BLUFF NATURE RESERVE

KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

Protected Area Management Plan:
Public Participation Report
2014

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1. **STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION PROCESS**

Bluff Nature Reserve (BNR) is a 46.2 ha protected area situated in the suburb of Bluff which is 9.2km south of Durban. BNR lies 7.1km north of the old Durban International Airport and the nature reserve falls within the jurisdiction of the eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality. The nature reserve is situated within a residential area alongside the Wentworth Hospital and is divided in half by Tara Road which passes through the reserve.

The nature reserve is surrounded by a number of protected areas such as Kenneth Stainbank which lies 14km west of Bluff Nature Reserve and the Bluff National Park Golf and the Southern Coastal Park to the North.

BNR forms part of the Durban Metropolitan Open Space System (D'MOSS) which was previously known as the eThekwini Environmental Services Management Plan (EEMP). This system of open spaces constitutes of 74 000ha of land and water that incorporates areas of high biodiversity value.

BNR also falls within the Maputaland – Pondoland - Albany hotspot which is described as a biodiversity hotspot and a centre of plant endemism. This region is home to a wide variety of endemic and near endemic fauna and flora. This resulted from the geographical location of this region and exceptional influence from the temperate zone. Bluff Nature Reserve contributes towards the land that is formally protected towards the Maputaland – Pondoland – Albany hotspot.

The nature reserve protects a portion of the Southern Moist Coastal Lowlands Forest, Coastal Belt Grasslands and Subtropical Freshwater Wetlands. Plant species of importance include Graceful/Slender Redhot Poker (*Kniphofia gracilis*), Wood’s Disa (*Disa woodii*) and the Green Wood Orchid (*Bonatea speciosa*) while important fauna species include Blue Duiker (*Philantomba monticola bicolor*) which is vulnerable, the Greater Red Musk Shrew (*Crocidura flavescens*) and the Hottentot Golden Mole (*Amblysomus hottentotus*).

Various important bird species are present in the nature reserve such as the Spotted Ground-Thrush (*Zoothera guttata*) which is endangered, the Red-winged Pratincole (*Glareola pratincola*), Lanner Falcon (*Falco biarmicus*), Great White Pelican (*Pelecanus onocrotalus*) and the Painted Snipe (*Rostratula benghalensis*) which are all near threatened.

BNR is also home to a host of reptiles and amphibians such as the Natal Leaf-folding Frog (*Afrixalus spinifrons spinifrons*) which is vulnerable and, is up to 75% endemic to KwaZulu-Natal. The Mashona Hinged Terrapin (*Pelusios rhodesianus*) and the Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon (*Bradypodion melanocephalum*) is restricted to KwaZulu-Natal and is found in the nature reserve.

Bluff Nature Reserve also provides the perfect habitat for a host of insects such as the Bluff Forest Wingless grasshopper (*Silvanidium peninsulare*), Ringed Millipede (*Centrobolus anulatus*), Cristulate Black millipede (*Doratogonus cristulatus*) and the Bronze pinwheel (*Trachycystis aenea*) with all of them being restricted and endemic to KwaZulu-Natal, to the exception that the Bronze Pinwheel which is near-endemic to KwaZulu-Natal.

The National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (No.57 of 2003) requires that Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife compile and implement Protected Area Management Plans in all of the protected areas under its jurisdiction. In preparing these plans it is important that participatory processes, involving local communities and other stakeholders are implemented in an effort to ensure that all key issues are considered and incorporated into the management plan.

This public participation report provides the background to the process followed in developing the management plan for Bluff Nature Reserve. It reflects the inputs and involvement of stakeholders in developing the plan and provides a summary of the key issues that have emerged from this process. This document will form a supporting document to the management plan, providing some of the details and context of how the plan was formulated.
1.1 The Context of Stakeholder Consultation

In terms of Section 39(3) of the Protected Areas Act, consultation is required with municipalities, other organs of state, local communities and other affected parties, which have an interest in the area, when compiling a management plan for a protected area. Furthermore, the input and support of key stakeholders is considered vitally important in the management of protected areas and in the implementation of many of the actions set out in their management plans. For this reason a comprehensive public participation process has been undertaken in preparing the management plan for Bluff Nature Reserve.

