

The archaeological survey of the Hillendale Mine, Tikor,
KwaZulu-Natal

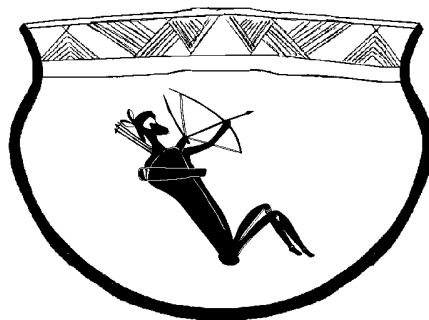
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Umlando undertook the monthly archaeological survey of the Ticor Hillendale Mine, as well as a survey of two areas in the mining area.

The area in front of the current mine face was surveyed. We observed a few stone tools and pottery sherds. The stone tools date to the Middle and Late Stone Ages and consist of flakes. The pottery appears to date to the Late Iron Age or Historical Period. No decorations occurred on the sherds and thus we cannot assess their relative age.

The artefacts are of low significance and were not sampled.

We revisited the site named TIC20: the iron-smelting site excavated in 2005. The area has not been affected yet and is still covered in sugar cane.

We were informed of a layer in the dune strata that appeared to have iron smelting activity. The layer is a geological layer, and is thus a natural occurrence.