PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT
FOR THE ORIBI GORGE
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.

Arcus Gibb notified the identified key stakeholders, relevant authorities and interested and affected parties (See Addendum 1) of public meetings that would be held. Letters were sent to stakeholders inviting them to attend the public meeting (See Addendum 2). The letter 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 Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve was held on the 16th January 2009 at the Paddock and Plains Town Hall. An attendance register was recorded (See Addendum 3). Concerns and issues raised at the public meeting were addressed in the drafting of the IMP which was then submitted to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife. Notification letters notifying stakeholders of the draft IMP were sent out (See Addendum 4).

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 Oribi Gorge 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 Oribi Gorge 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, Isolezwe and South Coast Fever newspapers (See Addendum 7).

Hard copies of the draft Oribi Gorge 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. Additional consultation with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife management and specialist staff was undertaken and the final draft Oribi Gorge 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 Oribi Gorge 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 Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve’s IMP has been approved.
## 2. PUBLIC CONSULTATION PHASE

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Addendum 2: Letter of Invitation to Public Meeting

Our Ref: RSU/27301/0351
07 December 2007
Department of Land Affairs
P.O Box 25537
Port Shepstone
4240
ATT: Ms. Cankiso Moso

Invitation to attend stakeholder workshop for the development of the Integrated Management Plan for the Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve

Dear Ms. Moso,

Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (EKZNW) has appointed ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd (ARCUS GIBB) to compile the Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for the Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve in response to the statutory requirements as described in the Protected Areas Act (No. 57 of 2003) (PAA). The objective of an IMP is to ensure the protection, conservation and management of the protected area concerned in a manner which is consistent with the purpose and objectives of the PAA.

Meeting the objectives of the Act requires that the reserve’s medium term management planning processes are integrated into the IMP. The medium term plans seek to focus EKZNW reserve staff on the common goals and objectives of the reserve, while considering the broader EKZNW policy and strategy frameworks.

Key to the success of the IMP process is stakeholder participation which ensures that reserve management planning is conducted in such a way that all interested and affected parties’ interests and concerns related to the management of the reserve, its resources, and its use, are addressed and incorporated into the IMP.

You and/or your organisation has been identified as a key stakeholder in the operations, management or use of the Reserve, and are cordially invited to attend a stakeholder workshop to discuss the Draft IMP. The details of the workshop are as follows:

Date: 16 January 2008
Venue: Paddock and Plains Farms Hall, Paddock
Time: 10h00

The IMP will be revised and if necessary, a second stakeholder workshop may be held to discuss the revised IMP, prior to it being submitted to the EKZNW Executive Committee for public release approval. On receiving all appropriate public comments, the IMP will be finalised and submitted to the KZN Minister of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs for approval.

Please RSVP to the undersigned (rsstow@arccus.co.za) by 06 January 2007 to confirm attendance.

Yours Faithfully
for ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd

RUSSELL STOW
Associate Environmental Scientist

ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd - Directors: R Veys (CEO), AS Beach (CEO), J M Bell, FA Kachwanaka (CEO), JMR Reid, J M Bell, A Broomes, DJ Clark, J D Soggin, D Wilkins, Y Fairley, P O’Gordon, PD Goldie, PM Jacobs, MJ Leutheusser, V Joubert, TS Leutheusser, D J Leutheusser, R J Joubert, J S O’Sullivan, PT Taylor, RV van der Merwe, A van der Wall, R van Heerden, AT Venter, WJ Wessels, V Wilson-Taylor

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Addendum 4: Notification of draft Integrated Management Plan

Our Ref: J27301/RD/391

4 March 2008

Notification of availability of draft Integrated Management Plan for the Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve

Dear Stakeholder

As you are aware, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife (EKZNW) has appointed ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd (ARCUS GIBB) to compile the Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for the Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve in response to the statutory requirements as described in the Protected Areas Act (No. 57 of 2003) (PAA). Based on the stakeholder workshop held on 16 January 2008 at Paddock and Plains Farms Hall and review workshops with EKZNW, the IMP is now available in draft form for a two-week period for your perusal and comment.

A hard copy of the Report can be viewed at the Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve, Reception Area.

Electronic copies of the Report are available but due to file size cannot be emailed. Please contact us should you wish to obtain an electronic copy.

Please submit any comments to us by 18 March 2008. On receiving all appropriate public comments, the IMP will be finalised and submitted to the KZN Minister of Agriculture and Environmental Affairs for approval.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at the above detail should you require further information.

Yours Faithfully

for ARCUS GIBB (Pty) Ltd

RUSSELL STOW
Associate Environmental Scientist
3. PUBLIC REVIEW PHASE

Addendum 5: Email to Project Stakeholders requesting Public Comment on the Draft IMP

Dear Interested and Affected Party

You have been involved in the earlier phase of drafting this Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve. 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 the 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 Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve. We look forward to receiving your comments and input.

Yours sincerely

Miss G.M Ramburran

IMP Facilitator
Addendum 6a: Invitation to Comment Letter – Local Municipality

Planning Division: IMP Unit

Enquiries: Irene Hatton
Head: Planning Department
Hibiscus Coast Local Municipality

16th November 2009

Comments are invited regarding the Draft Integrated Management Plan for Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve

Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife (EKZNW) is the appointed Management Authority for Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve and is responsible for the compilation of an Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for this protected area in accordance with the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, No. 57 of 2003.

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

The Hibiscus Coast 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 16th December 2008.

Yours sincerely

Ms Irene Hatton
Acting Co-ordinator IMP
for CEO: EZEMVELO KWAZULU WILDLIFE
Addendum 6b: Invitation to Comment Letter – District Municipality

Planning Division: IMP Unit

Enquiries: Irene Hatton

Head: Planning Department
Ugu District Municipality

18th November 2009

COMMENTS ARE INVITED REGARDING THE DRAFT INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ORIBI GORGE NATURE RESERVE

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The Ugu District 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 15th December 2008.

Yours sincerely,

Irene Hatton
Acting Co-ordinator IMP
for CEO: EZEMVELO KZN WILDLIFE
Dear Interested and Affected Party

You have been involved in the earlier phase of drafting this Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve. 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 and a hard copy of the draft IMP is also available at the protected area office itself, as well as other outlets as specified in the attached advertisement that was published in Isolizwe and the Mercury last week.

It would be appreciated if you would have a look at the draft IMP document and let Irene Hatton have any comments and input by the 16th December 2009 (ihatton@kznwildlife.com or Planning Division, EKZNW, PO Box 13053, CASCADES, 3202)

After your comments have been considered and the draft IMP revised, the completed document 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 Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve. We look forward to receiving your comments and input.

Yours sincerely
Miss G.M.Ramburran – IMP Facilitator
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- Amatikulu Nature Reserve & Umlalazi Nature Reserve - Callum Beattie, 082 070 1873
- Midmar Nature Reserve (including Midmar Game Park) - Matt Jackson, (033) 330 2067/8 & Philomen Mhlaba, (033) 330 3049 or 072 419 8122
- Umtamvuna Nature Reserve - Rob Wolter, (039) 311 2383
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No comments were received regarding Oribi Gorge Nature Reserve’s draft Integrated Management Plan.