house storage, administration facilities; workshops, etc.

The aim is also to optimize the use of green technologies to generate power, conserve water, treat sewerage and dispose of waste. While an onsite sewage package plant is being investigated, early indications are that conservancy tanks may need to be utilised. This aspect, together with other bulk services such as water supply, electricity and traffic requirements, will be investigated further as part of the Basic Assessment process.



# Basic Assessment Process

Figure 4. Basic Assessment Process Diagram





## Table 1. Basic Assessment Activity Listings

Activity No.	Activity Description	Reasoning
GNR 983 LN 1 Activity 12 (x)	The development of buildings exceeding 100 m <sup>2</sup> in size where such development occurs- (c) if no development setback exists, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse.	The proposed lodge will have a combined buildings footprint (restaurant, tourist tents and staff accommodation) of approximately 1,800 m <sup>2</sup> and is located within 32 m from the edge of Lake Bhangazi.
GNR 983 LN 1 Activity 30	Any process or activity identified in terms of section 53(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).	The proposed lodge is located within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park which is protected under the NEM: Biodiversity Act.
GNR 985 LN 3 Activity 4(d) v	The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 m in KwaZulu-Natal within a World Heritage Site.	The access road to the proposed lodge is wider than 4 m to accommodate for a left and right lane with a reserve less than 13.5 metres.
GNR 985 LN 3 Activity 6(d) ix	The development of resorts, lodges, hotels and tourism or hospitality facilities that sleeps 15 people or more in KwaZulu-Natal within a World Heritage Site.	The proposed lodge is within iSimangaliso (a World Heritage Site) and will provide facilities for 60 tourists and 8 staff.
GNR 985 LN 3 Activity 12(b) ix	The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan in Kwa-Zulu Natal within a world heritage site.	The proposed development is located within iSimangaliso (a World Heritage Site) and will require the clearing of at least 1,800 m <sup>2</sup> for the footprints of the units and restaurant.
GNR 985 LN 3 Activity 14 (x) v	The development of buildings exceeding 10 m <sup>2</sup> in size in KwaZulu-Natal within a World Heritage Site.	The proposed lodge is within iSimangaliso and will have a combined buildings footprint (restaurant, tourist tents and staff accommodation) of approximately 1,800m <sup>2</sup> .
GNR 985 LN 3 Activity 17 (x) v	The expansion of a resort, lodge, hotel and tourism or hospitality facilities where the development footprint will be expanded.	The proposed lodge is within iSimangaliso (a World Heritage Site) and will result in an increased development footprint.

## Water Use Authorisation

In line with the regulations, the requirement for a water use authorisation in terms of Section 21 of the National Water Act (No 36 of 1998), specifically c and i, will be determined by a specialist.



## Registration and Comment Sheet November 2016

**Should you have any queries, comments or suggestions regarding the proposed project, please note them below**

Return this comment sheet to Debbie Weldon of ERM Southern Africa:  
Tel: 031 265 0033 Fax: 031 265 0150  
Email: debbie.weldon@erm.com  
Postal address: Postnet Suite 59; Private Bag x21 Westville; 3630

Please formally register me as an interested and affected party (I&AP) and provide further information and notifications during the BA process.				Yes	No
I would like to receive my notifications by:	<b>By Hand</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Post</b>	<b>Fax</b>	

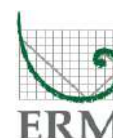
<b>Comments:</b>
<b>Please register the following people for this BA:</b>
<b>Your interest in the project:</b>

<b>Title and Name:</b>			
<b>Organisation:</b>			
<b>Telephone:</b>		<b>Fax:</b>	
<b>Cellphone:</b>		<b>Email:</b>	
<b>Physical Address:</b>			
<b>Postal Address:</b>			

**Please fill-in your contact details below for the project database.**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>

***Thank you for your participation!***



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## Open House Event

**Project Name: Basic Assessment for the Bhangazi Cultural Heritage Lodge,  
iSimangaliso Wetland Park, South Africa**

**Project Ref: 0282731**

**Open House Event**

An “open house” event was held from 10:00-14:00 on Saturday, 03 December 2016, at the Hotel Paradiso (Diaz Road, Mtubatuba, 3935) to afford I&APs and the general public the opportunity to learn more about the Project, comment on the Project and engage with representatives of the Bhangazi Community Trust and the ERM team. Posters describing the background to the project, the proposed development, the legislated Basic Assessment process, the issues identified thus far and the way forward were presented. Attendees were walked through the posters by members of the team and questions and comments recorded.

The public were informed about the date, time and venue of the meeting through newspaper adverts, notification letters distributed via email and site notices (placed at the Siyabonga Information Centre).

**Comments recorded at the event**

Ref	Comment/ Query
1.	How long will it take for the completion of the proposed development
2.	The information related to the proposed development should be disclosed to the Bhangazi Community. The technical findings should not be limited to local interpretation and relevant information should be available in isiZulu.
3.	The inclusion of security – a safety net to preventing any type of breach that can inflict harm to staff and tourists.

