



Babanango Game Reserve

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Final Comment

IN TERMS OF SECTION 38(8) OF THE NATIONAL HERITAGE RESOURCES ACT (ACT 25 OF 1999) AND SECTION 41 OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL AMAFA AND RESEARCH INSTITUTE ACT (ACT 05 OF 2018)

Attention: Emcakweni Community Trust

The Applicant proposes to establish the Babanango Game Reserve (Big Five) situated in north-western Zululand. The project will include the upgrading and refurbishment of various existing lodge/camp infrastructure as well as the establishment of two new lodges/camps as a first phase development. The area proposed for incorporation into the Reserve comprises various land portions owned in title by the Emcakweni Community Trust (ECT) and the Kwangono Community Trust (KCT) respectively, as well as African Habitat Conservancy. Certain other land portions proposed for incorporation are still variously owned at this time. The Reserve land incorporating Community Trust land will be leased from the respective land owners, with such land owners sharing in the ownership, benefit and management of the Reserve. The total Reserve area will be required to be fenced for game and Big Five purposes.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed Babanango Game Reserve development. A number of heritage resources were identified in the general area of the proposed development during the Jean Beater and associates survey of the proposed area. These include; archaeological and historical stonewalling, graves and remains of homesteads, structures over 60 years, Copper mine and kalk mine remnants as well as stone tools and ceramics. All heritage resources in this area are generally protected in terms of heritage legislation and should not be damaged, altered, added to or demolished, excavated, collected, exhumed, inundated, removed from its original position, or otherwise disturbed without the prior written approval of the Institute.

It is noted that the survey that was conducted did not cover all ground and therefore any proposed development within and in the vicinity of the proposed game reserve should be subjected to a Phase I Heritage Impact Assessment. This includes any envisaged establishment of human/animal activity, fencing, construction, bush clearance and earth-moving activities that have the potential to disturb both intangible and tangible heritage resources in the area including spaces to which oral history is attached. A Cultural Heritage Management Plan should therefore be developed for the reserve.



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The Institute has no objection to the proposed development of the Babanango Game Reserve within limits of the stipulated conditions and mitigation measures.

You are also required to adhere to the below-mentioned standard conditions:

Conditions:

1. The KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute should be contacted if any heritage objects are identified during earth-moving activities and all development should cease until further notice.
2. No structures older than sixty years or parts thereof are allowed to be demolished altered or extended without a permit from the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
3. Under no circumstances may any heritage material be destroyed or removed from site unless under direction of the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute and a heritage specialist.
4. Should any remains be found on site that is potentially human remains, the South African Police Service (SAPS) should also be contacted. No SAPS official may disturb or exhume such remains, without the necessary permission from the KwaZulu Natal and Amafa Research Institute.
5. No activities are allowed within 50m of a site, which contains rock art.
6. Sources of all natural materials (including topsoil, sands, natural gravels, crushed stone, asphalt, etc.) must be obtained in a sustainable manner and in compliance with the heritage legislation.

Failure to comply with the requirements of the National Heritage Resources Act and the KwaZulu Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act could lead to legal action being instituted against the applicant.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully



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Terms & Conditions:

1. This approval does not exonerate the applicant from obtaining local authority approval or any other necessary approval for proposed work.
2. If any heritage resources, including graves or human remains, are encountered they must be reported to the Institute immediately.
3. The Institute reserves the right to request additional information as required.