

Appendix J₁

WETLAND FORUM MINUTES

MINUTES OF KZN WETLAND FORUM MEETING HELD ON 13 MAY 2011 AT KZN WILDLIFE (QEP) IN THE INGWE ROOM AT 09H00

ITEM	DESCRIPTION			RESPONSIBLE PERSON
	<u>Present</u> P. Goodman N. Ward E. Ramburran M. van der Merwe V. Koopman K. Singh G. Moore M. Kubheka D. Walters S. Mbense J. Randall B. Wiseman B. McKelvey S. van Rensburg A. Matsheke J. Hiestermann P. Amein M. Maharaj C. Burchmore R Schulz	Chairman	EKZNW DIVA WESSA/MWP WESSA/MWP WESSA/MWP Msunduzi Umngeni, Mpofane & Impendle SANBI Working for Wetlands MWP-WESSA/WWF KZN DAEA & RD KZN DAEA & RD Self WESSA KZN SAEON DAEA & RD WESSA/MWP eThekweni Municipality DWA Mondi EKZNW	
1.	<u>Welcome</u> The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and especially Mr Greg Moore from Umgeni Municipality.			
2.	<u>Apologies</u> Kerry Rowlands – WESSA – Maternity leave Craig Cowden – Groundtruth Doug van Zyl – Mondi Group Ramogale Sekwele – Transferred taken off list Gerhard Cilliers - DWAF Rob Karssing – EKZNW Leave Trevor Pike – Groundtruth Ian Bredin – INR Zibonele NXele – INR Doug Burden - ZA Forests Mondi John Scotcher – Forestlore Conuslitng Doug MacFarlane – Eco-Pulse Joyce Pope – Umgeni Municipality Stefan Kruger – MD Eastern Wetland rehab			
3.	Confirmation of minutes (21 January 2011)			

	<p>The Chairman went through the minutes with the members and report back as he went along.</p> <p>The minutes were confirmed as correct, proposed by Mr Vaughan Koopman and seconded by Mr Patrick Kubheka.</p>	
4.	<u>Matters arising</u>	
4.1	<p><u>Wetland Management Guidelines for the KZN Biodiversity Stewardship Programme</u></p> <p>Chairman reported that comments were received and Stewardship will edit and publish the report.</p>	Chairman
4.2	<p><u>Wetland Health Assessment</u></p> <p>Mr Doug Macfarlane from Eco-Pulse was unable to attend the meeting. Wetland health assessment project was meant to be completed by the end of April, but was delayed until the end of May 2011.</p>	Chairman
4.3	<p><u>WETCop: KZN</u></p> <p>Mr Craig Cowden were requested to make a 2 page document available and to have a meeting to discuss delineation and get departments involved. Chairman will investigate and see if data can be made more available. A draft document was send to the Chairman for comments and edits.</p>	Chairman
4.4	<p><u>Prioritizing KZN Wetlands for Ramsar</u></p> <p>The Chairman reported that Dr Clinton Carbutt is currently on leave. He will present it at our next meeting.</p>	Clinton Carbutt
4.5	<p><u>Research Priorities</u></p> <p>An e-mail was send to Mr Damien Walters to send his list of projects that students can do on wetland research.</p>	ALL
4.6	<p><u>Indaba</u></p> <p>The Indaba will be held 18 – 21 October 2011 at Didima. A sponsorship letter was draft and will be send out together with a brochure which is currently with Design Studio.</p>	Chairman
4.7	<p><u>Wetland Portal Website</u></p> <p>A presentation will be done at the next meeting to show how to use the website.</p>	

4.8	<u>Logo</u> A new logo was designed and is now in a circle format.	
4.9	<u>Wetland Health Courses</u> Mr Damien Walters suggested that members should attend Wetland Health Courses to get used to the terminology.	ALL
5.	<u>Standing matters</u>	
5.1	<u>KZN Wetland Inventory</u> The Chairman reported that the KZN Wetland inventory and map update is nearing completion and would be made available once edits are complete.	Chairman
5.2	<u>KZN Wetland prioritisation</u> The Aquatic Systematic Conservation plan and Prioritisation, which include wetlands, should be ready at our next meeting.	Chairman Boyd Escott
6.	<u>New Matters</u>	
6.1	<u>Feedback on Mpopomeni Project</u> Mrs Mbali Kubheka reported that there are 2 sites requiring rehabilitation. The wetland is important since it contributes to the quality of water flowing into Midmar Dam. Landownership is an issue, plus funding from the Department of Water Affairs. An update report will be given at the next meeting.	Mbali Kubheka
6.2	<u>Wetland Government Department – Capacity Building</u> Ms Michelle van der Merwe reported that a 2 day forum was held and skills developments were discussed. It is proposed that a workshop should be held with all government wetland departments to give reports, review them and have discussions around it.	Michelle van der Merwe
6.3	<u>River Health Project for KZN</u> The KZN River Health monitoring programme was announced. This was to be managed by Umgeni Water. EKZN Wildlife would be contributing to Fish assessment and contracting out Index Habitat Integrity (IHI) and Vegetation Index (VI).	Chairman
7.	<u>General</u>	
7.1	<u>Wetland Report</u> Mr Chris Burchmore will send a report to the Secretary.	Chris

		Burchmore
8.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> 12 August 2011 at 09:00 in the Ingwe Room at Queen Elizabeth Park, Pietermaritzburg	
9.	<u>Closure</u> The meeting closed at 12:25.	

Proposer: _____

Seconded: _____

Chairman: _____

Date: _____