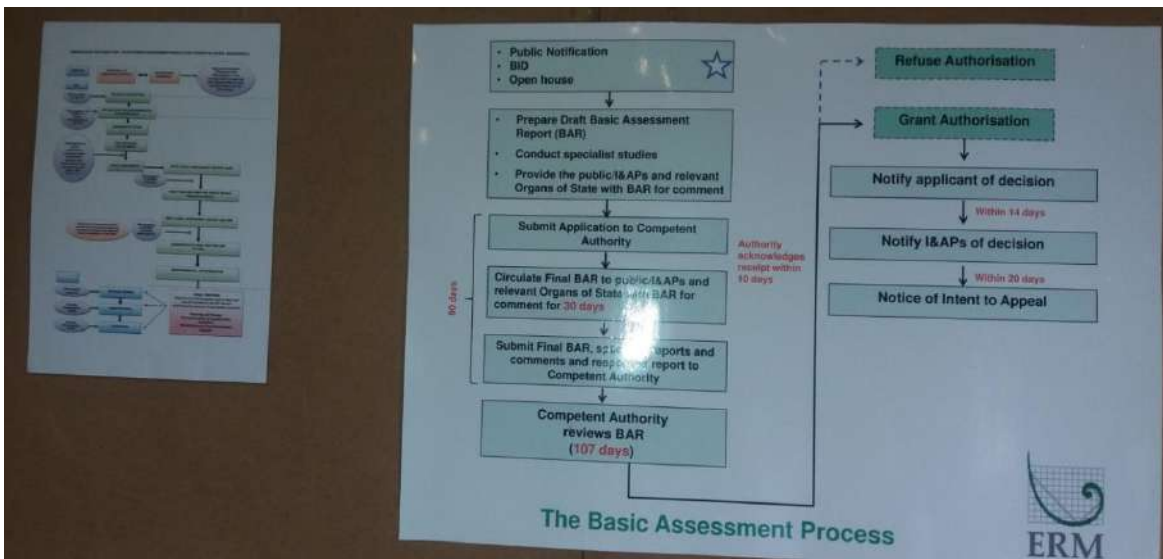
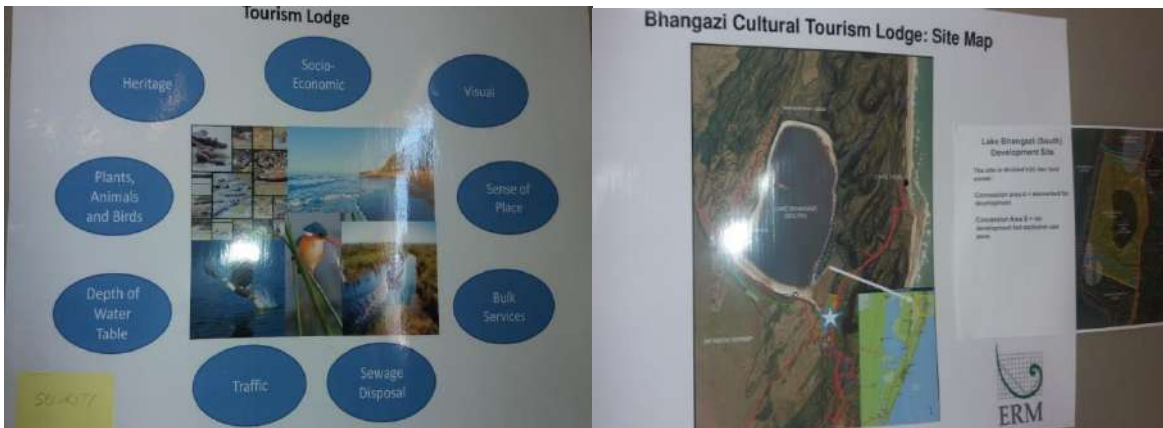


Figure 1. Open House Meeting with Interested and Affected Parties

The open house meeting attendance register and presentation have been appended BAR. The comments from this meeting have been integrated into the Comments and Responses Report (CRR) and the key concerns / issues of the open house meeting included the following (as addressed in the CRR):

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Site Notices

## **BASIC ASSESSMENT FOR THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF BHANGAZI CULTURAL TOURISM LODGE WITHIN THE ISIMANGALISO WETLAND PARK, KWAZULU-NATAL**

### **INVITATION TO REGISTER AND COMMENT**

Notice is hereby given that the Bhangazi Community Trust will be submitting an application for Environmental Authorisation to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R. 982).

The Bhangazi Community Trust, on behalf of the Bhangazi Community, is proposing to develop a cultural tourism lodge on the south-eastern bank of Lake Bhangazi (South), within their concession area in the iSimangaliso Wetland Park (a World Heritage Site). The site is approximately 1.75km from Cape Vidal. The proposed lodge will accommodate 60 people (10x2 bed units; 8x4 bed family units and 4x2 bed trail camp units). There will be a restaurant located close to the lake shore as well as a recreation deck and pool area. There will also be staff quarters and parking facilities.

