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SUMMARY

In terms of Section 39 (3) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (Act No 57 of 2003) [PAA], public consultation is required when preparing a management plan for a protected area. 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) for Ubombo Mountain Nature Reserve (UMNR). It reflects the input and involvement the public has had on the development of the IMP as well as providing a summary of the responses received, together with EKZNW’s response in addressing each comment received. This document is to accompany the IMP document through the various approval stages, providing additional process information to decision makers.

The National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act No 57 of 2003 requires that Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife (EKZNW) compile and implement IMPs in all of the protected areas under its jurisdiction. Initially, independent consultants were used to draw up these documents (Ubombo Mountain Nature Reserve being one such area). On completion of these draft documents it became apparent that each had a different format, making it very difficult to assess, review and implement. Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife therefore established the Management Planning Unit in early 2009 and developed a standardised template for EKZNW IMPs. This unit is now responsible for co-ordinating and drawing up standardised IMPs for all the protected areas under EKZNW management.

The initial consultant documents were reworked into the present documents by the EKZNW Management Planning Unit. The editing of these documents was done in consultation with staff in the field, together with independent and in-house specialists. Interested and affected parties as previously identified by the consultants during their draft IMP document development, as well as the general public were invited to review and comment on the new format, revised draft documents.

Hard copies of the Ubombo draft IMP were made available for review at the protected area offices, at the local and district municipal offices, local library and an electronic copy was available on the EKZNW website.

Comments received were considered and incorporated into the draft Ubombo IMP where appropriate. A summary of comments received and responses made is included in Appendix 5 of this report. In some cases additional feedback was obtained through one-on-one meetings with the stakeholder and direct feedback on the comments received was provided to all interested and affected parties that responded to the draft IMP. Additional consultation with EKZNW management and specialist staff was undertaken by the Management Planning Unit after the consideration of the public’s comments and the final Ubombo IMP was produced in January 2010. A copy of this final draft document as submitted for approval has been placed on the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife web site and interested and affected parties informed accordingly. A summary of the process followed is attached as Appendix 1.

The approval process that is being followed is that of submission to internal 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.

Once approved, the Ubombo IMP will then be circulated to the provincial Environmental Portfolio Committee and an electronic copy placed on the EKZNW website. An advertisement will be placed in the regional newspapers advising stakeholders that the IMP has been approved.
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APPENDIX 3: PROCEEDINGS ON WORKSHOPS
1 Welcome and Introductions
The workshop began at approximately 9.30 am with Mr David Totman chairing and Mr Ernest Mlambo providing translation into isiZulu. Mr Totman welcomed participants to the meeting. At Mr Totman’s request the various persons present at the meeting briefly introduce themselves to other attendees.

An attendance register was circulated (see Appendix 1).

2 Agenda and Purpose of the Meeting
Mr Totman explained that David Totman and Associates had been appointed by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife to prepare an Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for the Lebombo Mountain Nature Reserve. He said that the IMP was a requirement of national legislation. The purpose of the meeting was:

• To provide an opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to the planning process for the Lebombo Mountain Nature Reserve.

Mr Totman provided an outline of the agenda for the day.

Mr Archer noting the poor attendance of government departments and municipalities at the workshop asked that the agenda be amended to allow time to discuss this matter.

3 Presentation of the Consultant’s Preliminary Findings

Presentation by Mr Andrew Ferendinos (David Totman and Associates)
Mr Ferendinos said that the IMP planning process provides an opportunity for stakeholders to contribute to the compiling of guidelines for the management and development of the nature reserve. He emphasised that this process must, nevertheless, also conform to the core objectives of Ezemvelo’s KZN Wildlife which are:

• The Protection of Biodiversity;
• Ecotourism, ie tourism that is compatible with nature conservation; and,
• Working in partnership with people, local people in particular.

Mr Ferendinos added that Ongoye has a long history of conservation and that the Mzimela Traditional Authority plays an active role in controlling use of the forest by the community.