1.2 Approach and Objectives of the Consultation Process

The approach to consultation in preparing the management plan for Bluff Nature Reserve has been to target communities in the area around the reserve together with municipalities, relevant government authorities and other key stakeholders. The process has been targeted at key representatives of stakeholder groups in an effort to enable meaningful input in the development of the management plan. The objectives of the public consultation process have been to:

- Ensure that the communities around the reserve are aware of its importance and the conservation imperatives that formed the basis for its proclamation.
- Discuss and agree on the values of Bluff Nature Reserve in order to come to a common understanding of why it is important and should be protected.
- Canvas aspirations, issues, concerns and conflicts associated with the reserve that must be resolved through the management plan.
- Provide additional information that is required by individual stakeholders and to request input and pertinent information that may aid the process and the management of the reserve from stakeholders.

The list of participants who have been consulted and who have attended meetings as part of the public consultation process is attached in Appendix A.

1.3 Consultation Process

The public participation process for the compilation of the Bluff Nature Reserve Protected Area Management Plan commenced with the compilation of a Background Information Document, which was sent out with a notice to pre-identified key stakeholders. The noticed included an invitation to attend the Public Stakeholder Workshop to be held at the Wilderness Leadership Board Room, on the 27th November 2013 at 01:30pm.

The stakeholder workshops were advertised in the:

- Isolezwe - 24th October 2013;
- The Mercury - 24th October 2013;
- Southlands Sun (Local Newspaper) - 29th of October 2013;
- The Rising Sun (Chatsworth) (Local Newspaper) - 29th of October 2013.

Copies of the advertisements can be found in Appendix B. The advertisements included reference to Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve, North Park Nature Reserve and Bluff Nature Reserve Public Stakeholder Workshops, since all three were being compiled under the same time frames.
The advertisements stated that the Background Information Documents can be accessed via the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife website (www.kznwildlife.com), under the following pathway: “Conservation” > “Public comment” > “Coast region” with the protected area name and the word BID in the file name. It was also stated that, should Interested and Affected Parties (I&AP’s) be unable to attend the Public Stakeholder Workshops, the document would remain available and comments would be welcomed until the 13th January 2014. For planning purposes, Interested and Affected Parties were asked to please register for the workshop by the 11th November 2013.

Groups that were invited included eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality, neighbours, neighbouring communities and non-governmental conservation organisations. See Appendix F for the attendance register and Appendix E for the minutes of the meeting.

The draft protected area management plan was made available to public review for a period of one month. The draft plan was advertised in the:

- Isolezwe - 9th March 2014;
- The Rising Sun (Chatsworth)(Local Newspaper) - 11th March 2014;
- Southlands Sun (Local Newspaper) – 14th March 2014;
- The Mercury - 14th March 2014;

All stakeholders who attended the stakeholder workshop were informed either through e-mail, telephonically or through verbal messages by the Conservation Manager.

Hard copies of the documents were made available at the eThekwini Municipality, Durban Museum Library and the Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve.

Closing dates for comments was 7th April 2014. The Park Planning Committee met on in April to respond to all comments received and to consider them for incorporation into the draft plan.
Table 1.1 Summary of the protected area management plan development process.

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2. **KEY FINDINGS OF THE STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION PROCESS**

The table below summarizes the key findings of the stakeholder consultation process in the six key performance areas.

