

**ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF THE
PROPOSED KWAMBONAMBI OFFRAMP**

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INTRODUCTION

Umlando was contracted to undertake an archaeological survey of a proposed development near the Kwambonambi-Mapelane turnoff, KwaZulu Natal. Fig. 1 is the locality map, and fig. 2 shows the affected area.

The proposed development is to enlarge the current road and off-ramp, as well as to have a taxi and bus drop-off zone beside the N2.

The current area consists of road reserve for the N2, Mondi afforestation plantation, and grassed area at the Kwambonambi turnoff. All of these areas have been heavily disturbed.

RESULTS

We undertook a desktop analysis prior to the survey, and no sites occurred in the immediate vicinity. The closest sites were recorded by Umlando and these are located 7km – 12km away. These are Late Iron Age or Historical Period sites.

The survey did not record any sites in the affected area. However, we did not an old pincushion Euphorbia () adjacent to the Mondi turnoff¹. This is an old Euphorbia and normally associated with historical graves. I could not determine if this was a real grave, without excavations. We suggest that if the Euphorbia is to be affected, then a heritage practitioner needs to be on site to salvage any potential human remains. Timeous notice for the monitoring is required as a permit would be required if any human remains are unearthed.

¹ 28°35'58.59"S 32° 5'40.66"E

Figure 1: Locality of the proposed development

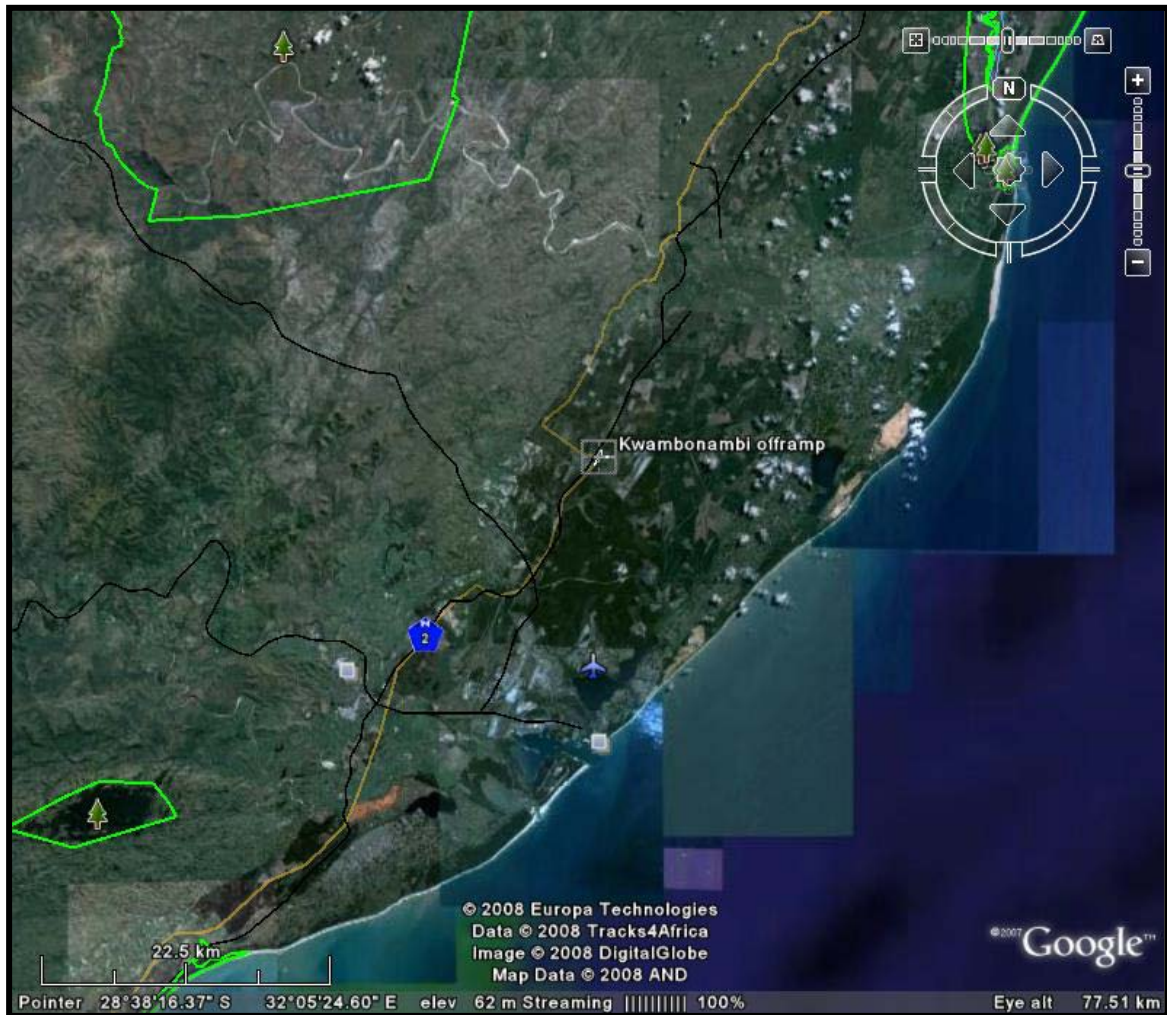


Figure 2: Locality of proposed development and Euphorbia tree.

