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WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL COASTAL ACCESS STRATEGY AND PLAN

Audit of Coastal Access on the West Coast

Purpose of the Presentation

- To introduce the Coastal Access project
- To obtain information and input to the audit from key stakeholders



Background to the CA audit study

- Section 13 of the ICMA furthermore entrenches the right of any natural person in the Republic to reasonably access coastal public property and to use and enjoy coastal public property provided that use does not adversely affect the rights of other persons to use and enjoy the coastal public property, hinder the State in performance of its duties or cause an adverse effect.
- This right to access coastal public property refers to pedestrian access.
- Access to the coastal area by vehicular means is prohibited in terms of the ICMA: ORV Regulations and is only allowed upon the issuing of a permit.



Background to the CA audit study

- Section 18 of the National Environmental
 Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act,
 2008 (ICMA; Act. No. 24 of 2008) requires each metro
 and district municipality, (unless assigned to local
 municipalities by agreement) whose area includes
 coastal public property to, within four years of the
 commencement of the Act, promulgate a by-law that
 designates coastal access land in order to secure
 public access to coastal public property.
- This has not yet been achieved in any municipality.
- Province has initiated a series of projects to assist municipalities comply with this legislation.



Coastal Access Audit and Pilot Study

Approach to the Coastal Access Audit



Key steps

- 1. Using previous coastal access identification projects as a basis, identify and assess the condition of all existing coastal access points and uses to which they are put (typologies).
- 2. Identify the need for any new access points.
- 3. Highlight any points that are subject to conflict for the attention of the municipality.
- 4. These are then mapped in Google Earth as drafts for distribution to stakeholders.
- 5. The classifications and comments need to be verified by stakeholders.



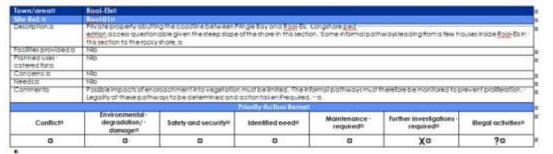
Approach

Divide the coast in zones of "like" usage using the table below.



Colour	Characterisation
	Conflict area (an area of conflict identified in the stakeholder workshops or via written submissions)
	Conservation area- managed either by SANParks or Cape Nature. These areas generally fall outside of the scope of work of this project as they are not under the control or influence of the district or local municipality. These sites were therefore, not assessed in the same way as municipal areas. Conservation areas under the ausioces of the Municipality are, however, included
	Private property- either no access or limited access to general public
	Unrestricted pedestrian access
	Vehicle access to the Coastal Public Property (CPP) and not necessarily the beach itself. The zone may or may not include formal parking areas.
	No formal access- usually longshore or informal access is possible

Each zone is assessed using a template and priority items highlighted





Progress to date

- All site visits in West Coast and Garden Route
 Districts have been completed with supporting
 images.
- 2. The mapping of classification will start next week and should take two weeks.
- The drafts will then be issued for stakeholder review and input.



Stakeholder engagement

- 1. A series of stakeholder workshops will be conducted to verify these assessments and obtain further information.
- 2. A draft report will be circulated for comment by stakeholders before finalisation.



Stakeholder engagement – How you as a key stakeholder can contribute

Project Phase	How you can contribute
Site inspections	Comment on the draft classifications on the maps- add any missing information and correct any errors.
A series of stakeholder workshops will be conducted to verify these assessments and obtain further information.	Provide the team with contacts of key stakeholder and stakeholder groups and assist in contacting them to be part of the process.
A draft report will be circulated for comment by stakeholders before finalisation.	Comment on the workshop and provide any additional information to the project team



Stakeholder engagement – How you as a stakeholder can contribute

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Thank you