

Archaeological Site Report	SiteNo	9/2/407/0004
	Site Name	Umbilo Shree Ambalavanaar Alayam Temple, 890
	Date	Bellair Road, Durban
	Project	
	CaseNID	
	Coords	-29.877916, 30.961487
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Site Category: Building

Directions:

From N3 coming into Durban CBD take Brickfield Rd off-ramp and turn right (south) and first right on

SiteComments:

Archive Import History: The original Shree Ambalavanaar Alayam was the first public Hindu temple to be erected on the African continent. Built in 1875, it was damaged beyond repair during floods in 1905. The present temple was designed by K. Reddy and built by R. K. Pillay. This temple, with its impressive Oriental sculptures, is well-known for its firewalking ceremonies which are performed here once a year. Visual Description: Colours: Site Features: Condition: Fair Construction Date: 1905 Materials: Catalogue: Kearney, 1984, No: 17.42, Significance Category:

Damage Types: