

Appendix 8: Description of Public Participation Process

The following list summaries the public participation process conducted as part of the HIA.

1. Identification of Relevant Stakeholders.
2. Steering Committee Meeting, 26 February 2015: Present Status Quo Report.
3. Meeting with Chief Lekwene of Buxton and Councilors, 31 April 2015: Stakeholder Meeting.
4. Steering Committee Meeting, 22 May 2015: Presentation of Draft HIA and Draft VIA.
5. Placement of an advertisement in the media.
6. Placement of a notice at the site.
7. Steering Committee Meeting, 17 July 2015: Presentation of HIA, VIA and HMP.
8. Notification of placement of document for comment sent to all registered I&APs.
9. Local placement of the document for comment.

1. Identification of Relevant Stakeholders

The relevant stakeholders have been identified through the information obtained from READ, and are detailed in the table below. These stakeholders have been invited to Steering Committee Meetings.

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	5d)Molusi Tau 5e)Brenda Mbali 5f)Masego Pholoholo 5g) Mmapule Semelane			5g) 073 322 9766	
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7	Mr Mothibasela	BA PHUDUHUCWANA	sepotokele1959@gmail.com	053 994 1959	
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9	Mr Gabanakgosi	Greater Taung Local Municipality	hudsong@taunglm.co.za malepejoyce@gmail.com	053 994 9404	
10	Mr. Tshetlo Boitumelo Pati	DR. RSM District Municipality	keoagileo@bophirima.co.za tshetlhoz@bophirima.co.za moshwangk@bophirima.co.za vengydibetso@gmail.com patib@bophirima.co.za	053 928 1423	
11	David Morris	Mc Gregor Museum	dmorriskby@gmail.com	053 839 2701 053 839 2706	

				082 222 4777	
12		Pretoria Portland Cement (Lime Acres in Kimberly and Head Office JHB)	shareenvictor@ppc.co.za	053 385 8200 011 386 9000	
13	Gloria Nkomo	Department of Local Government and Human Settlement	gnkomo@nwpc.gov.za	018 388 4084/ 018 388 4838	
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20	Rodney Brown Desmond Musetsho	KPRM Holdings	Rodney@vrl.co.za dmusetsho@kprmholdings.co.za	083 302 2087 083 410 1477	
21	Joani November	EcoAfrica and IKM	joani@ikm.org.za		

3. Meeting with Chief Lekwene of Buxton and Councilors, 31 April 2015: Stakeholder Meeting

Meeting Minutes
Meeting with the Local Chief, Chief Lekwene
Venue: Taung Skull World Heritage Site Boardroom
Date: March 31, 2015
Time: 10:00 – 12:00hrs
Reporter: International Knowledge Management (IKM)
Reference: 002

Chairperson: Dr Francois Odendaal, Team Leader (IKM/Eco Africa).

1. Opening and Welcome

The chairperson, Dr Odendaal, opened the meeting and welcomed everybody present.

2. Attendance and Apologies

The following people were present at the meeting:

International Knowledge Management (IKM) and EcoAfrica

Dr F Odendaal, Ms J November, Ms Z Raolane, Ms L Chakawa, Mr S Masimula

Office of the chief/ Baphudhucwana Traditional Council (BTC)

Mr L Lekwene, Mr J Busakwe, Mr G Diradingwe, Mr M Machakela, Mr X Mafola

Community Policing Forum

Mr E Masotho

Taung Skull World Heritage Site/ READ

Mr M. Nkabi

Young Ambassadors

Ms M Lepedi, Ms P Mokgasi, Ms M Semelane, Ms B Mbali, Ms N Beja, Mr T Kole

3. Presentation of the project by IKM and EcoAfrica

- a) Dr Odendaal introduced the projects to chief Lekwene and introduced the role of IKM and Eco Africa in the projects at hand;
- b) A general and interactive discussion ensued where a range of topics were informally discussed;
- c) EcoAfrica was tasked with ensuring that the chief receives:

- i. Names and contact numbers for all Eco Africa and IKM consultants working on the project;
 - ii. A brief explaining the role of IKM and Eco Africa in the projects;
 - iii. The Johannesburg 2002 declaration and UNESCO Action plan for Africa documents.
- c) IKM was tasked with ensuring that they schedule a follow up meeting with the chief to discuss and learn more about the cultural heritage of Buxton and surrounding areas and the Taung Skull World Heritage site;
- d) The involvement of IKM will be to promote capacity building. There haven't been resources at the site office for the site Archaeologist to carry out his duties. The presence of IKM in the area could assist in undoing this bottleneck;

4. Introduction of the Young Ambassadors

Dr Odendaal introduced the Young Ambassadors to the chief and highlighted them as a group of young volunteers who will provide vital "human resources". He suggested that IKM/Eco Africa can work with them closely in these projects, to which Chief Lekwene assented.