The development requires the authorisation of activities 12 and 30 in Listing Notice 1 (GNR 983) and activities 4, 6, 12, 14 and 17 of Listing Notice 3 (GNR 985).

The need for a water use authorisation under the requirements of the National Water Act (No. 36 of 1998) will be determined.

Environmental Resources Management (ERM) has been appointed as the independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the BA and associated Public Participation Processes.

Stakeholders are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and to participate in the BA process by identifying issues of concern and providing suggestions to enhance benefits of the project. Registered I&APs will be kept informed about the Project and will be notified when the Basic Assessment Report will be made available for comment.

ERM will be holding an **open house meeting** to provide more information about the Projects:

**Date:** 3 December 2016

**Location:** Hotel Paradiso, Dias Road, Mtubatuba, 3935

**Time:** 10:00 to 14:00

You are welcome to come at any time to ask your questions and find out more about the project.

RSVP to Debbie Weldon (details below).

To register as an I&AP, submit comments, and to obtain more information, please contact ERM at the details below. Documentation can also be downloaded from the project website.





*Annex C5*

Meeting with DAFF

# The Basic Assessment Process

Bhangazi Lodge, iSimangaliso Wetland Park



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# AGENDA

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- Welcome
- The Basic Assessment Process
  - Why a Basic Assessment?
  - Department of Environmental Affairs
  - Application Form
  - Public participation
- Specialist studies
- The Basic Assessment Report
- The Environmental Management Programme
- Way Forward and Close

# Why a Basic Assessment?

Activity No.	Activity Description	Reasoning
GNR 327 LN 1 Activity 25	The development and related operation of facilities or infrastructure for the treatment of effluent, wastewater or sewage with a daily throughput capacity of more than 2 000 cubic metres but less than 15 000 cubic metres.	The waste generated at the proposed lodge development is estimated to be more than 2000 cubic metres . It will be treated on site using a biological purification based system.
GNR 327 LN 1 Activity 30	Any process or activity identified in terms of section 53(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004).	The proposed lodge is located within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park which is protected under the NEM: Biodiversity Act.
GNR 324 LN 3 Activity 4(d)	<p>The development of a road wider than 4 metres with a reserve less than 13,5 metres.</p> <p><b>d. KwaZulu-Natal</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. In an estuarine functional zone;</li> <li>ii. Trans- frontier protected areas managed under international conventions;</li> <li>iii. Community Conservation Areas;</li> <li>iv. Biodiversity Stewardship Programme Biodiversity Agreement areas;</li> <li>v. World Heritage Sites;</li> <li>vi. A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA;</li> <li>vii. Sites or areas identified in terms of an international convention;</li> <li>viii. Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;</li> <li>ix. Core areas in biosphere reserves;</li> <li>x. Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority or zoned for a conservation purpose;</li> <li>xi. Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority;</li> <li>xii. Outside urban areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(aa) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any terrestrial protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core areas of a biosphere reserve; or</li> <li>(bb) Areas seawards of the development setback line or within 1 kilometre from the high-water mark of the sea if no such development setback line is determined; or</li> </ul> </li> <li>xiii. Inside urban areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(aa) Areas zoned for use as public open space;</li> <li>(bb) Seawards of the development setback line or within 100 metres from the high-water mark of the sea if no such development setback line is determined; or</li> <li>(cc) Within urban protected areas.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	The access road to the proposed lodge is wider than 4m to accommodate bi-directional traffic with a reserve less than 13.5 metres.

