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# **WESTERN CAPE PROVINCIAL COASTAL ACCESS STRATEGY AND PLAN**

Audit of Coastal Access on the West Coast

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# Purpose of the Presentation

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- **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

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- *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

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## *Approach to the Coastal Access Audit*

## Key steps

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- 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

## 1. Divide the coast in zones of “like” usage using the table below.



Colour	Characterisation
Red	Conflict area (an area of conflict identified in the stakeholder workshops or via written submissions)
Yellow	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 auspices of the Municipality are, however, included
Orange	Private property- either no access or limited access to general public
Green	Unrestricted pedestrian access
Blue	Vehicle access to the Coastal Public Property (CPP) and not necessarily the beach itself. The zone may or may not include formal parking areas.
Purple	No formal access- usually longshore or informal access is possible

## 2. Each zone is assessed using a template and priority items highlighted

Town/area <sup>a</sup>	Roof-Els					
Site Ref: <sup>b</sup>	Roof-Els					
Description: <sup>c</sup>	Private property abutting the coastline between Fingee Bay and Roof-Els. Longshore <u>public</u> access questionable given the steep slope of the shore in this section. Some informal pathways leading from a few houses inside Roof-Els to this section to the rocky shore. <sup>d</sup>					
Facilities provided: <sup>e</sup>	N/A					
Planned uses: <sup>f</sup>	N/A					
Current uses: <sup>g</sup>	N/A					
Concerns: <sup>h</sup>	N/A					
Needs: <sup>i</sup>	N/A					
Comments: <sup>j</sup>	Possible impacts of encroachment into vegetation must be limited. The informal pathways must therefore be monitored to prevent proliferation. Legality of these pathways to be determined and action taken if required. <sup>k</sup>					
Priority Action Items						
Conflict <sup>a</sup>	Environmental degradation/ damage <sup>b</sup>	Safety and security <sup>c</sup>	Identified need <sup>d</sup>	Maintenance - required <sup>e</sup>	Further investigations - required <sup>f</sup>	Illegal activities <sup>g</sup>
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# Progress to date

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- 1. 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.**
- 3. The drafts will then be issued for stakeholder review and input.**



# Stakeholder engagement

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- 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