He also noted that Ongoye has a rich biodiversity and an important water catchment area. For these reasons Ongoye is of especial conservation interest. The Ongoye
centipede *Cormocephalus grandulosis* is an example of a species found nowhere else and the Green or Woodwards Barbet is of particular interest to the bird watching community.

He said that the forest was important to the local community in providing them with many resources including: timber, especially pole sized trees; muthi plants and grazing for livestock in the grasslands.

In concluding, Mr Ferendinos touched on the ecotourism potential of Ongoye and on the efforts of the community and various user groups to stimulate ecotourism development at Ongoye. He said that similarly to the community’s use of the forest, tourism will need to be carefully managed to ensure it does not damage the environment in the long term.

Discussion

The presentation was followed by the following questions from workshop participants:

- Mr Dlamini (DWAF) asked if the consultants were presenting their findings to the community?
- Mr Ferendinos responded that the presentation was a summary of information gained to date. Its purpose was to help inform the contribution that stakeholders would make to the planning process”.
- Mr Keet: requested that Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife would like to see that the responses of stakeholders at the workshop were captured.
- Mr Totman replied that the consultants were recording proceedings and would provide notes of the workshop to participants
- Mr J Magwaza asked how 4 x 4 vehicle drivers damaged the environment?
- Mr Ferendinos said that when driven off-road vehicle tyres damaged vegetation and could cause soil erosion.
- Mr Magwaza then asked that if he saw 4x4 vehicle drivers damaging the environment in the forest, was he empowered to make a citizen arrest?
- Mr Keen, Ms Louw and Mr Gumbi advised community members to report any such incidents to the local authorities and not attempt making arrests themselves.
- Mr Dlamini added that arrests should only be made by a person empowered to do so by the law.
- Rev Mbokazi said he would like to take the opportunity to present municipal councillor Powell to the local community. He said that councillor Powell had for many years assisted the development committee to kick-start the process of ecotourism projects in the forest. He asked that Councillor Powell stand.
- Councillor Powell stood up and asked that with the permission of the chairman, he show the meeting a photograph taken in the forest ten years ago at which we first began to discuss ecotourism at Ongoye”. Councillor Powell showed the meeting a picture taken with the forest as a backdrop with Prof Mills (UND), Rev Mbokazi, Inkosi Mzimela and Councillor Powell present.

4 Small Group Work

Mr Totman explained that at this point the participants were to break into three small groups to undertake the main exercise of the workshop. He said that once each group had assembled it was to appoint a chairperson and a scribe and someone who would

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1 Mr Ferendinos incorrectly reported that the barbet is unique to Ongoye. Unfortunately this statement is incorrect as the Barbet is also in some Tanzania forests.
report back later when the participants re-assembled in plenary. Each of the three groups was to address the following tasks by discussing them and then capturing what was agreed upon in writing on the flip chart paper provided:

1. Their Vision for Ongoye Forest, ie; what they thought it should be like in the future;
2. Their Objectives for Ongoye Forest, ie; how they would achieve their vision;
3. A list of relevant key issues, and,
4. Lastly they should undertake a ‘SWOT’ analysis, which looked at the ‘Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats’ relating to the nature reserve.

Following some discussion regarding the composition of the groups, it was agreed (following a suggestion from Mr Dlamini’) that the government departments and other interest groups should form one group so as not to dominate the discussion of the local community participants. It was further agreed that representatives of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and the consultants would join each of the two community groups to help facilitate the discussion and reporting process.

The meeting then broke into the small groups and discussions lasted until the lunch break.

5 Report-back

Blue Group

The Blue Group’s report-back was provided by Reverend Mbokazi:

Vision:
- To see Ongoye Forest Reserve as an advanced and excellent forest reserve attracting tourists from South Africa and Internationally;
- Fencing of the Forest Reserve.

Elements of the vision
- Development of tourism accommodation (lodge) in the forest reserve;
- A local and international tourism attraction;
- Fencing of the forest reserve;
- Establishment of craft markets to sell crafts;
- Animal Introductions (Big Five);
- Employment Opportunities;
- Development and Liaison Committee/Education Awareness; and,
- Video of Ongoye Forest Reserve.