# Why a Basic Assessment?

<p>GNR 324 LN 3 Activity 6 (d)</p>	<p>The development of resorts, lodges, hotels, tourism or hospitality facilities that sleeps 15 people or more.</p> <p><b>d. KwaZulu-Natal</b></p> <p>i. In an estuarine functional zone;</p> <p>ii. Trans-frontier protected areas managed under international conventions;</p> <p>iii. Community Conservation Areas;</p> <p>iv. Biodiversity Stewardship Programme Biodiversity Agreement areas;</p> <p>v. A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;</p> <p>vi. Sites or areas identified in terms of an international convention;</p> <p>vii. Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;</p> <p>viii. Core areas in biosphere reserves;</p> <p>ix. World Heritage Sites;</p> <p>x. Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority or zoned for a conservation purpose;</p> <p>xi. Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority;</p> <p>xii. Outside urban areas:</p> <p>(aa) Areas within 10 kilometres from national parks or world heritage sites or 5 kilometres from any terrestrial protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA or from the core area of a biosphere reserve;</p> <p>(bb) Areas seawards of the development setback line or within 1 kilometre from the high-water mark of the sea if no such development setback line is determined; or</p> <p>(cc) Areas within a watercourse or wetland; or within 100 metres from the edge of a watercourse or wetland; or</p> <p>xiii. Inside urban areas:</p> <p>(aa) Areas zoned for use as public open space;</p> <p>(bb) Areas seawards of the development setback line or within 100m from the high-water mark of the sea if no such development setback line is determined; or</p> <p>(cc) Areas within 500 metres from terrestrial protected areas identified in terms of NEMPAA.</p>	<p>The proposed lodge is within iSimangaliso Wetland Park which is a World Heritage Site and will provide for 22 sleeping units. The proposed lodge will provide for 68 people including staff.</p>
<p>GNR 324 LN3 Activity 12(d)</p>	<p>The clearance of an area of 300 square metres or more of indigenous vegetation except where such clearance of indigenous vegetation is required for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</p> <p><b>a. KwaZulu-Natal</b></p> <p>i. Trans-frontier protected areas managed under international conventions;</p> <p>ii. Community Conservation Areas;</p> <p>iii. Biodiversity Stewardship Programme Biodiversity Agreement areas;</p> <p>iv. Within any critically endangered or endangered ecosystem listed in terms of section 52 of the NEMBA or prior to the publication of such a list, within an area that has been identified as critically endangered in the National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment 2004;</p> <p>v. Critical biodiversity areas as identified in systematic biodiversity plans adopted by the competent authority or in bioregional plans;</p> <p>vi. Within the littoral active zone or 100 metres inland from high water mark of the sea or an estuarine functional zone, whichever distance is the greater, excluding where such removal will occur behind the development setback line on erven in urban areas;</p> <p>vii. On land, where, at the time of the coming into effect of this Notice or thereafter such land was zoned open space, conservation or had an equivalent zoning;</p> <p>viii. A protected area identified in terms of NEMPAA, excluding conservancies;</p> <p>ix. World Heritage Sites;</p> <p>x. Sites or areas identified in terms of an international convention;</p> <p>xi. Areas designated for conservation use in Spatial Development Frameworks adopted by the competent authority or zoned for a conservation purpose;</p> <p>xii. Sensitive areas as identified in an environmental management framework as contemplated in chapter 5 of the Act and as adopted by the competent authority; or</p> <p>in an estuarine functional zone.</p>	<p>The proposed development will require the clearing of over 300m<sup>2</sup> for the footprints of the units and restaurant.</p>

# Why a Basic Assessment?

<p>GNR 324 LN 3 Activity 14 (x) v</p>	<p>The development of—            (ii) infrastructure or structures with a physical footprint of 10 square metres or more; where such development occurs—            (a) within a watercourse;            (b) in front of a development setback; or            (c) if no development setback has been adopted, within 32 metres of a watercourse, measured from the edge of a watercourse;</p> <p>excluding the development of infrastructure or structures within existing ports or harbours that will not increase the development footprint of the port or harbour.</p>	<p>The Bhangazi Site is 9.94 ha in extent and is divided into two pockets: a northern portion of 5.06 ha (Concession Area A) earmarked for development and a southern no-development zone of 4.88 ha (Concession Area B). The proposed lodge will have a combined buildings' footprint (restaurant, tourist tents and staff accommodation) of approximately 1,800m<sup>2</sup> and is located within 32m from the edge of Lake Bhangazi.</p>
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# Department of Environmental Affairs

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- iSimangaliso Wetland Park = World Heritage Site
- National Department is the Competent Authority – adjudicates the application
- Provincial Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs is a Commenting Authority
- Commenting Authority

## Application Form

- Provides background to project
- Signed by Bhangazi Community Trust and ERM

# Public Participation Process

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- Section 23(2) of NEMA “adequate and appropriate opportunity for public participation in decisions that may affect the environment”.
- Enabling the effective participation of the vulnerable and disadvantage persons
- “Enabling people the opportunity to develop understanding, skills and capacity to achieve effective and equitable participation”.
- A necessary component for the scoping and environmental impact assessment process.
- All stakeholders affected by a proposed development and the decision or action of an authority must be consulted and contribute to the process.
- It proceeds throughout each phase of the project.
- Identification of issues and alternatives of the Lake Bhangazi Tourist Facility considered in the assessment.



# Public Participation Process

## Announce Project

- Formal announcement of Basic Assessment (BA) to all stakeholders (from 12 Nov)
- Announcement letter and Background Information Document distribution for authority guidance
- Placement of site notices and newspaper adverts (12 Nov)
- Registration of Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs)

### OPEN HOUSE EVENT – 3 December 2016

## Basic Assessment

- Submit application to DEA
- Announce availability of draft Basic Assessment Report and EMPr for 30 day review period (June 2018)
- Update BA Report and EMPr following review (July 2018)
- Compile Comments & Response Report (July 2018)
- Submit Final BA Report & EMPr to DEA for adjudication (August 2018)

## Decision Making

- DEA – 107 days to adjudicate
- Announce decision from DEA to I&APs within 14 days
- Provide information on the Appeals process (20 days) to I&APs

# Specialist Studies

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- What do they cover?
  - Traffic Impact Statement- AG Traffic and Transportation Consultants (Pty) Ltd
  - Biodiversity Impact Assessment- Terratest
  - Visual Impact Assessment- Environmental Planning and Design
  - Geotechnical

# Specialist Studies

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What were the findings of our studies?

