PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT

FOR THE MIDMAR

NATURE RESERVE

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN

(2009-2013)
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1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this Public Participation Report is to provide background on the public participation process that was followed in developing this Integrated Management Plan (IMP). It describes the participation process as well as provides a summary of the concerns, issues and responses received for this IMP together with EKZNW’s response in addressing each comment received. This document is to accompany the IMP document through its approval stages providing additional process information to decision makers.

Brousse-James and Associates notified the identified key stakeholders, relevant authorities and interested and affected parties (See Addendum 1) of a public meeting that would be held. Advertisements were placed in newspapers inviting all to attend the public meeting (See Addendum 2). The advertisement briefly described the purpose of the IMP and the importance of public participation in the development of the IMP that will be used in managing the protected area.

The stakeholder workshop/public meeting for the Midmar Nature Reserve was held on the 30th November 2007 at the Midmar Regional Office. At the stakeholder workshop a Powerpoint presentation was delivered (See Addendum 3). Notes of the public meeting are included as Addendum 4. Concerns and issues raised at the public meeting were addressed in the drafting of the IMP which was then submitted to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.

It became apparent that the various IMP’s being developed by consultants for more than fifteen different protected areas each had a different format, making it very difficult to assess, review and use. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife therefore developed a standardised template for IMP’s. Immediately this was adopted by the organisation, specialised IMP development staff were employed and the existing draft IMPs (including the draft Midmar Nature Reserve IMP) were further revised into the approved standard format.

Interested and affected parties as previously identified, as well as the general public were invited to review and comment on the revised draft of Midmar Nature Reserve IMP in November 2009. This was done through e-mails (See Addendum 5) and letters (See Addenda 6a, 6b and 6c), sent to all identified interested and affected parties, as well as advertisements placed in The Natal Mercury, Islozwe and Witness newspapers (See Addendum 7).

Hard copies of the draft Midmar Nature Reserve IMP were made available for review at the protected area office, at local and district municipalities, local libraries and an electronic copy was available on the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife website. Additional hard copies were also available from the protected area office and were delivered to the local and district municipality planning departments for their review and comment. Comments received were considered and incorporated into the IMP where appropriate. A summary table of comments received and responses made is included in Addendum 8. In some cases additional feedback was obtained through one-on-one meetings with the stakeholder and direct feedback on the comment received was provided to all interested and affected parties that responded to the draft IMP. Additional consultation with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife management and specialist staff was undertaken and the final draft Midmar Nature Reserve IMP was produced in January 2010. A copy of this final draft as proposed for approval, was placed on the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife web site and interested and affected parties informed accordingly.

The approval process that will be followed is that of submission to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife internal committees, followed by submission to the Nature Conservation Service Board, submission to the Department of Agriculture, Environmental Affairs and Rural Development’s Head of Department and finally to this department’s MEC. The approved Midmar Nature Reserve IMP will then be circulated to the provincial Environmental Portfolio Committee and an electronic copy placed on the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife website. An advertisement will be placed in the regional newspapers advising stakeholders as soon as the Midmar Nature Reserve’s IMP has been approved.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
Midmar Nature Reserve Integrated Management Plan

Brousse-James & Associates, Ecological & Environmental Services, have been appointed by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife to prepare an Integrated Management Plan for the Game Park Section of the Midmar Nature Reserve as required in terms of the National Environmental Management Act: Protected Areas Act No. 53 of 2003.

A workshop is to be held at the Board Room of the Midmar Regional Office at 09h00 on Friday, 30 November 2007. The purpose of the workshop will be to discuss the Vision and Objectives and consider issues identified by the consultants.

If you are a stakeholder or have an interest in the Reserve and would like to attend the workshop, kindly R.S.V.P. to Barry James or Barbara Abell.
Phone/ Fax: 033-3304984
Cell: 082-8954089
E-mail: brousse@sa1.co.za
Addendum 3: Presentation at Public Meeting

Challenges of PA Management Planning
- Parks may have multiple objectives.
- It is difficult to use the same format across different types of Parks.
- The experience, educational standards & commitment of managers varies considerably.
- Sometimes plans are just seen as a means to satisfy various constituents, but are never implemented.
- In addition to conservation, many Parks have important social & economic functions such as:
  - Protecting watersheds or coastlines.
  - Providing natural products for sustainable use.
  - Tourism & recreation.
  - Often home to traditional people.

What is Management Planning?
- A process – Not an event!
- Concerned with the future. Identifies concerns & future alternative courses of action.
- Provides a mechanism for thinking about threats & opportunities.
- Is systematic.
- Also involves value judgements.
- Takes a holistic view.
- Is a continuous process, never static, but adjusts to changing conditions & goals.