**Table 2.1 Summary of Key findings of the Stakeholder Consultation Process.**

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| Legal compliance and law enforcement       | ▪ Minor security problems (alcohol intoxication) within the nature reserve.  
▪ Ad hoc development of squatter camps along the boundary.                                                                                                          |
| Stakeholder engagement                     | ▪ Absence of a liaison forum between BNR and the surrounding neighbours and stakeholders.  
▪ Lack of a stakeholder database.                                                                                                                                       |
| Buffer zone protection and regional management | ▪ Possibility of land extension to the northern boundary of the nature reserve.  
▪ Alignment of municipal planning documents including IDPs and SDFs with that of the nature reserve.                                                                 |
| Eco-tourism development                     | ▪ Poor understanding of tourism avenues and there feasibility.  
▪ Alignment of tourism facilities with municipal development plans.  
▪ Potential of using the nature reserve as an outdoor classroom.  
▪ The reserve needs to be better marketed and sign posted as directions to the reserve are limited (See Operational Management).  
▪ Environmental awareness programmes need to be implemented at the reserve explaining its importance as a D’MOSS zone. |
| Conservation management                     | ▪ Inflow of waste into the reserve via storm water drains which lead into the reserve.  
▪ Litter on the boundary of the reserve – via people passing and motorist.  
▪ Threats of alien plants entering via storm water drains from surrounding areas.  
▪ Soil erosion in the western block of the reserve due to storm water run-off from the hospital which is located adjacent to the reserve.  
▪ Wetland has undergone severe siltation over the years.                                                                                                          |
| Operational management                      | ▪ Inadequate staff numbers.  
▪ Inadequate funds to maintain the nature reserve and carry out operational management duties.  
▪ Staff accommodation and office buildings require minor maintenance.  
▪ Lack of signage in the nature reserve (See Eco-tourism development).  
▪ Lack of signage directing tourist to the nature reserve (See Eco-tourism development).                                                                 |
3. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING REVIEW OF THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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<td>Engen Refinery has not been mentioned in the document as an existing industry located in the vicinity (less than a one kilometre from Bluff NR).</td>
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|      | Engen would also appreciate clarification on the term used “Bluff buffer Zone”                                                                                                                                                                                                  | The Bluff Nature Reserve Buffer Zone is a 5km radius zone from the nature reserve. As mentioned on Page 45, 6.4.2 Local and Regional Planning – “It is important, in managing the buffer areas around the nature reserve, that Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife work with local government authorities to ensure that their land use planning considers the biodiversity conservation imperatives of Bluff Nature Reserve. In this regard it is necessary to ensure that buffer zone considerations are captured in planning tools such as IDPs and SDFs. In developing relationships with ETHekwini municipality, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife will adhere to the following guiding principles:  
  ▪ Relationships with local government and other provincial and national departments will be developed in the spirit of cooperative governance.  
  ▪ Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife will endeavour to assist the local and district municipality in determining appropriate land uses and development strategies in the areas surrounding the nature reserve.  
  ▪ Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife will endeavour to align its plans and strategies with the programmes and strategies of the local and district municipality, where appropriate.”  
The buffer zone identifies the area, at which the Park Planning Committee should comment on any new or additional developments taking place within a 5km radius of the nature reserve. Since Bluff Nature Reserve is already surrounded by transformed areas, the Park Planning Committee can only
advise on acceptable land use practices within the buffer zone.

Correction on the rehabilitation site mentioned in the document, this rehabilitation site is does not belong to Engen.

Clarify with management and correct accordingly.

Please could the composition of Community Liaison Forum be explained and the process of how to get involved as an interested party.

The community liaison forum comprises of all interested and affected parties relating to the nature reserve. One of the management activities as mentioned in Table 6.1 – Stakeholder management (Page 44 of the Bluff Nature Reserve (BNR)), is to identify stakeholders which would include Engen. The Conservation Manager of BNR would initiate and drive the process to develop this forum. All interested and affected parties will be contacted by the conservation manager to discuss the way forward.

Brenda Pratt – Bluff Resident

Your p76 definition of ‘alien species’ - refers to Ntsikeni NR instead of Bluff NR.

Noted and corrected.

Figures 2.1 and 2.2 are missing

Noted and figures inserted.