- Traffic:
  - No major issues identified.
- Heritage:
  - Nothing found on the site although area has cultural significance.
- Plants and Animals:
  - Some protected plants.
  - Sensitive habitat (lake, groundwater).
  - Waste water disposal.

# Specialist Studies- Findings

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## ■ Visual

- This Bhangazi landscape is enclosed by the tall coastal dune and coastal forest to the east and north east, by a minor ridgeline reinforced with Coastal Forest and Coastal Belt vegetation that runs to the west and north west of the lake and by a natural bund that retains the lake and is also covered by dense coastal vegetation to the south- Once inside this space, views of other landscape character areas are limited.
- The approximate limit of visibility (9km).
  - The proposed development could be visible to the southern sector of Lake Bhangazi as well as the southern and western shores. It is however only likely to be visible over small sections of the eastern shore.
  - The proposed development could be visible to large sections of the enclosed valley to the south of Lake Bhangazi.
  - The proposed development is only likely to be visible intermittently to high ground to the south and east.
- There is a high level of Visual Absorption Capacity for small scale development within the site itself, particularly on flatter slopes.
  - Colours/ scale of structures and weather can affect visibility
- Impact levels - low due to the enclosed nature of the landscape that is impacted as well as the high VAC of that is provided by forest vegetation within the site.

# Specialist Studies- Findings

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## Visual Impacts

# Specialist Studies- Findings

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- **Traffic**
- Proposed development will not generate a substantial number of trips.
- The intersection analysed operates satisfactorily with no post-development issues expected.
- The adjacent road network will be able to accommodate the trips generated by the proposed development.
- Two access points will serve the development site, one for the guests and one for the service/delivery vehicles- taken directly off the Main Road to Cape Vidal.
- In total at least, 30 and 10 parking bays should be provided on site to meet the parking demand for the rooms and restaurant, respectively.
  
- Traffic Impacts

# Specialist Studies- Findings

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- **Biodiversity**
- iSimangaliso Wetland Park has also been listed as a World Heritage site in terms of the World Heritage Convention (1972).
- The iSimangaliso Wetland Park lies within the Maputaland Centre of Endemism.
- The iSimangaliso Wetland Park Integrated Management Plan- 2 185 plant species recorded in the Park. These represent 9% of the flora of South Africa and 31% of the flora of KwaZulu-Natal.
- A total of 44 species are endemic to the region and three species are known to occur only within the Park.
- The development area is already substantially transformed from the natural state as a result of both the fishing camp and the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife staff accommodation being present.

# Specialist Studies- Findings

## Biodiversity Impacts

### 1. Loss of Forest Flora

<b>Magnitude</b>	Low	As the pruning of the trees are considered to be very limited and this activity is statutorily controlled under the National Forests Act (Act 84 of 1998), the magnitude is considered to be low.
<b>Receptor Sensitivity</b>	High	The likelihood of the trees that will require pruning to be sensitive from a conservation point of view is high. In addition, the site is in a World Heritage Site Park.
<b>Significance</b>	Low to Medium	The rating is derived from the fact that the impact on the forest species are limited to the pruning of trees within the development site during the construction phase only.



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## Loss of Forest Flora- Mitigation:

- Tree specialist- mark out all trees or other features which are of especial conservation value and which should not be impacted upon at all.
- The final layout of the development must make provision for the trees mentioned above, as well as the limiting of the impact on other trees within the development site to pruning of branches required for construction.
- Careful implementation.
- The contractors must be made fully aware of the environmental requirements and these requirements must be a part of the contract tender document. Inductions/ training.
- At the time of site clearing- Environmental Control Officer (ECO) must be on site so as to ensure that the protected features are left intact as well as to mark the branches that are to be pruned. No pruning will take place without consultation with the ECO.
- Throughout the construction phase the site must continue to be monitored so as to ensure that the protected features are left intact.
- The ECO and the project planners/architects should consider the post-construction landscaping of the lodge grounds. In accordance with the Overarching EMPr issued by the Department of Environmental Affairs, to the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, it is a requirements that only plants indigenous to the region be used for the purpose and that tree planting be considered in places. Ideally the trees used will be saplings sourced on the site.

# Specialist Studies- Findings

## 2. Disturbance to Fauna

<b>Magnitude</b>	High	The threat to species such as Samango Monkey (“Vulnerable”), Red Duiker, and Tonga Red Squirrel (“Endangered”) is an impact of High magnitude.
<b>Receptor Sensitivity</b>	High	The sensitivity and value of the forest habitat in relation to biodiversity conservation are both high. In addition, the site is in a World Heritage Site.
<b>Significance</b>	Moderate	The rating is derived from the high magnitude value and the high receptor sensitivity but is reduced as the area affected directly is small. In addition, there is a large amount of similar habitat in the immediate vicinity.