Benefits of Management Planning
- Improved management of PA.
  - Ensure that decisions are based on understanding of the Protected Area.
  - Provides guidance for managers.
  - Provides continuity of management.
  - Helps to define effectiveness.
- Improved use of financial & staff resources.
- Increased accountability.
  - Of PA managers
  - Managing organisations/agencies
- Improved communication with I&AP’s and other stakeholders

Problems with Management Plans
- Often just window dressing.
- Most just gather dust.
- High cost of production vs minimal benefits is often questioned.
- Often too complicated & cumbersome.
- Too much background information.
- Specific management actions lost in text.
- Never seems to be completed.
- Do not encourage strategic & dynamic management, e.g. annual review & strategic resource allocation.

Factors to ensure success
- Participatory preparation (sense of ownership).
- Presentation, style and context.
  - Avoid jargon; use the simplest language possible.
  - Concise and comprehensive.
  - Accurate and objective.
  - Systematic and logical.
  - Acceptable and motivating.
  - Precise and practical (clear objectives).
  - Focused and effective.
- Flexibility.
- Simplicity.
- Management orientated.
- Must be prepared within Regional & National contexts.

Don’t confuse Management Plans with:
- Staff training manuals.
- Public relations documents.
- Policy documents.
- Interpretive materials.
- Resource inventories.
- Feasibility studies.
- Business plans.
Four Steps in the Planning Process

1. Formulation of clear, concise statements or objectives.
2. Development of realistic action plans for their attainment.
4. Taking corrective actions to achieve results.

The Process

- Prepare
- Plan
- Implement
- Monitor Impacts

PA Management Planning Steps

- Pre-planning: Planning team TOR, decide process.
- Data gathering.
- Evaluation of data and resource information.
- Identification of constraints, opportunities & threats.
- Developing management vision & objectives.
- Options for achieving above, including zoning.
- Draft Management Plan.
- Public consultation on draft.
- Revision & production of final Management Plan.
- Approval or endorsement of M/Plan.
- Implementation.
- Monitoring & Evaluation.

Guard against allowing this process to get bogged down in bureaucracy!

Evaluation of PA Values

- What are the key features or exceptional values? What is important about this place?
- Develop a succinct statement of significance (include ecological, social, cultural, socio-economic values)

Elements of Management Plan

- Executive summary
- Introduction (background information)
- Description of PA
- Evaluation of PA (statement of significance)
- Analysis of issues and problems
- Vision and objectives
- Zonation plan
- Management actions (prescriptions)
- Monitoring and review

Developing Vision & Objectives

- A long-term inspirational vision statement.
- List of objectives in priority order (be careful that objectives do not conflict with vision):
  - Precise/specific
  - Achievable & realistic
  - Time-related
  - Measurable
  - Reflect purpose, significance & values
  - Spell out ends, but not means
  - Adequately address the issues
  - Give rationale
  - Beware of flowery language, don't emulate social scientists!
- A statement indicating the management philosophy is also needed.
Implementation of Management Plan

- The implementation of the Management Plan must be ultimately the responsibility of a single person.
- Tasks within that management plan can be delegated to other individuals, but there must be clear accountability.
- Realistic budgets must be set for each activity.
- Realistic timelines and deadlines must be set for each activity.
- Specific triggers for each activity must be detailed, e.g., first spring rains.
- If "either/or" decisions are to be made, the decision making criteria must be clearly laid out.

Assessment of Management Effectiveness

- Context: Where are we now?
- Planning: Where do we want to be?
- Input: What do we need?
- Process: How do we go about it?
- Output: What were the results?
- Outcome: What did we achieve?

Part Two

Midmar Nature Reserve
Background, purpose, vision & objectives

Evaluation of PA Values

- What are the key features or exceptional values? What is important about this place?
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What is important about Midmar?

- Supply of high quality drinking water
- Clean water for recreation
- Stunning setting
- Accessibility to major urban areas
- Venue for many important sporting events
- Potential tourism & appropriate urban development
- Red Data species: specifically habitat for grassland species, e.g., oribi, striped weasel, reedbuck, Denham’s bustard, grass owl, black-rumped buttonquail, African marsh harrier
- Protects Veld type 65 (Southern Tall Grassveld which is poorly represented elsewhere in the Provincial Protected Area System)
**What are the risks/threats?**
- Siltation from poor farming practices upstream.
- Illegal hunting.
- Invasive alien plants.
- De-proclamation or change of ownership.
- Inappropriate housing, tourist or recreation developments.
- Pollution – fertilisers, pesticides, sewage, solid waste.
- Ignorance of the biodiversity value of the reserve.
- Inadequate security – crime or fear thereof.