We doubt that some of the wildlife mentioned for the reserve, e.g. Blue Duiker, Bushbuck, Cape Grassbird, etc. are still present while other species are not mentioned, e.g. dragonflies. Consequently, the species lists need to be updated. Considering the limited resources of BNR, we suggest using local clubs to do this task while at the same time marketing the reserve among these people. For example, Bird Life Port Natal can be approached to (regularly) update the bird list, or SANBI’s CREW project could do a blitz to look at all other species (plant and animal).

It is acknowledged that the species lists are out dated. A management activity to update the species list, have been added within the component of wildlife management within table 6.8. The idea to incorporate the expertise of Bird Life Port Natal and SANBI’s CREW Project will be passed on to the conservation manager, as he will be responsible for this management activity.

Although you say that security is under control in the reserve, we think that there are some issues you may not be aware of. Staffs needs to be made aware of the potential risks from squatters and thieves. The area between the eastern boundary and Highbury Road in particular is vulnerable to informal settlement. The last time we visited the reserve manhole covers over the sewerage line running through the reserve had been removed along this boundary leaving gaping holes close to the footpath. In addition, there were squatters living in the bush just outside the fence at this spot, their

The management team are aware of the squatters and monitor their activities. Manhole covers are constantly being stolen for scrap metal and it is a challenge to get the Municipality to replace them. This problem is addressed by frequent paroles by field rangers. Any issues picked up are immediately passed on to the conservation manager.
‘tent’ clearly visible. We saw them walk around the perimeter into the reserve to use the toilets in the reserve.

Staff also needs to be trained to spot pollution from Engen/Sapref at an early stage and how to deal with this (before we have another event like that large spill that killed off so much of the wetland a few years ago). Perhaps a pollution/spill response plan needs to be included in the DMP as oil spills and leaks are a real threat? This is particularly true when you take into account the aging infrastructure at the refineries, where many pipes are merely patched and not replaced.

Finally, we wish to emphasize how important the Bluff Nature Reserve is to this community and plead with Ezemvelo Wildlife not to allow it to deteriorate and disappear. The establishment of a Community Liaison Forum is crucial because if the community are involved, then the BNR stands a better chance of continued existence. We suggest that you reach out to the locals to garner support. The people who run the Bluff Eco Park might be interested; SDCEA (South Durban Community Environmental Alliance) might also have an interest - as might SANBI and Bird Life Port Natal.

Staff have been trained to spot signs of pollution or fish kills and report such events to management immediately.

Thank you for letting us know how important the nature reserve is from a resident’s point of view. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife has no intention to allow the nature reserve to deteriorate or disappear as this would go against our mandate. During the next year, the process to develop a Community Liaison Forum will be initiated and all relevant interested and affected parties will have a chance to participate in this. The conservation manager is currently a member of SODURBAN and Birdlife Members are frequent visitors to the reserve.
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SCANS OF THE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN
Midmar Mile puts swimmers to the ultimate test

Despite being between the ages of seven and 17, the swimmers are working long and hard to ensure that they are at their best for the actual race which takes place on 18 December every year. Secretary of the Bayview Swimming Club, Louise Govender said that the officials of the club are extremely proud of their young swimmers who will participate in the four and two kilometre events. Coach, Pieter Naidoo said, “Our young swimmers are hard at work and are trying very hard to achieve their goals for this season. For their ages, they are very mature and goal driven. This is a race that is very hard to find in children their ages.” While many swimming clubs focus on swimming as a whole, the Bayview Swimming Club also provides a care and support system for their young members as well and for them, this is what makes them different apart from their skill base stage. “We have been in operation for 31 years in total and each year, we become stronger in terms of membership and skills. What many don’t know about our club is that we are affiliated to the IZON Aquatics and former world champion, Stephanie to Africa. We also host a Learn to Swim programme which is quite beneficial to those wanting to learn the basics of the water sports,” added Gove


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Situated in the heart of Chatsworth’s CBD, Embassy Premier Events is by far the market leader, offering quality and class at unbeatable prices. The venue can seat up to 400 guests on round tables, is fully air-conditioned and has its own undercover parking. Embassy is ideal for host Christian, Hindu and Muslim weddings, as well as birthday parties, thanksgiving services, and engagements where the client is afforded the option to supply their own food or have the food supplied. Clients wishing to host their functions in 2014 can take advantage of the price freeze offer and book for a function in 2014 at 2013 prices. This super money saver offer is valid if you book before the end of October, so call 031 439-9587 or email, info@embassyevents.co.za or now to secure a viewing of our magnificent premises. Embassy is also offering a Friday special which is ideal for birthday parties, mitzvahs, hens and right before the wedding. It is unbeatable value for money.