## 3. Disturbance to Fauna- Mitigation

- The gardens around the lodge should be fairly dense in terms of their shrubbery and ideally there will be some stands of vegetation which are also at least 2 m tall.
- Leaf litter must be allowed to accumulate on the ground as numerous birds and small mammals forage in leaf litter.
- Use of chemicals such as herbicides and insecticides must be kept to a minimum and ideally should not be used at all. However, where it may be necessary to use these substances, they should only be used pending approval by the iSimangaliso Wetland Park authorities.

# Specialist Studies- Findings

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- Traffic calming measures such as speed humps must be installed. In addition, the Park has a set speed limit while gate times are enforced limiting night driving to game drives by designated service providers.
- All power and telephone lines should be buried and may not be strung between buildings.
- External lights should have shades that keep the light down on the ground where it is needed.
- There may be no resident dogs or cats on the site.
- If there is to be access to the wetlands and lake, it must be very tightly controlled. People must be confined to boardwalks and to fixed viewing points.
- Notices in lodge rooms should inform guests of the risk of the presence of wild animals and provide information on correct behaviour.

# Specialist Studies- Findings

## 4. Nutrient Enrichment of Wetlands in the Area and Lake Bhangazi

<b>Magnitude</b>	Medium	The threat is easily avoided but, if it happens could open the developer to action in terms of the National Water Act (Act 36 of 1988).
<b>Receptor Sensitivity</b>	High	The sensitivity and value of the lake in relation to biodiversity conservation are both high. In addition, the site is in a World Heritage Site Park.
<b>Significance</b>	Major	The rating is derived from the high magnitude value and the high receptor sensitivity.

### Nutrient Enrichment- Mitigation

The project planners/architects must, as a matter of priority make a firm statement of how it is intended to deal with waste water and sewage. This statement should be subjected to review and acceptance by the park management.

An appropriate specialist must compile all available data relating to the chemistry and biology of Lake Bhangazi South. The compiled information must be available to serve as a benchmark for the system.

The methods used for the Cape Vidal Camp, and the degree of their success or otherwise, must be taken into consideration.

# Specialist Studies- Findings

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- It is very strongly recommended that there be no discharge of effluent water at any place where it might make its way back into the wetlands near the lodge site or into the lake.
- It is very strongly recommended that the lodge be operated on a conservancy tank system and that the waste be taken to the treatment works at the town of St Lucia.
- Similarly, the design of the conservancy tank system must make provision for fail-safe mechanisms that will contain any potential overflows or spillages.
- **Way Forward**
  - Alternate sewage treatment and disposal system considered- Wilderness Safaris use in the Okavango Delta (example also Rocktail Beach Camp close to site).
  - Above ground sewage treatment plant.
  - These systems if designed and maintained correctly will prevent contamination of the area and the discharge water is typically of drinking water standard.
  - The system uses a combination of anaerobic and aerobic processes, followed by sterilization either through Ozone or Chlorine. These systems require an aeration pump to run 24 hours a day. Another vital aspect is ensuring the plant is adequately sized, ensuring maximum retention time. Suggestion of installing primary settling tanks at each room or unit before entering the STP. A dual chambered tank around 1000L would be ideal.
  - Correct detergents in camp, as any ammonia or chlorine based chemicals will have a very negative impact on the septic system. Fat traps need to be installed at each kitchen point and cleaned daily, having a digestive enzyme added weekly.
  - Discharge water- via sprinkler system/ wetland system/ a herringbone soakaway.

# Specialist Studies- Findings

## 5. Increase in Level of Alien Plant Infestation of the Area

<b>Magnitude</b>	Small to Medium	The threat could be avoided but, if it happens could affect a large area.
<b>Receptor Sensitivity</b>	High	The sensitivity and value of the vegetation communities in the area around the development site are high. In addition, the site is in a World Heritage Site Park.
<b>Significance</b>	Major	The rating is derived from the high magnitude value and the high receptor sensitivity.

### Increase in Level of Alien Plant Infestation of the Area- Mitigation

- Programme of alien weed control must be set in place from outset.
- Monitoring programme must be set in place to check for the appearance of alien weed species.

# Specialist Studies- Findings

## 6. Increase in the Level of Solid Waste in the Area

<b>Magnitude</b>	Small to Medium	The threat could be avoided but, if it happens is unlikely to affect a large area.
<b>Receptor Sensitivity</b>	Low	The sensitivity and value of the floral and faunal communities in the area around the development site are low in this regard.
<b>Significance</b>	Minor	The rating is derived from the medium magnitude value and the low receptor sensitivity.

### Increase in the Level of Solid Waste in the Area- Mitigation

- Routine patrols (for litter and non-compliances) through the area around the lodge grounds.
- Daily grounds cleaning.
- Fortnightly inspections of the waste handling and disposal facilities.

