

PHASE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT COASTAL PARK WASTE LANDFILL SITE: MUIZENBERG

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1. INTRODUCTION

The Archaeology Contracts Office of the University of Cape Town was commissioned by SRK Consulting to conduct a phase 1 archaeological assessment of an extension to the Coastal Park General Landfill Site, Muizenberg.

1.1 Terms of reference

The Archaeology Contracts Office undertook to:

- a) Identify archaeological sites within the study area;
- b) Assess the regional and national archaeological significance of archaeological sites identified with the study area;
- c) Assess the impact of the proposed extension to the Coastal Park Waste Landfill Site on identified sites of archaeological significance;
- d) Provide mitigation and management measures for the identified sites of archaeological significance.

2. METHOD

The land in question was searched on foot to locate surface indications of archaeological material such as historic sites and dumps, prehistoric artefact scatters and shell middens. A programme of archaeological and palaeontological monitoring of earthmoving operations at the adjacent Capricorn site has provided information on the sub-surface conditions of the general area which has helped inform this study.

2.1 Restrictions

Minor restrictions to the study were areas of dense vegetation growth, which inhibited surface visibility.

3. FINDINGS

No surface indications of archaeological material were found within the study area. These findings are consistent with previous surveys on nearby land. Monitoring of the excavation of the Capricorn canal and cut and fill operations nearby did not produce evidence of buried archaeological material. In general, the windswept Cape Flats did not attract prehistoric people whose main requirements were shelter and access to rocky areas of the coast where they could collect shellfish.

4. CONCLUSION

No impacts are expected to occur with respect to archaeological material. No mitigation or management is required.

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