Stakeholder Workshops

The Embassies of Zambia and Ethiopia, together with the RIVPAC, organised a series of workshops in Pretoria, Harare and Lagos for stakeholders in the transboundary water management (TWM) process. The purpose of the workshops was to present the stakeholders with a platform to discuss the progress of the TWM process and the development of the Transboundary Catchment Management Plan (TCMP). The workshops were attended by stakeholders from the private sector, civil society, government and academic institutions. The workshops were held under the auspices of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the African Water Initiative (AWI).

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Call for Public Review:
Audition time for Mamma Mia

The Mamma Mia musical is back by popular demand and is expected to be even bigger and better this year. Honored by the king of Bollywood, Mr. Rishi Kapoor, the event will certainly excite audiences.

A story about love, friendship, fun, and happiness, the musical is expected to please everyone.

Tickets are on sale now. The show will be held on 18th March at 7:30 PM, and the town of Bluff, through local investors and sponsors, is excited to produce this popular musical.

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The Montford Women’s Group held their annual get-together at Kings Function Hall on Wednesday, February 10. A new committee was elected, and the outgoing committee was congratulated on a job well done.

The outgoing committee was in charge of the musical, and they are encouraged to continue.

Rasika Singh

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CALL FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

KENNETH STAINBANK NATURE RESERVE
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BLUFF NATURE RESERVE

PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT PLANS


The plans include the following areas and systems:

- Environmental Management
- Emergency Management
- Public Participation
- Public Awareness

These plans are required to provide an overarching framework for the management of the protected area and the surrounding community. The implementation of these plans will ensure the protection of the natural resources and the achievement of sustainable development.

For more information, please contact:

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BLUFF NATURE RESERVE

PRIORITY ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENT AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES
Hero cop dies in gun battle

Armed men shoot valiant policeman in a suspected house robbery

KYLE VENITESS

A HORSE police constable involved in a late-night gun battle with suspected house robbers.

The policeman, whose name is known to The Witness but which is not being published until his family has been notified, was killed in the exchange of fire.

Police spokesperson Captain Solly Buhl said that at about 11.30pm on Sunday the police received a call that a house in the Kriel Street area had been broken into.

A squad of police officers responded and a suspected house robbers confronted them.

Two suspects were shot, one fatally, and the other seriously, Buhl said.

A woman and a child were also arrested.

Police was at the scene but the investigation is continuing.

The policeman was a 39-year-old father of two and joined the police force in 2006.

He is survived by his wife and two children.

Police said they were also investigating reports that a woman was raped by the suspects.

Police in the area have been on high alert.

A 14-year-old and police officer killed in a gun battle.

Police stand outside the crime scene at Athlone News, off Rissvaal Road in Durban North, where a police constable was shot and killed yesterday after a suspected house robbery.

PHOTO: IAN CAMBURY

Turner’s biographer hopes to broaden history of liberation struggle

STEPHEN COAD

All the evidence points directly to the scene where the attack took place.

The assault on the police constable was an unwarranted and unwarranted attack.

The scene was not a crime scene.

The police constable was not a suspect.

The attack was not a random act.

The police constable was a member of the ANC and the Communist Party.

The attack on the police constable was an act of terror.

The police constable was killed in cold blood.

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Unkempt plot a bugbear for Bluff neighbour

This land has proven to be a breeding ground for bunglars

EDITOR – As far as our community, the land between Kalgatty Road and the back of Letme Rita Road has been neglected for many years. I have been living in Luxmore Road for the past 15 years, this land has proven to be a breeding ground for bunglars, as they take in the high grass and watch our houses as well as use the land as an entrance for thieves when hunting out houses.