5. Concerns raised

The following concerns were raised:

- a) This project may represent the duplication of work that has been done already in the community by Mr Nkabi (READ). There have already been attempts to repatriate fossils and artefacts to the site and interviews had already been conducted in the community;
- b) Taung Skull World Heritage Site is a unique WHS as it is situated in close proximity with a residential area. The implications of having a WHS close to a residential area must be considered as it restricts members of the community who own homes near the site from making improvements to their homes in a way that is not approved by SAHRA;
- c) There has been a communication problem and an information deficiency between the management authority and the office of the chief. The issue of not having received the map of the Buxton area for zonal planning was highlighted as an example of such problems. The office of the chief nominated two representatives (Mr Makotsa and Ms Molefa Matsane [Secretary of the Chief]) to be on the project steering committee;

- d) Damage to the entrance bridge is a major concern as the damage is caused by other communities surrounding Buxton. This is because they are not educated about the cultural value of the site. There is need to educate people in these communities;
- e) The issue of copyrights for the skull and the site as a whole is a matter of concern. All copyrights should belong to the community and the money raised from royalties should go to the community;
- f) There is an existing Trust for the area through the Kgotla Kgolo, but it is also important for Buxton to form its own Trust, perhaps linked to the WHS;
- g) The diamond route near Buxton needs to be researched to determine if it goes through the area. There may be potential to form links and synergies if it does go through the area;
- h) The WHS has been closed for a very long period and people have forgotten about it. There must be a strategy in place to revive the value of the site to attract people once again;
- i) IKM and its affiliates should deal directly with the chief of Buxton in future instead of going through the office of the paramount chief (Kgotla Kgolo) to prevent any bottlenecks in terms of information dissemination;
- j) There have been NGOs and other groups in the past that have purported to be representing the Taung Skull World Heritage Site without the community's knowledge of it. The importance for IKM and its affiliates to communicate their plans with the chief and with the community was stressed;
- k) There is a rumor that has been spreading in the community that the WHS is not doing anything for the community. A story has been published in the Daily Sun newspaper asserting this view. The office of the chief has since learned that there is a company that is attempting to de-register the TSWHS for what is assumed to be for monetary incentives;
- l) Sustainable solutions for the community's development must be prioritized. There has been too much talk of development and nothing happening on the ground;
- m) A concern was raised that the Young Ambassadors may face a challenge when the community begins to see the result of their work and they may view the current members of the group as being "favoured".

6. Responses to Concerns

It was noted that the concerns raised were truly 'the voice of the people'. IKM and Eco Africa were tasked to ensure that these concerns would be brought to the attention of the steering committee. The following responses were offered to address the concerns raised:

- a) IKM has been tasked with creating a branding campaign for the skull and the site, and thus issues of copyright would be addressed under this task. IKM agrees with the office of the chief

that money from copyright proceeds should go to the community directly, perhaps through a Trust that will be closely associated with the WHS and will have the clear objective of benefitting the community;

- a) The purpose of the interviews is to ensure they are recorded and stored properly so that future duplication is not necessary. IKM does not bring something new, but to add to what is there;
- b) IKM will research the diamond route and find out where it goes and what its impact will be on Buxton and the WHS;
- c) It was questioned whether there is a need for a Tourism Development Plan to address the issue of reviving interest in the WHS. IKM would mention this to the management authority. One way to kick start tourism would be to start a system of 'tourism trial runs' in which real tourists will be invited to come to the site, are treated as an experimental group, and then give feedback. There is also a need to have someone who can 'unlock' the value of the WHS to tourists for example, having archaeologists who can explain the archaeological value of the site to tourists;
- d) EcoAfrica will have to address issues of access to determine where people can/cannot go on the site so as to preserve it. This can be part of the heritage management plan. It was noted that the issues of educating external communities on the buffer zone as well as finding ways to mitigate damage to the zone are issues that require immediate attention;
- e) It is obvious that there may be a need to create a Local Economic Development Plan for the Buxton community rather urgently, and IKM undertook to mention this to the management authority;
- f) A stakeholder involvement plan needs to be created to address the issue of communication problems. IKM undertook to draw up such a plan that should be simple and will be sent to the Chief for his input also;
- g) The steering committee will need to discuss ways to show the development value of the site to the community to promote community buy-in into the project, and that this needs to be integrated into the management plan. It was noted that Buxton needs to be revitalized in a way that takes advantage of the WHS status of the core zone;
- h) Communication with the communities surrounding the WHS, especially those in the immediate buffer zone area adjacent to the site is important and must be prioritized.