Goals
- Natural resource harvesting eg: laths, poles, fine wood, medicinal plants.
- Tourist accommodation.
- Cultural activities eg Zulu dancing, Traditional fashion, Show & Church Services.
- Access rights to graves eg monuments.

Strengths
- Forest Reserve
- Green barbet (bird – unique)
- Unique indigenous plants (eg cycads)
- Indigenous animals

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2 Lunch was brought forward because Eskom needed to interrupt the power supply which would have resulted in the lunch getting cold if the report-back was held first.
• Water Catchment Area
• Co-operative communities
• Easy access to National Road.
• African Rennaisance road passing inside the reserve.
• Concrete strip to Manzamnyama
• Strong partnership with other stakeholders eg Uthungulu, Dept of Transport, SA Birds, Umlalazi Municipality and EKZNW.
• Easy access to Airport Richards Bay, Shaka airport + Durban and Ulundi Airport.
• Close to towns malls eg Empangeni, Mthunzini, Eshowe, Gingindlovu, etc.
• Close to cultural museums eg King Cetshwayo, Eshowe, KwaZulu Legislature and others.
• Information about indigenous knowledge.

Opportunities
• Employment opportunities
• Craft markets/establishment
• Recreational opportunity
• Tourist attractions
• Hospitality
• Horse riding within Protected Area
• Tour guides training
• Local community capacity building eg conservation tourism
• Involved in decision making
• Professional Hunting

Threats and Weaknesses
• Fires
• Grazing veld.
• Access rights/entry fencing
• Unauthorised natural resource harvesting
• Motorbikes driving/riding
• Crops loss/damage
• Poaching
• Security.

Following the presentation Mr Dlamini asked Councillor Powell if he would like to make any comments on the presentation. Councillor Powell responded that on the whole the community is to be congratulated on its work. He said that if he harboured any reservations it was that professional hunting was not always compatible with ecotourism.

Councillor Powell also promised to do what he could to raise awareness in the village of Mtunzini of the need for responsible behaviour by quad bikers, motorbikes and fans of other motorised sports who were venturing into the area as though it was motor sport playground.

Mr Keet of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife requested the community assist Mr Vusi Gumbi as the OIC for Ongoye with the identification of grave sites so that their location could be accurately recorded with the use of a ‘GPS’ (hand held Geographic Positioning System). Mr Keet also noted that community members who feel strongly about the conservation of the forest can enlist with the Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife’s Honorary Officer programme.

Ms Louw asked why fencing is seen as both an opportunity and a threat. Mr Gumbi who took part in the community discussion explained that while fencing will make
management of the reserve easier it will also change the present situation where every household is able to take the easiest possible route into the forest. With the number of access points into the forest being reduced the location of these “gates” will need to be undertaken in close consultation with the local community.

**Red Group**
The report-back was provided by Mr Ncgobo of Induna Gubisa’s group:

**Vision:**
- Ongoye is a popular tourist destination.
- Fencing of the Forest (a safe place).
- Lodge for tourists.
- Zulu food and culture promoted in the forest.
- Community to be allowed to use forest resources but should pay.
- Craft market inside Ongoye for the community and tuck shop/store.
- Liaison committee to continue.
- Job opportunities should be equally distributed to all Isigodi’s.
- Dogs must not just be killed out of hand issues should be discussed.

**Objectives**
- Fencing of the reserve will make its use and protection manageable;
- Job opportunities to be created;
- Economic development;
- The vision will be achieved by a partnership between the community, Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and other stakeholders.

**Strengths/ Opportunities**
- Strong support from the local community.

**Threats/ Weaknesses**
- Damage to crops in neighbouring community areas caused by Bushpigs (IsiGulube) venturing from the Forest.
- The illegal use of hunting dogs inside the Park.
- Wildfires and crop losses.
- Poaching.

