

Background Information Document for the update of the existing Maintenance Management Plan for KwaDukuza Coastline from Zinkwazi to Zimbali, KwaDukuza Local and iLembe District Municipalities, KwaZulu-Natal



Introduction and Purpose of the Background Information Document (BID)

Nyeleti Consulting Engineers on behalf of KwaDukuza Municipality requires an update to the existing approval of the Maintenance Management Plan (MMP) (in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, No. 107 of 1998) for the continued maintenance for 22 beaches and public coastal access points along the KwaDukuza coastline from Zinkwazi to Zimbali, KwaDukuza Local and iLembe District Municipalities, KwaZulu-Natal.

Triplo4 Sustainable Solutions (Triplo4) is the appointed Independent Environmental Assessment Practitioner (EAP) to undertake the update to the existing Maintenance Management Plan approval.

The purpose of this Background Information Document (BID) is to provide an overview and information of the Project to stakeholders and Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) to enable meaningful participation in the Public Participation Process (PPP) related to the MMP for the proposed Project. This BID also provides information on the PPP, invites I&AP's to register and participate in the PPP as well as to invite others to participate or provide contact details to the EAP.

Project Description

The existing approval includes continued maintenance for 22 beaches and public coastal access points along the KwaDukuza coastline, including Zinkwazi, Blythedale, Tinley Manor, Salt Rock, Sheffield Beach, Shaka's Rock, and Ballito.

Maintenance will include existing structures and infrastructure such as walkways, handrails, staircases, ablution facilities, parking areas, litter facilities, and access roads at coastal access points and tidal pool facilities on municipal land.

Note to I&APs: The proposed MMP will update and replace the approved KwaDukuza Coastline MMP (2020) in order to clarify and consolidate the existing approved maintenance activities and associated documentation.

The proposed amendments do not introduce any new activities, infrastructure, or impacts beyond those previously assessed and authorised. The purpose of this submission is therefore not to expand the original scope of the project, but rather to update, consolidate, and improve the alignment and consistency of the existing MMP.

As part of the consultation process, the revised MMP will be circulated to relevant stakeholders and registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) for review and comment.