# Basic Assessment Report

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- Description of the proposed activity
- Location (including map)
- Relevant legislation and guidelines
- Details of Public Participation Process
  - Notification
  - Stakeholder database
  - Issues raised
- Environmental management, mitigation and alternative measures
- Assumptions, uncertainties and gaps in knowledge
- A reasonable opinion as to why the development should be authorised or not
- Comments on BA report



# Environmental Management Programme

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- Legally-binding document
- Recommendations and guidelines for compliance monitoring during the planning, construction, operation and closure phases of an activity
- Implementation of measures that will be used or implemented to manage accidents or emergencies during operational activities
- Environmental awareness/ training

# Way Forward

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- Comments from DAFF included into the DBAR: May 2018
- Submit Application Form: June 2018
- Draft Basic Assessment Report: June 2018
- Final Basic Assessment Report: July 2018

# Thank You!

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*Annex C6*

## Draft BAR Notification Material

- C6.1 Notification Letter
- C6.2 Newspaper Advert
- C6.3 Site Notice Report

*Annex C6.1*

## Notification Letter

## Release of the Draft Basic Assessment Report for the Proposed Development of Bhangazi Cultural Tourism Lodge within the iSimangaliso Wetland Park, KwaZulu Natal

Amishka Mothilal

on behalf of

ERM South Africa Comments Received <commentsandreponses@erm.com>

Tue 4/30/2019 4:51 PM

To:

1 attachments (319 KB)

Bhangazi\_Notification Letter.pdf;

Dear Stakeholder,

Bhangazi Community Trust has submitted an application for Environmental Authorisation to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R. 326).

Bhangazi Community Trust was granted permission, by the iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority, to develop a tourism facility within iSimangaliso Wetland Park (which is a World Heritage Site). In an effort to exercise this right, the Bhangazi Trust proposes to develop a Cultural Heritage Lodge on the 9.94 ha piece of land allocated which will consist of 68 sleeping units including staffing quarters. The site is located along the Main Road to Cape Vidal in the Mtubatuba Local Municipality within the uMkhanyakude District Municipality. It lies along the fringe of a small south-eastern extension of Lake Bhangazi, just west of the St Lucia road before it crosses the coastal dune belt to Cape Vidal.

Notice is hereby given that the Bhangazi Community Trust will submitting an application for Environmental Authorisation to the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) in accordance with the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (No. 107 of 1998), as amended, and the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations (Government Notice R. 326). The Project will require Environmental Authorisation through a Basic Assessment (BA) in terms of NEMA as the following activities are triggered:

	<b>Project Activities</b>
GN R 324	Activity 4, 6, 12, 14
GN R 327	Activity 12, 30

The development requires the authorisation of activities 12 and 30 in Listing Notice 1 (GNR 327) Practitioner (EAP) office to undertake the Basic Assessment and associated Public Participation Processes in light of the triggered activities.

The Basic Assessment Report is available for comment from the **02 May 2019 to 01 June 2019** (i.e. a 31-day comment period) and can be accessed electronically from the project website at the following link: <https://www.erm.com/en/public-information-sites/basic-assessment-for-the-proposed-cultural-tourism-lodge-development-at-lake-bhangazi> or requested from ERM (for email transmission). Additionally, the report is available at the following locations in hard and soft copy:

- iSimangaliso Wetland Park.
- St Lucia Library.
- KwaMsane Library.

Stakeholders are invited to register as Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) and to participate in the Basic Assessment process by identifying issues of concern and providing suggestions to enhance benefits of the project. Registered I&APs will be kept informed throughout the process. To register as an I&AP, submit comments, and to obtain more information, please contact ERM at the details below.

**Project website:** <https://www.erm.com/en/public-information-sites/basic-assessment-for-the-proposed-cultural-tourism-lodge-development-at-lake-bhangazi>

Kind Regards  
ERM



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## Newspaper Advert







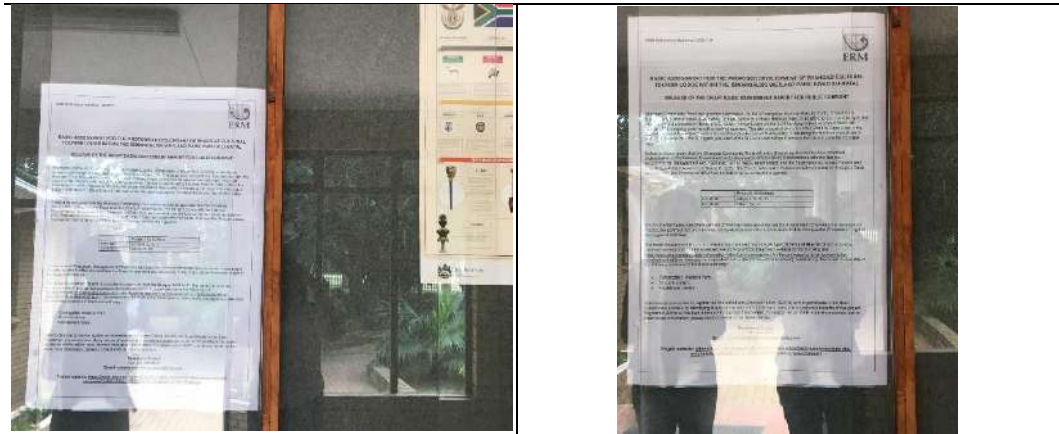
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## Site Notice Report