My children and I have been victims of five break-ins which is a few attempted break-ins. Due to this I have tried to contact the Area Road Management (ARM) office for Dulxin South Beach over the past few years but we have not had much luck, so I often try to get hold of the owner of the land and give him a penalty. This is the same story I hear every year yet nothing is done. The most recent from the ARM, after many calls and different number changes, the line was cut off again and now they are trying to find the owner, but they are not finding the owner. The owner is probably the owner of the house.

I have asked the owner of the land to put up a sign as there is nothing on the plot of land. The ARM is not doing their job and should be doing something about this. I often try to get hold of the owner of the land and give him a penalty. This is the same story I hear every year yet nothing is done. The most recent from the ARM, after many calls and different number changes, the line was cut off again and now they are trying to find the owner, but they are not finding the owner. The owner is probably the owner of the house.

Caring crash scene helpers embodied Tata’s rainbow nation dream

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BLUFF NATURE RESERVE
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BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT

Purpose of this document

- Inform stakeholders of the proposed protected area management plan.
- Invite stakeholders to participate in the process.

The Nature Reserve

Bluff Nature Reserve (BFNR) is a 46.2 ha protected area situated in the suburb of Bluff, 9.2 km south of Durban Central. BFNR lies 7.1 km north east of the old Durban International Airport and the nature reserve falls within the jurisdiction of the eThekwini Metropolitan Municipality. The nature reserve is situated within a residential area alongside the Wentworth Hospital and is divided by Tara Road which passes through the reserve. The nature reserve was formally proclaimed in 1974.

Other reserves in the area include: Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve (14 km - north west) of Bluff Nature Reserve and the Bluff National Park Golf Club and the Southern Coastal Park to the north and east.

BFNR forms part of the Durban Metropolitan Open Space System (D'MOSS) which was previously known as the eThekwini Environmental Services Management Plan (EEMP). This system of open spaces constitutes of 74 000ha of land and water that incorporates areas of high biodiversity value.

BFNR also falls within the Maputaland – Pondoland - Albany hotspot which is described as a centre of plant endemism. This region is home to a wide variety of endemic and near endemic fauna and flora. This resulted from the geographical location of this region and exceptional influence from the temperate zone. Bluff Nature Reserve contributes towards the land that is formally protected towards the Maputaland – Pondoland – Albany hotspot.

The nature reserve protects a portion of the Southern Moist Coastal Lowlands Forest, Coastal Belt Grasslands and Subtropical Freshwater Wetlands. Plant species of importance include Graceful/Slender Redhot Poker (Kniphofia gracilis), Wood’s Disa (Disa woodii) and the Green Wood Orchid (Ronanora speciosa) while important fauna species include the vulnerable Blue Duiker (Philantomba monticola bicolor), the Greater Red Mask Shrew (Crocidura flavescens) and the Hottentot Golden Mole (Amblysomus hottentotus).

Various important bird species are present in the nature reserve such as the endangered Spotted Ground-Thrush (Zoothera guttata), the Red-winged Pratincole (Glareola pratincola), Lanner Falcon (Falco biarmicus), Great White Pelican (Pelecanus onocrotalus) and the Painted Snipe (Rostratula benghalensis) which are all near threatened.

BFNR is also home to a host of reptiles and amphibians such as the vulnerable Natal Leaf-folding Frog (Afridicus spinifrons spinifrons) which is endemic to KwaZulu-Natal. The Mashona Hinged Terrapin (Pelusios rhodesianus) and the Black-headed Dwarf Chameleon (Bradypodion melanacephalum) is restricted to KwaZulu-Natal.

Bluff Nature Reserve also provides the perfect habitat for a host of insects such as the Bluff Forest Wingless Grasshopper (Silvanidium peninsulare), Ringed Millipede (Centrobolus anulatus), Cristulate Black millipede (Donatogonus cristulatus) and the Bronze pinwheel (Trachycratys aenea) with all of them being restricted and endemic to KwaZulu-Natal, to the exception that the Bronze Pinwheel is near-endemic to KwaZulu-Natal.