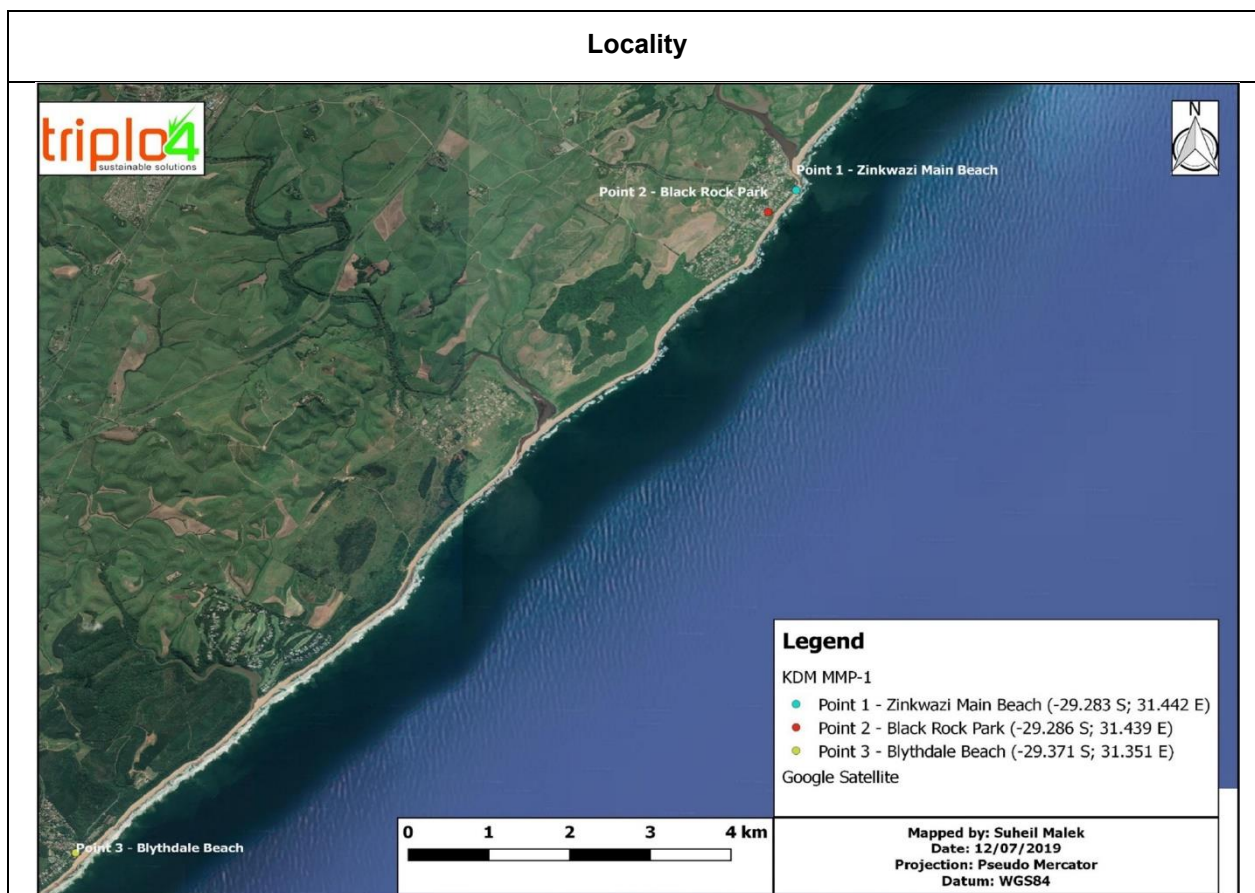


Figure 1: Google image of Coastal Points along Zinkwazi, Blythdale

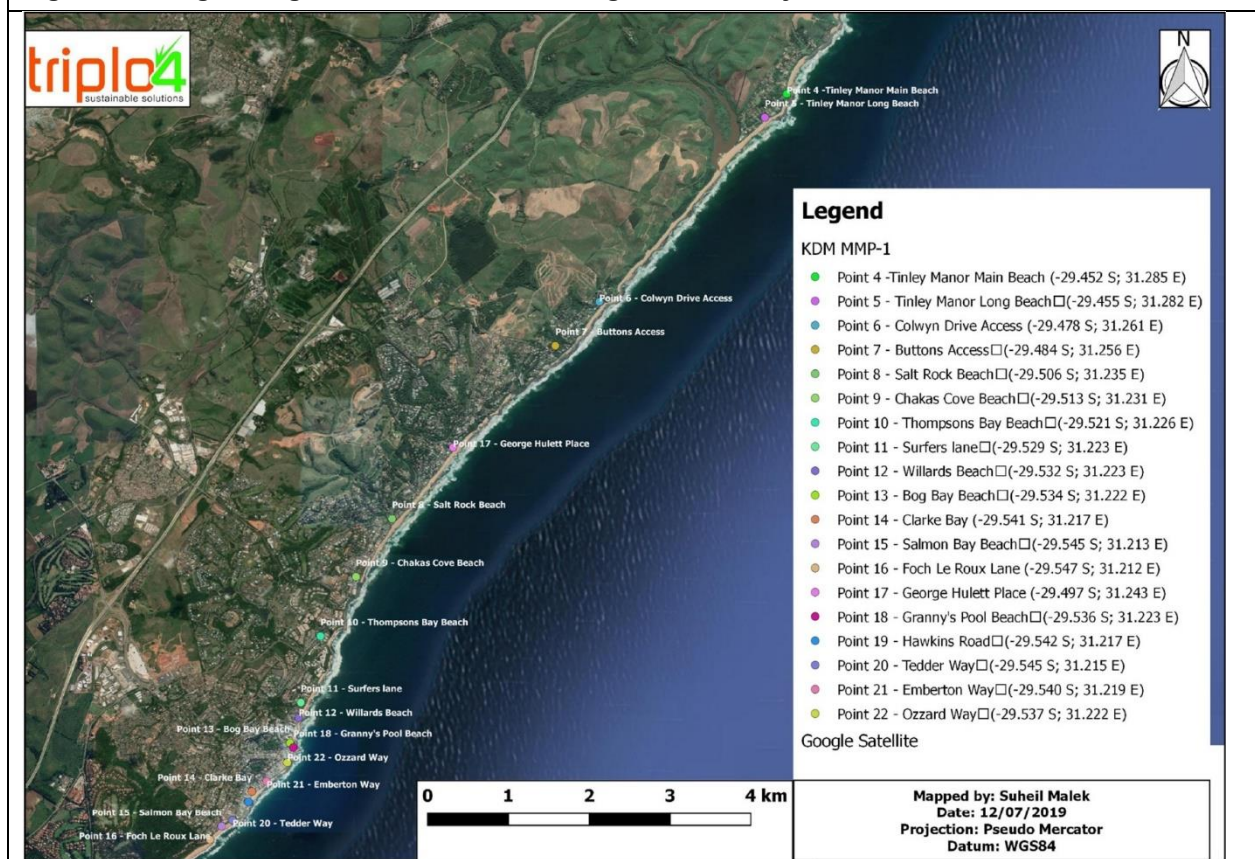


Figure 2: Google Image of Points along Tinley Manor, Salt Rock, Sheffield, Shaka's Rock, & Ballito

