

## **Appendix J<sub>1</sub>**

### **WETLAND FORUM MINUTES**



## EASTERN CAPE WETLANDS FORUM MEETING

3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011

DEDEA OFFICES- EAST LONDON

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**CHAIRPERSON: Buntu Mzamo**

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**APOLOGIES**

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Item	Description	Action	Document
1.	<b>OPENING AND WELCOMING</b>		
1.1	<b>OPENING</b> The meeting was declared opened by the chairperson at 10:30 am.		
1.2	<b>WELCOMING</b> DEDEA Regional Director (Mr. Noncembu) welcomed everybody to the meeting and appreciated that the meeting was held at their offices.		
2.	<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b> A round of introductions was given to everyone present		
2.1	<b>PRESENT</b> The attendance register was circulated and completed by everybody present.		
2.2	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were noted.		
3.	<b>APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA</b> Mr Buti adopted the agenda and was seconded by Cwayita.		
4.	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</b> Corrections were made on the attendance and apologies list as there were no names appearing to both of them.		
	<p><b>ACTIONS FROM PREVIUOS MEETING</b></p> <p><b>4.1. PROPOSAL OF GATBERG TO BE A RAMSAR SITE</b></p> <p>No developments as yet. Process should be led by DEDEA; Japie will only assist where he is needed.</p> <p><b>4.2. ILLEGAL SANDMINING.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Awareness programmes from the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (Land-Care) were held in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 8<sup>th</sup> February 2011: Engobo, All Saints Hall</li> <li>- 15<sup>th</sup> February 2011: Sterkspruit</li> <li>- 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011: Nxaruni (Ntsokotha)</li> <li>- 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011: Tsholomnqa (Dyam-Dyam)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• All of these programmes were attended by community members, traditional leaders, other departments and the Department of Mineral Resources was also part.</li> <li>• Mr Div DeVilliers, Director of Compliance Unit can be consulted in relation to sandmining issues. Cell no: 0824170155/040 6093116 or email <a href="mailto:div.devilliers@deaet.ecape.gov.za">div.devilliers@deaet.ecape.gov.za</a></li> <li>• The meeting agreed that on our next meeting DMR will be invited and Japie will give a presentation on</li> </ul>		

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	<p>illegal sandmining issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Japie and Qonya will formulate a manual on impacts of illegal sandmining on our rivers and wetlands.</li> <li>• A committee that will put together some information on illegal sandmining was identified as: Mr Qonya-Champion Mr Buckle Mr Buti Mr Mzamo; progress report will be given on our next meeting</li> </ul> <p><b>4.4. EASTERN CAPE WETLANDS INVENTORY</b> Mr Mzamo reported that; no progress has been made due to the unavailability of the budget.</p>	<p>Japie</p> <p>(this was discussed on the June meeting, report will be given on the next meeting)</p>	
<b>5.</b>	<b>ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION</b>		
<b>5.1</b>	<p><b>PROGRESS ON WORKING FOR WETLANDS PROJECTS</b></p> <p><b>First Phase</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tsitsikamma River is going well and will be finished in March</li> <li>• Kromme River: Completed</li> <li>• Hogsback: the project started late and will be finished in 2 weeks time</li> <li>• Gatberg: work has started and will be finished by March</li> <li>• Upper Mzimvubu River: the project team has not started yet because of flooding.</li> </ul> <p>All the projects will be continuing and have been given 5% additional funding</p> <p>Project visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gatberg; 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> April (Planning)</li> <li>• Tsitsikamma; 13<sup>th</sup> April (To check how the work is continuing?)</li> <li>• Kromme; 14<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• Baviaanskloof; 19-20<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>• Hogsberg; 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Buckle will forward the new figures of these projects to the secretary for distribution.</li> <li>• Honjiswa Mayapi will be invited in our next meeting to present the Nkonkobe Rehabilitation Plan</li> </ul>	<p>Japie</p> <p>Unathi</p>	
<b>5.2.</b>	<p><b>NATIONAL WETLANDS INDABA 2010</b> Mr Qonya was giving the report at the National Wetlands Indaba on behalf of the forum and he touched on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Wetlands Day 2010</li> <li>• Eastern Cape Wetlands Forum Meetings</li> <li>• Celebrations</li> <li>• Local World Wetlands Day-municipality awareness's</li> <li>• Wetlands training</li> </ul>		