Mr Keet indicated that there is a need to develop an Action Plan for problem animals to avoid potential conflicts.

Mrs Louw felt that the community proposal to pay for permits made good sense as studies indicate that it is probable that community members will waste less and be more selective about which plants they harvest if they are paying for the right to use such material.

**Green (government) Group**
The report-back was given by Mr Themba Dlamini:

- The Ongoye forest is the joint responsibility (concurrent competency) of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife and the Department Water Affairs. The Minister has as per the powers of the National Forest Act assigned/delegated administration of the forest on a long term basis to Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.
- The National Forest Act provides for the following uses of forests: tourism, access rights, spiritual use, extractive use, cultural, educational uses.
• Forest patches on Ingonyama Trust land adjoining the Ongoye Forest Reserve have been proclaimed as community forests.
• Other applicable DWAF policies and legislation are Participatory Forest Management, PCI&S and Protected Tree legislation.
• Applicable elements of Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife regulations include its objectives of Biodiversity Conservation and Partnership with communities.

Strengths / Opportunities
• The development of tourism and provision of recreational and tourism opportunities.
• The Integrated Development Plans for the Uthungulu District Municipality.
• Economic benefits to the local community.
• Regional context in which the forest forms part of a network of protected areas and tourism destinations. Umlalazi Nature Reserve, Dlinza, Entumeni, Nkandla Forest Reserve and Qudeni. Lake Phobane and KwaBulawayo (birthplace of the Zulu nation) are also important local destinations.
• The forest is an important component of the District Municipality’s economic tourism objectives.
• The forest’s size and the presence of endemic species.
• Well functioning forest – forest ecosystems healthy
• Keystone species which are reliant on the forest system. Important grasslands, ecotones, forest margins.
• Linkages with neighbouring forests/ecosystems.
• An important cultural and historic background.
• Water catchment supplying clean water.
• Integrate Nguni livestock into the management of the forest with the fencing of the forest and the reintroduction of wildlife.

Tourism opportunities
• Day visitors (Richards Bay/Empangeni) visitors from the local municipality.
• Overnight facilities
• Hiking trails
• Adventure tourism, Mountain Bikes
• Cultural historical opportunities – integrating the Mzimela community
• Skills development in tourism
• Zululand Birding Route trained community Bird Guides (freelance community guides).
• Management of the Protected Area: alien plant control, fire management, capital development eg roads and fencing, local crafts.

Weaknesses and Threats
• Limited tourism activities;
• Fencing – security
• Finance budgets
• Ongoye Forest Reserve is low on the priority list – Great Forests of Zululand initiative recommended to address this.
• Tourism needs to be viable and sustainable.
• Raising expectations (communities)
• Livestock control (overgrazing, access to water in the Ongoye Forest Reserve.
• Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife lacks a structure realise address local issues and planning initiatives at the local level with the municipalities and the Mzimela Traditional Authority. One opportunity would be for the Municipal Integrated Development Plan to integrate economic and conservation goals.
• Eskom/Telkom poor.
• Interpretation (education) lacking.
• Marketing poor
• The concept development plan is in draft form only.
• Road access (Amanzamnyama/east)
• Island Biogeographics.

In discussion Councillor Powell emphasised that there is a need to raise the profile of Ongoye nature reserve at both a local and a national level.

6 Conclusions and Next Steps

In terms of next steps Ms Gumede reiterated a number of actions that had been identified during the small group report-back sessions. These were that

• Mr Keet and Mr Gumbi (Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife) will arrange for Mr Stoffel de Jager (who is Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife’s expert on professional hunting) to attend a meeting to discuss the issue of dogs in the nature reserve.
• Mr Gumbi, with the assistance of the community, will GPS grave sites in the reserve.
• The damage to crops being caused by bushpigs needs to be addressed in an action plan to be initiated by Mr Gumbi.
• The access to the natural resources of the forest by the neighbouring community as well as by people from further a-field needs control and management. Action plans were required for the fencing of the reserve and provision of certain controlled access points as well as for the establishment of honorary officers amongst the local community.
• The indigenous knowledge of some of the older members of the neighbouring community should be captured. Miss Zulu and Mr Gumbi (Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife) need to liaise with Reverend Mbokazi regarding how best to do this.
• Councillor Powell agreed to place an appeal in the local Mtunzini newspaper asking people from Mtunzini to refrain from the illegal entering of the reserve on off-road motorbikes and in 4x4 vehicles.
• An action plan to help put the reserve on the tourist map must be explored.