Action Minutes

No	Activity	Responsibility
1.	<p>To be given to the chief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Names and contact numbers for all Eco Africa and IKM consultants working on the project • A brief explaining the role of IKM and Eco Africa in the projects • The Johannesburg declaration and UNESCO Action plan for Africa documents 	Ms Zimkhitha Raolane
2.	Schedule follow up meeting with the office of the chief to discuss cultural heritage	IKM
3.	Introduce Young Ambassadors to READ as site coordinators	IKM
4.	Research Diamond route and its implications for Buxton and WHS	IKM
5.	Further discussion on the development of a Tourism development Plan with READ and Steering Committee	IKM
6.	Further discussion on the development of a Local Economic Development plan with READ and Steering Committee	IKM
7.	Further discussion on the development of buffer zone guidelines – requires immediate attention with READ and Steering Committee	IKM
8.	Development of stakeholder Involvement plan to mitigate communication issues	IKM

5. Placement of an advertisement in the media.

The following advertisement was placed in the Taung Daily News on 16 May 2015.

NOTICE !!!

Renovations and upgrades on the Taung Skull World Heritage Site
Notice of Heritage and Visual Impact Assessment Process

Notice is given in terms of Section 34, 35, and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999), that the applicant is applying for a Heritage Authorisation from the South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA) with Heritage Impact Assessment procedure, for the proposed renovations and upgrades of the Taung Skull World Heritage Site.

Applicant: Rural, Environmental and Agricultural Development Department of the North West Province.

Independent Consultant: EcoAfrica Environmental Consultants (Gauteng)

Date of Publication of Advertisement: 16 May 2015

Site Locality: The proposed site is the Taung Skull World Heritage Site with coordinates: S27 37 10.00 E24 37 59.00. The property is 158.74 Ha with a buffer zone of 3387 Ha.

Project Description: The proposed projects are as follows: Protection of the core area/fence, the ablution block-picnic site, the ablution block-Thomeng waterfalls, the road to Thomeng, restoration of the miners' compound, restoration of the mine manager's office, restoration of the powerhouse complex, parking and the entrance area, protection of sensitive and dangerous sites, trails and signage, memorial site, boom gate and security shelter at Thomeng, restoration and repurposing of historical buildings in the buffer zone, museum and amphitheatre, restaurant, auditorium, revamping of the kiln area, new access road, picnic site

Contact Persons: Ms Zimkhitha Raolane/
Mr Jonathan Kingwill; EcoAfrica Environmental Consultants; 428 Farenden Street, Clydesdale, Pretoria, 0002.
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jonathan@ecoafrika.co.za

To register as an interested and affected party (I&AP), and to receive information and participate please submit your name, contact information and substantiated interest in the project to the above contact persons no later than twenty one (21) days after the publication of this advertisement. As part of the process, a public meeting will be held at the TSWHS site office. All registered I & APs will be invited to this meeting. All I&AP will be notified of the availability of reports which will be available at the Taung Skull World Heritage Site office. Please contact Mr Mziwabantu Nkabi, the site archaeologist on 073 965 4582 for viewing of the reports.

