

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	WIT006
	Site Name	Witbank 006
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	Project	
	CaseNID	116877
	Coords	-28.737017, 16.709314

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CommonName:

RWF Large LSA Scatte...

Physical Type: Open Site

BroadAgeCategory: LSA

Site Category: Artefacts

Directions:

The study area is situated in the Richtersveld on farms Rooibank (Farm 7/2), Witbank (6/2) and part of the remaining extent of Farm 1 (Re/1). The Study Area lies between Port Nolloth and Alexander Bay being some 26 km south of the South African border.

SiteComments:

The largest archaeological site, a Late Stone Age site pre-dating the ceramic period which means that it is more than 2000 years old was found associated with the only significant granite outcrop in the Study Area. One of the larger granite boulders contained a natural water catchment hollow (water bakkie) which is why this locality was favoured as an encampment. The artefacts contained among them microliths (very small stone tools) and a strong retouched element suggesting that some of occupation took place during the formal phases of the Late Stone Age more than 3000 years ago. Although the site is some 14 km from the coast, the presence of small fragments of marine shell is an indicator that the shoreline was within the resource gathering range of the occupants of the site [from AIA by Tim Hart, ACO, 2010]

StoneArtefactNotes:

Microliths

Organic Artefact Types: Marine Shell

Damage Types: