

**The archaeological survey of the Elephant Coast
Lodge & Secure Village**

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Buk'Indalo Consultancy contracted Umlando to undertake an archaeological survey of an area for the proposed Elephant Coast Lodge and Secure Village. The proposed development is on the border of Matubatuba and is currently used for sugar cane farming.

The first survey located a few pottery sherds and Middle Stone Age tools. The sugar cane and grass was however too dense to undertake an archaeological survey. We resurveyed the area once it had been burnt.

The survey did not locate archaeological sites *per se*. Rather, we located several pieces of pottery, lower grinding stone fragments, small upper grinding stones, and several Middle Stone Age stone tools. These were scattered across the entire development area. We noted these as occurrences of artefacts. It does not appear that an archaeological deposit exists in this area.

Significance: The artefacts have no significance, and the site does not appear to have an archaeological deposit.

Mitigation: no further mitigation is required. The developer may need to apply to for a destruction permit if Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali requests this.

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