In closing the meeting Mr Totman thanked attendants for their participation and he noted that there were certain elements common to all presentations which gave a good indication of the priorities of both officials and the local community. In terms of next steps the workshop would play an important role in assisting with the consultants work.

Workshop delegates were thanked for their attendance at the meeting which closed at approximately 14h30 with a prayer from the Reverend Mbokazi.
2 Welcome and Introductions

The workshop began at approximately 9.00 am with Mr David Totman chairing and Mr Ernest Mlambo providing translation into isiZulu. Mr Totman welcomed participants to the meeting and everyone to introduce themselves.

An attendance register was circulated (see Appendix 1).

Apologies were noted for:
Councillor GP Moodley
Ms Catherine Hanekom
Mr Paul Haveman

Concern was expressed regarding the lack of participation by both the local and the district municipalities for the area. An attendance register was circulated and completed by the participants.

2 Agenda and Brief Review of the Planning Process and Work done thus far

By way of background for those who had not been at the first stakeholder workshop, Mr Totman explained that David Totman and Associates had been appointed by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife to prepare an Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for the Lebombo Mountain Nature Reserve. He said that the IMP was a requirement of national legislation. He said an initial stakeholder workshop had been held to discuss and make recommendations regarding the Vision, Objectives and Issues for the reserve. Since then he said the consultants had compiled a draft IMP for the reserve and the purpose of this second workshop was:

- To present the consultant's draft Integrated Management Plan for the Lebombo Mountain Nature Reserve. It was also an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss the draft report and provide comment.

Mr Totman provided a handout of the agenda for the morning.

3 Presentation of the Draft IMP

- Mr Totman provided a slide show presentation of the draft IMP. Participants were given the opportunity of making comment during the presentation making it interactive. A copy of the slide show (corrected according to comments received is attached as Appendix 2)
Before tea Mr Totman went through the Vision for the Reserve and after tea the Objectives, Targets, Policy Framework and Guiding Principles.

4 Next Steps

The meeting discussed the non-participation of the municipalities in the planning process and agreement was reached that EKZNW would seek an opportunity for a presentation to be made at one of the municipal liaison forum meetings. David Totman would do the presentation. It was also agreed that there should be a third stakeholder meeting to present the final IMP.

5 Closure

Mr Totman thanked everyone for their active and enthusiastic participation. He said their contributions were a valued part of the planning process. The meeting was closed at 12h00
APPENDIX 4: ADVERTISEMENTS AND LETTERS INVITING PUBLIC COMMENT
CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

AMATIKULU NATURE RESERVE (2009 – 2013)
ITHALA GAME RESERVE (2009 – 2013)
KRANTZKLOOF NATURE RESERVE (2009 – 2013)
ONGOYE FOREST NATURE RESERVE (2009 – 2013)
UBOMBO MOUNTAIN NATURE RESERVE
(2009 – 2013)
ULMALAZI NATURE RESERVE (2009 – 2013)

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLANS

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The draft IMPs can be accessed on the EKZNW website at www.kznwildlife.com or viewed at the respective Reserve offices.