**What are the opportunities?**
- Recreation opportunities – fishing, walking, bird watching, mountain biking, canoeing.
- Partnerships with business – tourism & housing developments.
- Working for Water provides jobs.
- Community levy.
- Ncema, Kiwane & reeds are harvested.
- Commercial & recreational fishing.

**What else?**

**Land Use around Midmar**

**Potential sources of conflict**
- Access rights for different user groups & limiting numbers so that one group does not disadvantage the other, i.e. different user groups have different impacts, e.g.
  - Canoeists vs power boats
  - Swimmers vs power boats
  - Subsistence fishermen vs fly fishermen
  - Small, quiet groups vs big, noisy groups
- Conservation, agriculture, urbanisation & recreation may have conflicting needs.
- Neighbours wanting dedicated access to the water (interpretation of public-private partnerships - PPP).
- Pressure to utilise resources excessively.
- Enforcing the spirit of the IMP especially where entrenched use of resources is affected.

**Opportunities**
- A variety of recreation opportunities appropriate to the zonation plan
- Environmental education
- Sustainable utilisation of natural resources

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Vision
To maintain a sustainable inland water body and surrounding land, characterised by clean water and natural, unspoilt surroundings, operational natural processes that serves as a regional open space resource and source of physical, mental and spiritual rejuvenation for all user groups on a compatible basis.

Objectives
- Manage game park component for the maintenance of threatened biota and natural processes.
- Maintain an effective buffer towards the protection of the water resource.
- Maintain integrity of existing nature reserve.
- Seek cooperative agreements with neighbouring communities towards optimising natural processes.
- Ensure that the reserve is effectively managed according to international standards of best practice.
- To provide an accessible, high quality nature experience for the public in a safe and secure environment.
- To promote the awareness and sustainable use of the nature reserve.
- Secure adequate resources for the management of the reserve. This includes financial, human and institutional.
- To encourage community participation in tourism entrepreneurial activities within and around the reserve to increase the range of tourist opportunities.
MINUTES OF FIRST PUBLIC MEETING FOR THE MIDMAR NATURE RESERVE INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GAME PARK SECTION, HELD ON FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 09H00 AT THE BOARD ROOM AT MIDMAR REGIONAL OFFICES.

20 Present: Gordon Maclean  
Tony Carcenac  
Karen Kohler  
Robin Stephenson  
Dennis Mkhabela  
Bill Howells  
Philemon Mahlaba  
Vuyi Radebe  
Phillip Gumede  
Lyn Archer  
G. Gallus  
Stephen Simpson  
Jan v.d. Vegte  
Cyprian Nkabinde  
Sifiso Mbanjwa  
Joseph Msomi  
Lindwe Xaba  
Joppan Mtshali  
Jozeph Msomi

Apologies: Steve McKean  
Dave Johnson  
Ian Rushworth  
Roger Uys

Barry James, of Brousse-James & Associates, opened the meeting at 09h10 and welcomed all who attended. He advised that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the vision and objectives for the Midmar Nature Reserve, specifically the Game Park area, identified by the Consultants.

(Power-point presentation by Barry James)
The vision and objectives were updated on the presentation during the meeting.

Midmar has major publicity focus with huge creational value, however, the primary focus remains high quality drinking water.

The boundary of the Game Park needs to be defined from an updated map. 31% of the Reserve has been lost due to the raised water level of the dam.

It was agreed that there must be accountability and a time line for any Integrated Management Plan.

Mr Gallus of Villa Patrizia advised that Midmar had asked him to donate a portion of his land.

There currently isn’t a buffer area surrounding the Reserve boundary, which means that currently development could take place right up to the boundary fence. It was agreed that allowances need to be made for a corridor around the Midmar Dam.
It was recommended that the Integrated Management Plan (IMP) should be done in conjunction with DWAF and that Lorraine Fick be contacted. (or Pat Reddy in the Durban office)

To guard against a reoccurrence of a Hartebeespoort Dam scenario, it is vital that forward planning for development is essential.

It was suggested that a place be incorporated into a Management Plan for the promotion of Education / Tourism in the Game Park area. However, the present inadequate security and potential risks factor concerning the Game Park need to be addressed to encourage visitors.

(Confirm whether the protected area is limited to the southern area of the dam. Check interface between the land and water.)

Zonation will confirm where various activities can take place. (zonation map available from Umgeni Water -Lyn Archer)

Barry James concluded the meeting advising that the following step in the process was to put together a draft IMP with a follow-up public meeting to be held in January 2008. Karen Kohler of KZN Tourism advised that she would be away then and requested that Abie Wentzel be contacted in her absence. (abie@zulu.org.za)

Dennis Mkhabela (KZN Wildlife) was asked to translate and explain the process to the community attendees and emphasize that a Management Plan can be amended and is revised and updated, when necessary.

The meeting closed at 12h10.

