

**The archaeological survey of RBM Zulti  
North & Tisand Mining Lease**

**For RBM & KwaZulu Natal Heritage**

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We undertook the archaeological survey in the RBM mining lease in January, as part of the monthly monitoring program. We revisited several sites and recorded one new site.

AMS7 was revisited and a few more samples were taken. These samples were pottery sherds with decorations on the rim.

Mining Ponds A, D and E had no new sites recorded, although a few shell fragments were noted near MPE. These were not sufficient to be recorded as a site.

MPC has one new site: MPC85. This site is located on the upper slopes of the dunes. Approximately 20 sherds, and one upper grinding stone, were recorded over a 30m radius. The sherds are sandblasted and very thick. This suggests that they date to the Early Iron Age. We believe that most of the site will be exposed during the next bush clearance phase.

We have previously discussed the use of an archaeological storeroom on RBM premises. Amafa, Umlando and RBM have agreed to this. We have placed several (ten) boxes in the storeroom. The storeroom has a register of incoming-outgoing boxes and we update this at each visit.