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	<p>After some deliberations; the meeting raised the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The forum should have plans to attract individuals/business people and NGO's</li> <li>• The forum should be adopting schools and empower them with knowledge on wetlands related topics</li> <li>• Environmental educators to be part of the forum for empowerment purposes</li> </ul>		
5.3.	<p><b>WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2011</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The event was held in Matatiele on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2011</li> <li>• The event had a challenge of poor attendance</li> </ul> <p>After some deliberations; the meeting agreed that for the purposes of working together for the success of the event, a Steering Committee should be formulated to prepare for the event.</p>		
5.4.	<p><b>WESSA/MONDI PROJECT TRAINING OFFER</b></p> <p>Mr Buti gave the brief report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle is the leader of the project</li> <li>• They want forums to identify their training needs so as to be capacitated on them</li> <li>• They also touch on the legal part of wetlands</li> </ul> <p>The meeting mandated Mr Buti to invite Michelle on our next meeting to give a presentation.</p>	Mr Buti	
5.5.	<p><b>WETLAND PORTAL:</b> Mr Buti  <a href="http://www.wetlands.za.net">www.wetlands.za.net</a>  <a href="http://www.wetlands.za.net/discussion">www.wetlands.za.net/discussion</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Buti gave brief overview of this program as a networking tool for the Wetlanders and can also be used to discuss interesting topics that could assist our understanding.</li> <li>• All members were urged to register and populate the forum.</li> <li>• The meeting unanimously nominated Mr Buti to be Forum's champion. He will be responsible for updating the forum on all issues, posting the minutes and the dates of our next meetings or any other announcements etc.</li> </ul>		
5.7	<p><b>WETLANDS TRAINING/WORKSHOP IN MATATIELE:</b> Mr Msomi reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31 delegates have confirmed their attendance; these are from the Alfred Nzo DM, parks and other departments.</li> <li>• The training will take place on the 15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March 2011</li> </ul>		
6.	<p><b>CALENDAR OF EVENTS</b></p> <p>20<sup>th</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011: National Water Week  15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March 2011: Wetlands training workshop in Matatiele  2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011: Adopt A River Launch – Buffalo River (Ministerial Event)  3<sup>rd</sup> June 2011: Shixini River launch (Ministerial Event)</p>		
7.	<p><b>CALENDAR OF MEETINGS</b></p>		

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	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2011 in East London at 10:00 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2011 in East London at 10:00		
<b>8.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b> The meeting agreed that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastern Parks be part of the forum</li> <li>• Environmental Educators from every department be part of the forum</li> </ul>		
<b>9.</b>	<b>CLOSURE</b> The meeting was declared closed by the Chairperson at 13:00		

Signed as true reflection of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2011:

----- (Signature)  
----- (Name)  
----- (Date and Place)

EASTERN CAPE WETLANDS FORUM

ACTION LIST FOR MARCH 2011

	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>
Task 1 Illegal Sandmining	<p>The meeting agreed that on our next meeting DMR will be invited and Japie will give a presentation on illegal sandmining issues</p> <p>Mr Japie and Qonya will formulate a manual on impacts of illegal sandmining on our rivers and wetlands.</p> <p>A committee that will put together some information on illegal sandmining was identified as: Mr Qonya-Champion            Mr Buckle            Mr Buti            Mr Mzamo; progress report will be given on our next meeting</p>	<p>Japie</p> <p>Japie/Eric</p> <p>Japie/Eric/Buntu on the progress of the committee</p>
Task 2 Working for Wetlands Projects	Mr Japie will forward the new figures of the projects to the secretary for distribution.	Japie
Task 3 Nkonkobe Rehabilitation plan	Honjiswa Mayapi will be invited in our next meeting to present the Nkonkobe Rehabilitation Plan	Unathi
Task 4 WESSA/MONDI training offer	The meeting mandated Mr Buti to invite Michelle on our next meeting to give a presentation.	Melikhaya
Task 5	Wetlands Training in Matatiele	Thando
Task 6	DMR representative to be part of our next forum meeting	Unathi/Zukie
Task 7	Inviting a representative from Eastern Parks	Thando