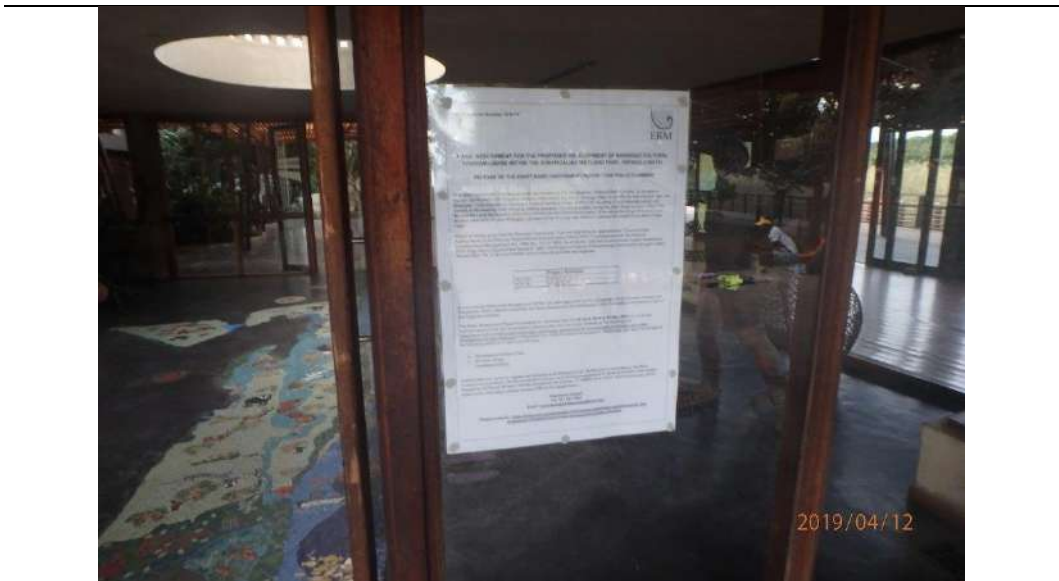
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KwaMsane Library



St Lucia Library



iSimangaliso Wetland Park

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## Acknowledgement of Receipt of DBAR



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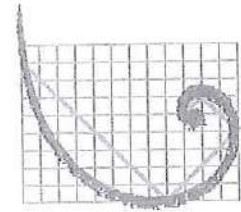
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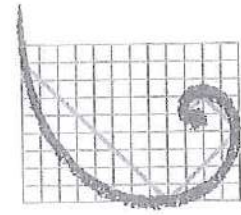
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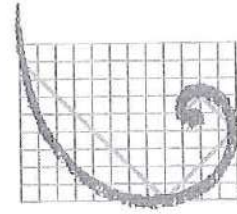
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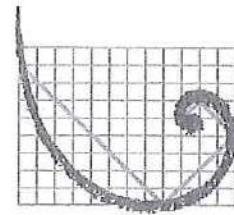
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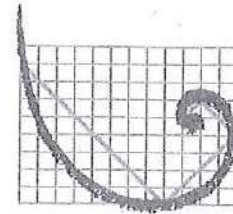
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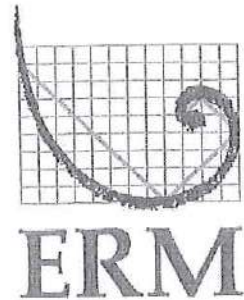
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## Comments Received

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 September 2018 13:00  
**To:** Stephanie Gopaul  
**Cc:** Khosi Dlamini  
**Subject:** RE: Bhangazi EIA- registration of I&AP

Hi Stephanie

Our previous correspondence included below refers. On 2 May 2018 you indicated that the DBAR for this project *is to be released for public comment shortly*. Can you please advise of the status in this respect.

Kind regards

*Nicholas Scarr  
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**Sent:** Friday, 04 May 2018 1:32 PM  
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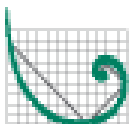
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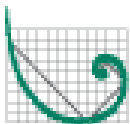
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Good Morning Nicholas

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**Subject:** Bhangazi EIA

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## **Khosi Dlamini**

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**From:** Stephanie Gopaul  
**Sent:** 12 September 2018 08:08 AM  
**To:** Nicholas Scarr  
**Cc:** Khosi Dlamini  
**Subject:** RE: Bhangazi EIA- registration of I&AP

Morning Nicholas

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Stephanie Gopaul  
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