The protected area management plan

Protected area management plans are intended to ensure compliance with the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (No.57 of 2003) in managing protected areas. Furthermore, they are designed to be high-level documents that provide a tool to assist Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife in the strategic planning and management of the protected area under its control.

Key management issues
A detailed review of ecological, cultural and social issues and management of the nature reserve has revealed the following:

- There is a need to improve relationships with stakeholders in general and improve interaction with the municipality.
- Ecological challenges within the nature reserve that require management intervention and protection include endangered fauna and flora as well as water management.
- Operational management challenges within the nature reserve that require management intervention include insufficient staff to effectively patrol and undertake law enforcement and inadequate funding to carry out operational management duties.

**Stakeholder consultation process**

One of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife’s principles in preparing protected area management plans is collaboration and transparency. Stakeholders will be canvassed and their inputs will be facilitated in the development of the plan.

A stakeholder workshop has been advertised and will be held on the **27th November 2013 at the Wilderness Leadership Board Room (13:30)** to discuss the values, vision and any management issues that need to be addressed.

Once the draft protected area management plan has been prepared, it will be made available for public review and comment prior to its finalisation and submission to the KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Board and MEC.

If you or your organisation would like to participate in this process or would like any further information, please contact:

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COPIES OF STANDARD INVITATIONS SENT TO KNOWN STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

APPENDIX D
Planning Division: Protected Area Management Planning Unit

Enquiries: Mr S Rambarath

Dear: Stakeholder

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To facilitate public input in developing these plans, you are invited to attend the Stakeholder Workshop that will be held at:

Venue: Wilderness Leadership Board Room, Kenneth Stainbank NR
Date: 27 November 2013
Time: 09:30am – Kenneth Stainbank and North Park NR
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A background document will be available one week prior to the workshop on the Ezemvelo website www.kznwildlife.com (Pathway is “Conservation” > “Public comment” > “East Region”). Should you be unable to attend the workshop, comments on the document will be welcomed by 13 January 2014. Should you be attending the meeting, please register through the contact details below by 11 November 2013.

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Enquiries: Mr S Rambarath 24th October 2013

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

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Welcome:

The Chair, Mr Shiven Rambarath, welcomed everybody to the Bluff Nature Reserve Stakeholder Workshop. All Attendees introduced themselves, the organisation they represented and the reason for their interest in the Bluff Nature Reserve.

Agenda:

1. Why PAMPS?
2. The process.
3. Aim of this meeting.
5. Values.
7. Issues, opportunities, threats and interventions.
8. Way forward.

1. Why PAMPS?
   ▪ Primary strategic tool for management of the nature reserve.
   ▪ Inform management at all levels.
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2. The Process
   The process involved in producing the Management Plan for signature by the MEC.

3. Aim of this meeting
   Source input from stakeholders before preparing the draft plan:
   ▪ Values and vision of the reserve
   ▪ Issues, threats, opportunities and interventions required

4. Background of Bluff Nature Reserve
   ▪ Size: 46.2 ha
   ▪ Proclaimed: 1974
Vegetation Types:
- Southern Moist Coastal Lowlands Forest
- Coastal Belt Grasslands
- Subtropical Freshwater Wetlands

Protect various species:
- Blue Duiker
- Spotted Ground-Thrush
- Natal Leaf Folding Frog
- Mashona Hinged Terrapin
- Black-Headed dwarf Chameleon
- Bluff Forest Wingless Grasshopper

