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BARBERTON / MAKHONJWA
MOUNTAIN LANDS
WORLD HERITAGE SITE PROJECT

Project Steering Committee

Progress Report

Tuesday 21st July 2009

Inception Report

- Amendments made to Inception Report (ref: Version 3)
 - Section 2 – Project Funding
 - Table 1 – Overview of Implementation Plan
 - Formatting Changes re: Logos, Project Name and Document Management.
- Park Planner Intern – Following completion of Phase 1, a specific Scope of Work re: ICMDP compilation will be compiled for prospective Interns to assist. Initial contact with R Ngwenya (MTPA) established.

Summary of Progress/Points for Discussion

	Deliverable	Overall Status	Issues for Discussion	Proposed Way Forward/ Recommendation
1	Inception Report	Completed	1. Further points for amendment?	
			2. Can Report be placed on Website?	2. Place document in PDF format on Web.
			3. Way Forward re: Park Planner Intern.	

Geological Inventory

- C. Anhaeusser, T. Ferrar & D. Brandt conducted 2 day Site Visit of whole region.
 - Identification of Sample of >300 Geo-sites.
- Geological Inventory Report updated, inclusive of geo-sites of significance.
- Inventory 85% complete and preliminary geological map based on sites identified is 95% complete.
- Additional Peer Reviewers – M de Wit contacted
- Peer Review Protocols completed.

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2	Geological Inventory	On Track	1. Deliverable to be completed by August 2009	

Biophysical Inventory

➤ Species Data

- Identified important species.
- Mapped known species localities.
- Have distribution maps for important plant species.

➤ Vegetation and Vegetation Communities

- Have vegetation maps
- Indigenous Forests
- Wetlands and Pans

➤ Ecological Threats and Trends

- Have identified potential threats posed by forestry, mining, agriculture and urban sprawl.
- In the processes of obtaining Land Claim data from MTPA and DALA.

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3	Biophysical Inventory	On Track	1. Deliverable to be completed by August 2009	

SA Comparative Study

- Communication channels established with both Vredefort and Cradle of Humankind Key Personnel.
- Draft Itinerary compiled - Dates: 27th July to 31st July
- Background Information Document for Team on sites to be visited has been compiled
- Draft Comparative Study Visit Objectives Document compiled.
- Accommodation booked and transport organised

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4	SA Comparative Study	On Track	1. Feedback On Itinerary and Objectives	
			2. Confirm Attendance & Logistics	

Cultural Historical Heritage Resources

Inventory

- M Liebenberg & A Malindzisa taken over responsibility for Inventory
- Inventory Framework has been compiled
- Sources of Information have been approached. These include:
 - SAHRA
 - Barberton Museum
 - Freedom Park
 - Office of Speaker ULM – Struggle Heros
 - Tom Huffman (Wits)
 - Robert Thornton (Wits)
 - Chris van Vuuren (UNISA)
 - Natural Cultural History Museum
 - Pretoria University
 - Dr Cyril Hromnic
 - Hans Bornman
 - Scientific publications & research papers
- Desktop study in progress – 30% complete
- Public Participation Programme has been finalised re: inputs on Heritage/Cultural issues pending forthcoming Workshops at ULM (July) and ALM (August)

Cultural Historical Heritage Resources

Inventory - Categories

1. Archaeological Sites:

- Early Stone Age
- Middle Stone Age
- Late Stone Age
- Iron Age
- Modern (post-colonial:
±1800)

2. Rock Art Sites

- Painting
- Engravings

3. Historical Cultural Sites:

- Indigenous; African
Tribes
- Colonial Period

4. Graves and Burial Sites:

- Indigenous /
Traditional
- Colonial / Modern

5. Battlefields / Military Sites:

- Pre-Colonial Conflict
- SA (Anglo-Boer War
Sites/ Concentration
Camp /
War Graves
- Other Military / Memorial
Sites

6. Mining Heritage Sites:

- Pre-Historic (Ochre) Mining
- Historic Modern (gold etc)
Mining

Cultural Historical Heritage Resources

Inventory - Categories

7. Struggle History Sites:

- Monuments, e.g. Pres. Machel / Cenotaphs etc
- Building/ Precincts/ Sensitive Areas

8. General Cultural Heritage: Museums/ Archives/ Libraries

- Public
- Private
- Artists/ Craftsmen/ Performers/
Cultural Villages

9. Intangible / Oral Heritage

- Stories & Storytellers/ Folk Lore/ Heros etc
- Indigenous Knowledge Systems/ Medicinal Heritage
- Cultural/ Traditional Events

10. Other

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5	Cultural Historical Heritage Resources Inventory	Delayed	To be completed by mid-September	

Socio – Economic Baseline Study

- Version 1 of Baseline Report has been updated.
- Focus of report is on ALM & ULM.
- Statistical data from Community Survey (2007) has been collected, collated and in-corporated into analysis in addition to SA Census data from 2001.
- IDP's have been reviewed with primary focus on LED and Tourism strategies.
- Awaiting final LED Strategies from LM's in order to finalize document.

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6	Socio – Economic Baseline Study	Near Completion	1. Requires input from other SA WHS re: Use of SE Baseline in planning and future management.	1. To be obtained during SA Comparative Site Study Visits.
			2. To be completed by end August 2009	

Communication & Reporting Schedule

- Project-related logos and project name corrected in line with previous PSC meeting.
- Proceeding with Web-based Communications Database
 - Record details of all Stakeholders, IAP's etc,
 - Record breadth/frequency of participation,
 - Facilitate effective communication strategy integrating range of mechanisms and within communication protocols.
- Invoice Schedule and Reporting Schedule drafted.
- Summary of Project Progress Compiled.
- PSC Contact List.

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7	Communication & Reporting Schedule	On track	1. Confirmation of PSC Meeting Schedule & Invoice Schedule	2. Propose meetings & invoice payments move to every 2 months

General Awareness, Communications, media & PR Material

- Website launched – www.bmmlworldheritage.org
- Key Stakeholder Communication Report provided – on track.
- Stickers with logos placed on brochures.
- Second version of brochure likely to be required in August/September.
- Poster, Brochures & IAP Registration forms incorporated into BCT stand at Innibos.
- Final IAP advert approved and quotes obtained for newspaper publications. Adverts placed in several publications, remainder pending.

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8	General Awareness, Communications, Media & PR Material	On track.	1. Need letters of Support from ALM, (MTPA) and DCSR	1. Clarity on Meetings/ Presentation to Cabinet.

Funding

- Drafted Project Briefing Document
- Drafted Funding Proposal Action Plan following research on number of potential funders.
 - Geological Inventory – Council for Geoscience/ GSSA/ Mines
 - Project Communication – DBSA/ African World Heritage Fund
 - SA Comparative Site Study Visits (Communities) – NHC
 - Tourism Plan – DEAT/MTPA/EDM/GSBM
 - Conservation Management Plan - MTPA
- S Brandt to meet with several potential funders at end of July
- Programme Manager - DBSA to visit region in next 2 weeks. Project Team to present and conduct site visit
- Members of project team to attend NHC Workshop in August

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9	Funding	Commenced	1. Require input from PSC on current plan	