Copies for viewing:
The Amatikulu Nature Reserve draft IMP can be viewed at the eNdondakusuka Local and Illembe District Municipal Offices or the Mthunzini Library

The Ithala Game Reserve draft IMP can be viewed at the Zululand District Municipality or Vyredh Library

The Krantz Kloof Nature Reserve draft IMP can be viewed at the eThekwini Metropolitan Local and District Municipal Offices and the Kloof Library

The Ongoye Forest Nature Reserve draft IMP can be viewed at the Uthungulu District Municipality and the Eshowe Library

The Ubombo Mountain Nature Reserve draft IMP can be viewed from the Umkhanyakude District Municipality or Mkuz Library

The Umlalazi Nature Reserve draft IMP can be obtained from the uMumlalazi Local and the uThungulu District Municipal Offices and the Mthunzini Library

Printed copies of the draft plans can be obtained from the following officials at a cost of R30,00 each.

Contact:
Amatikulu Nature Reserve and Umlalazi Nature Reserve – Callum Beattle at 082 559 2842

Ithala Game Reserve – Peter Ruinard at 035 907 5292 or 082 903 7218

Krantzkloof Nature Reserve – Johann Vermeulen at 031 764 3515

Ongoye Forest Nature Reserve – Lucky Zulu at 035 473 0708 or 082 945 4255

Ubombo Mountain Nature Reserve – Hannes de Bruyn at 035 573 1947 or 079 626 0441

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 12 December 2009.

[Signature]
16/11/2009
CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLANS (2009 - 2013)

- Amatikulu Nature Reserve
- Ithela Game Reserve
- Krantzkoof Nature Reserve
- Ubonbo Mountain Nature Reserve
- Umlalazi Nature Reserve

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It is envisaged that the business arrangements will take the form of a service provider that will perform specific activities on behalf of the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality as a contracted service which will be evaluated for a three year period with options to renew for a further three year period.


The draft IMPs can be accessed on the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality website at www.ekurhuleni.gov.za or copies can be viewed at the respective Reserve Offices from Wednesday, 18 November 2008:

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Written comments must be sent to: Riaanna Hatton, Ekurhuleni KZN Wildlife, PO Box 130033, Cascades 2502 or e-mailed to: rattach@eknwildlife.com


Get your copy of POST on November 18, 2008.
Dear Interested and Affected Party

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

Yours sincerely

Deren Coetzer
IMP Facilitator
Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife (EKZNW) is the appointed Management Authority for Lebombo Mountain 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 Lebombo Mountain Nature Reserve and includes a Zonation Plan. This Draft IMP was compiled with the assistance of stakeholders.

The Umkhanyakude 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 18th December 2009.

Yours sincerely

Ms Irene Hatton
Acting Co-ordinator IMP
for CEO : EZEMVELO KZN WILDLIFE
E-Mail sent to all Interested and Affected Parties with an email address on 26/11/2009

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Thank you for assisting EKZNW in compiling this IMP for Ithala Game Reserve. We look forward to receiving your comments and input.

Yours sincerely

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## APPENDIX 5: PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, WITH RESPONSES (October to December 2009)

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<td>IMP Unit</td>
<td>Entire document</td>
<td>That the name Lebombo Mountain Nature Reserve be changed to Bomb Mountain Nature Reserve as it was originally proclaimed as such.</td>
<td>The name was changed to Bomb Mountain Nature Reserve to correctly reflect the proclaimed name. All abbreviations were changed to UMNR. Lebombo Mountain Nature Reserve is listed in the definitions as an alternative name for the protected area.</td>
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<td></td>
<td>6.9.1</td>
<td>Reword Action Project 6.9.1 (i)</td>
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<td>Frans Prins</td>
<td>3.4.11</td>
<td>It was felt that the Cultural Heritage and Socio-Cultural History sections of this document could contain far more information and Action Projects need to be re-worded and in some cases added to address the lack of information.</td>
<td>Action Project 3.4.11 (i) has been reworded to, “Undertake a cultural heritage study and implement an appropriate resource management plan in conjunction with AMAFA and SAHRA.”</td>
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<td>Hannes De Bruyn</td>
<td>6.2.1</td>
<td>UMNR does not have a Local Board and is far too small to appoint one.</td>
<td>Local Board was replaced with Local Committee that needs to be established to engage with management of the PA.</td>
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