

**The archaeological survey of the Qwasha Bridge &
Associated Roads**

For GAEA Projects

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Umlando was contracted by GAEA Projects to undertake an archaeological survey of the proposed Qwasha Bridge site and associated approach roads. The Southern African National Roads Agency (Pty) Ltd. is responsible for this project. The survey was undertaken on the 27 May 2004. Two sites were recorded on either side of the river; however, no further mitigation is required.

The sites

Site 1 consists of a scatter of Middle Stone Age and a few late Stone Age stone tools. The site will not be affected by the bridge, but may be affected by a road upgrade. The stone tools are in a secondary context and have low archaeological significance.

Site 2 consists of a small scatter of Middle Stone Age stone tools. The stone tools are in a secondary context and have low archaeological significance. The Qwasha Bridge will directly affect this site.

No further mitigation is required for either site.

Southern African National Roads Agency (Pty) Ltd. will need to apply for a permit to damage part of this site(s). The permit is available from KwaZulu-Natal Heritage.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM

SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age: Middle and Late

Early Iron Age:

Late Iron Age

Historical Period:

Recorder's Site No.: Site 1

Map Reference: S28⁰ 14.891 E31⁰ 18.494'

GPS reading? yes

Directions to site: Sketch or description.

From Melmoth drive past Ulundi. Approx. 16.5km after Ulundi turn-off is the Denny Dalton turn-off. Turn right to Denny Dalton for 1.5km. At both the 1st and 2nd Y-junctions turn right. The 1st is part of the main road, the 2nd right is a side-road. Follow the side road until its end at a end circle. There is a current borrow pit beside the beginning of this road, and a smaller track behind it. The upgrade road will follow this track down to the river. The site is at the bottom of the track near the proposed bridge and on the banks of the White Umfolozi.

SITE DESCRIPTION:

Scatter of MSA tools

Type of Site: open

Merits conservation: No

Threats: yes

What threats: Qwasha Bridge

RECORDING:

Details of graphic record: N/A

Colour slides:

Tracings

Black & White photographs

Re-drawings

Recorder/Informant: Name: Gavin and Louise Anderson

Address: PO Box 102532, Meerensee, 3901

Owner State

References:

Description of site and artefactual content.

Small scatter of standard MSA flakes.



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE RECORD FORM

SITE CATEGORY: (X where applicable)

Stone Age

Early Iron Age:

Late Iron Age

Historical Period:

Recorder's Site No.:

Official Name:

Local Name:

Map Sheet: 2832 CB Cape St. Lucia

Map Reference: S" E" (alt =)

GPS reading?

Directions to site: Sketch or description.

From Melmoth drive past Ulundi. Approx. 16.5km after Ulundi turn-off is the Denny Dalton turn-off. Turn right to Denny Dalton for 1.5km. At both the 1st and 2nd Y-junctions turn right. The 1st is part of the main road, the 2nd right is a side-road. Follow the side road until its end at a end circle. There is a current borrow pit beside the beginning of this road, and a smaller track behind it. The upgrade road will follow this track down to the river. Cross the White Umfolozi. And follow the current dirt road. The site is on the left-hand side (going uphill) after the first bend in the road.

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