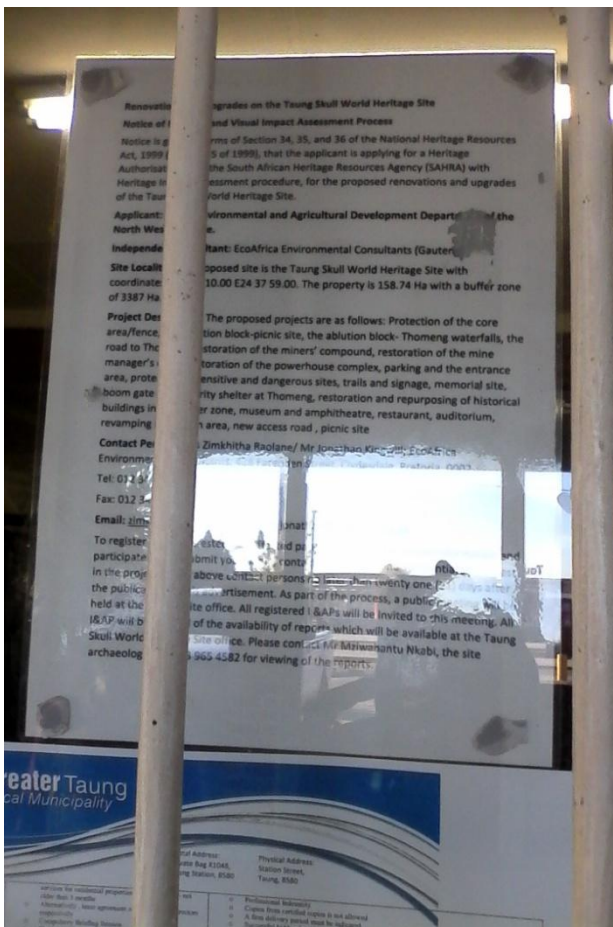
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6. Placement of a notice for registration placed locally.

The notice below was placed at the entrance gate on the site on 22 May 2015, inviting I&APs to register for the HIA process.



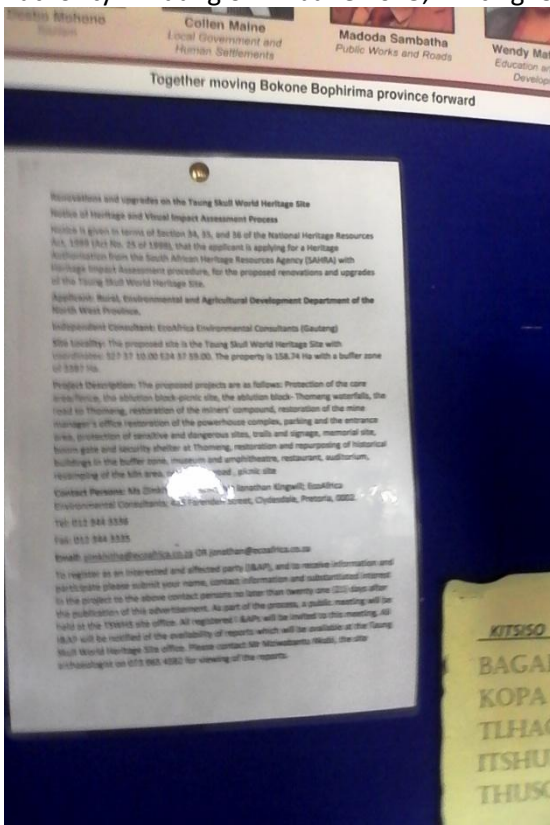
The notice below was also placed at the Greater Taung Local Municipality office in Taung on 21 June 2015, inviting I&APs to register for the HIA process.



The notice below was also placed at the NWDC office in Taung on 21 June 2015, inviting I&APs to register for the HIA process.



The notice below was also placed at the office of the Batlhaping Ba Ga Phuduhucwana Tribal Authority in Taung on 21 June 2015, inviting I&APs to register for the HIA process.



Copy of the notices placed in Taung appears below:

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Project Description: The proposed project is the heritage impact assessment of proposed renovation and upgrades, including the restoration of existing structures and building new structures. Visual Impact Assessment is included and crucial to the protection of the cultural landscape of the Taung Skull World Heritage Site.

Contact Persons: Ms Zimkhitha Raolane/ Mr Jonathan Kingwill; EcoAfrica Environmental Consultants; 428 Farenden Street, Clydesdale, Pretoria, 0002.

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7. Notification of placement of Document for Comment sent to all registered I&APs.

To be included into the final document.

8. Local placement of the Document for Comment.

Chief Lekwene of Buxton offered at the Steering Committee on 17 July 2015 to assist with communication amongst the local community, once the Document for Comment has been made available.

To be included into the final document.