5. Values
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- Area of Unique Beauty.
- Provides protection for threatened and endangered species and important vegetation types.
- Pristine forest, fauna and flora.
- Important bird life.
- Bluff pan.
- Transitional area between coastal forest and inland forest.
- The topography gives life and creates diverse habitats for biodiversity.
- Forms a system of refuge.
- Forms part of the D’MOSS and Maputoland-Pondoland- Albany hotspot
- Biodiversity values – forest and wetland habitat.
- Important water bird habitat.
- Educational value of reserve – environmental awareness.
- Wetlands act as drainage from surrounding area and flood control – eco service – and purification of water from stormwater.
- Educational awareness – important birdlife and amphibians
- Relic example of good dune slack wetland – was a larger wetland system and cut off by umlass canal.
- Eco-system services – the placement with regards to its placement – forest as a green lung and wetland as purification.
- Eco-tourism – reserve been advertised in highlights of South Africa – good achievement to be in a book yet it is such a small nature reserve.
- Recreational area for communities – picnic sites and bird hide.
- Water that comes from the hospital – and forest prevents soil erosion to a certain degree.

6. Vision
The vision describes the overall long-term goal for the operation, protection and development of the nature reserve.

- Conservation of biodiversity?
- Ecosystem goods and services?

1st Draft:
A well-managed and protected nature reserve providing sustainable benefits to visitors, neighbours and the metropolitan area through biodiversity conservation and appropriate access to the cultural and natural resources.

Final:
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7. Issues, opportunities, threats and interventions
- Fire hazard from the braai area – very low, the coal is dumped in bush – in summer grass is so green and the forest vegetation doesn’t burn. Low fuel load, the banana palms will flare up and die fast. Wetland soil – the firebreak with pete – burnt underground for 3 weeks.
- Issue – litter and waste entering through storm water or road side. Intervention - have some signage along road side to raise awareness in community and not aware of wetland and it is a nature reserve with various signs about litter and alien plants.
- Issue - Soil erosion down from the hospital to the forest. Intervention – many meetings with hospital did not go to well and start liaising with public works. No risk of diseases and risk. This came about when they tarred the parking and the run off goes straight into reserve.
- Bird hide – widen the channel so they can have a wider angle – would need a big work force. Clearing the weeds could be possible. There were plans to create channels but other grass covered up the new channels.
- Good bird hide and good opportunities and need to market it.
Maximise the use of the actual hide – hard due to the reeds.
Due to the overflow, water doesn’t build up to kill of the reeds.
Specialised destination for water birds - look at an increased visitor impact.
Increase the trail network – the trail against the road side is hot and noisy – there is no option to expand. The additional pathways are due to university studies at the water edge.
Wonderful teaching tool –human impact by litter. Wind blows litter into the reserve due to high wind zone.
Intentions to divulge trail into the sapref rehab site.
Point along tara road, as viewing platform, from the one area that’s open and accessible. The viewing platform to be lower to get away from the noise of the road.
Opportunity: getting investment from the local industries especially Engen. (Polywood) –Fundraising committee.
Issue: see the pan as a site for mosquitos. Intervention: local awareness
Threats: alien plants (was an issue of water hycanths), rich nutrients and alien plants always trying to get in. Intervention: Alien invasive programme.
Litter arriving through drains. – Wire at entrances.
Issue: loss of grassland through bush encroachment and limited use of fire. Intervention: mechanical bush cutters.
Issue: small pan on forest side, is filled up and to rehabilitate but not feasible. Even the big pan will silt up with time.
Issue: Rangers not there all the time to collect money. Justified by the fact that 2 rangers and not feasible to have a third full time staff member.
The 1st bird hide was used for wrong reason. And it fell apart.
Opportunity: to have benches placed strategically.
Opportunity: Dirkie Uys Primary school is a Eco school and get them to adopt a spot or use there environmental programme within the nature reserve.
General recreation of the place, not many places to go out and relax.
Issue: usual cats and dogs especially on the forest side, and aliens in the water course.
Issue: individual squatter camps.
Issue: Proposals for wind farms would that threat the nature reserve.
Issue: Wasp nest in the bird hide. Monitor for visitor safety
Issue: Contact number to contact manager and visitors to

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- Flora:
  - Protea Various Species
- Fauna:
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  - Fynbos
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  - Other vegetation biodiversity
- Staff: Tawanda Chimwemwe

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