Barry James
Brousse-James & Associates
Dear Interested and Affected Party

You have been involved in the earlier phase of drafting this Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for Midmar Nature Reserve (including Midmar Game Park). The information and input gathered at that time was incorporated into a draft document and has now been reformatted into an agreed IMP format that all EKZNW protected areas will use.

A downloadable copy of the draft IMP is available at [www.kznwildlife.com](http://www.kznwildlife.com). Please note that the maps in some of the IMPs may be difficult to read due to keeping the document size small. You may therefore wish to download these separately.

It would be appreciated if you would have a look at the draft IMP document and let Irene Hatton (ihatton@kznwildlife.com) have any comments and input by the 16th December 2009.

After your comments have been considered and the draft IMP revised, the IMP will be submitted to the various authorities for approval. This revised IMP will be posted on the EKZNW website for viewing.

Thank you for assisting EKZNW in compiling this IMP for Midmar Nature Reserve (Midmar Game Park). We look forward to receiving your comments and input.

Yours sincerely

Miss G.M Ramburran – IMP Facilitator
Addendum 6a: Invitation to Comment Letter – Local Municipalities

Planning Division: IMP Unit

Enquiries: Irene Hatton 16th November 2009
Head: Planning Department
Msunduzi Local Municipality

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The Draft IMP that is attached is an overarching management policy framework for Midmar Nature Reserve and includes a Zonation Plan. This Draft IMP was compiled with the assistance of stakeholders.

The Msunduzi Local Municipality is invited to review this Draft IMP. Your input and comment would be greatly appreciated. Please could you ensure that your comments reach this office by the 18th December 2009.

Yours sincerely

Ms Irene Hatton
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Yours sincerely

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INVITATION TO PROVIDE COMMENT AND INPUT ON THE DRAFT INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR MIDMAR NATURE RESERVE (INCLUDING MIDMAR GAME PARK)

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Yours sincerely

Miss G. M. Ramburran

IMP Facilitator
Addendum 7: Advertisements for Public Comment for Draft IMP

Natal Witness – 20th and 17th November 2009

THE WITNESS, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009

CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
MIDMAR NATURE RESERVE
(INCLUDING MIDMAR GAME PARK)
(2009 – 2013)
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN

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EKZNW invites the public to comment on the draft IMP for Midmar Nature Reserve. The draft IMP can be accessed on the EKZNW website at www.kznwildlife.com or viewed at the Midmar Reserve office or uMgeni Local Municipality Offices. Printed copies of the draft plan can be obtained from the following officials at a cost of R30,00 each:

Matt Jackson – 033 330 2067/8
Philemon Mbiaba – 033 330 3049 or 072 4198122

Written comments must be sent to Irene Hatton, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, P.O. Box 13053, Cascades 3202 or e-mailed to ihatton@kznwildlife.com.

The closing date for comments is 18 December 2009.
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<td>Historian</td>
<td>Historical sections of the IMP (Cultural Heritage Management)</td>
<td>Cultural Heritage and Socio Cultural Background Context is incomplete, vaguely generic or incorrect.</td>
<td>The sections were researched (older IMPs, books and questionnaire). Summaries were compiled and confirmed with Mr Prins and conservation managers. The IMP was amended accordingly.</td>
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<td>Dr. Roger Uys</td>
<td>EKZNW, Regional Ecologist</td>
<td>Midmar IMP version</td>
<td>He has forwarded the most updated version of the Midmar IMP which includes the agreed upon vision, mission and biodiversity targets.</td>
<td>It was decided at the Pre-ROC meeting that the Vision and Mission from the draft IMP will be adopted. The biodiversity targets have been added to the IMP.</td>
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<td>Mr. S. Simpson</td>
<td>uMngeni Municipality General Manager : Planning and Development Services</td>
<td>Management Plans</td>
<td>Made reference to the management plan for the PC2 corridor, Midmar Dam Master Plan, Concept Development Plan and the Business and Strategic Plans.</td>
<td>EKZNW is in the process of addressing certain plans however several aspects can only be dealt with in the IMP review phase.</td>
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<td>Athol Marchant</td>
<td>EKZNW Ecologist South East Ukhuhlamba</td>
<td>Biodiversity Targets</td>
<td>Concerned about the presence of Midlands Misbelt Grassland and the representation on the map.</td>
<td>Confirmed with Rob Scott-Shaw (Plant Ecologist) who confirmed the presence of Midlands Misbelt Grassland. The map is a true reflection of the distribution of this type of grassland. As a result, the map will not be removed from the IMP.</td>
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<td>Zonation</td>
<td>The term management under the section Land Use on page 46 is misleading. It is suggested that this term be amended to Conservation Area in which same management facilities area contained.</td>
<td>Amended in the IMP.</td>
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