Location of Proposed Project

Description	Location of the Activity
District Municipality	iLembe District Municipality
Local Municipality	KwaDukuza Local Municipality

The Maintenance Management Plan includes 22 beaches and access roads along the KwaDukuza Coastline. The sites have been grouped into the main areas, namely:

- Zinkwazi;
- Blythedale;
- Tinley Manor;
- Salt Rock;
- Sheffield;
- Shaka's Rock; and
- Ballito

Relevant Environmental Legislation		
The below table indicates the current activities that are being triggered by the proposed development, requiring an Authorisation via a Maintenance Management Plan from KZN EDTEA:		
LISTING NOTICES		
LISTING NOTICE 1 (GN R 983)		
ACTIVITY NO.	ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION	APPLICABILITY
Activity 19	<i>The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 10 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from-</i> (i) <i>a watercourse;</i> <i>but excluding where such infilling, depositing, dredging, excavation, removal or moving –</i> <i>(b) is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</i>	It is anticipated that more than 10 cubic meters of soil, sand or rock will be excavated or moved whilst undertaking the proposed maintenance at all sites. This activity is deemed triggered as per the exclusion clause and will require a Maintenance Management Plan.
19A	<i>The infilling or depositing of any material of more than 5 cubic metres into, or the dredging, excavation, removal or moving of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock of more than 5 cubic metres from—</i> <i>ii) the littoral active zone, an estuary or a distance of 100 metres inland of the high-water mark of the sea or an estuary, whichever distance is the greater; or</i> <i>but excluding where such infilling, depositing , dredging, excavation, removal or moving—</i> <i>(b) is for maintenance purposes undertaken in accordance with a maintenance management plan.</i>	It is anticipated that more than 5 cubic meters of soil, sand, shells, shell grit, pebbles or rock will be excavated or moved from 100 metres inland of the high-water mark whilst undertaking the proposed maintenance at all sites. This activity is deemed triggered as per the exclusion clause and will require a Maintenance Management Plan.

Public Participation Process

PPP Notification:

- Notification of the Background Information Document (this document) to interested and affected I&APs, to introduce the project, and invite registration for the PPP;
- Placement of a site notifications on the site notifying I&AP's of the proposed activity and inviting them to register; and;
- Relevant I&AP's consultation to address issues and concerns raised;

Comment on the draft MMP report:

- The Draft Maintenance Management Plan will be available to I&APs, including State Departments as well as EDTEA, for comment for 30 days within the period **24th June to 24th July 2026** for review at the following locations:
 - Triplo4's Ballito Office (Physical Address: Douglas Crowe Drive, The Circle, Suite 5, Ballito)
- Triplo4's website: www.triplo4.com / online platform via Google Drive online platform, the link to which will be emailed to all registered I&APs;
- I&AP comments on the draft MMP will be addressed and incorporated into a Final MMP Report which will be submitted to EDTEA for consideration and for a decision on the application for the Maintenance Management Plan;
- Registered I&APs will be notified of the EDTEA's decision and their right to appeal.

YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS ARE IMPORTANT

In terms of the EIA Regulations 2014 (as amended), you are invited to formally register as an Interested and Affected Party (I&AP).

Please register by completing the enclosed registration and comment sheet and please declare your interest in the project.

You can participate:

- By responding (by phone or e-mail) to our invitation for your participation in the process;
- By completing the attached registration and comment form and e-mailing or faxing it to Triplo4 Sustainable Solutions;
- In writing, or by contacting us in a convenient way for you (all contact details are provided within the Registration and Comment Sheet below) if you have a query, comment, require further project information or assistance with the registration process;
- By attending meetings as a registered I&AP; and
- By reviewing and commenting on the draft MMP Report within the 30-day review period.

In terms of Regulation 43(1), I&APs are required to disclose any direct business, financial, personal or other interest which they may have in the approval or refusal of the application.

You are encouraged and welcome to forward this invitation to anyone who may have an interest in this project so that they can register.

Please note that the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA) will apply - to register as an I&AP, your personal details will be required, and together with your comments, will be utilised in the MMP process.

REGISTRATION AND COMMENT SHEET:

Proposed MMP for update of the existing Maintenance Management Plan for KwaDukuza Coastline from Zinkwazi to Zimbali, KwaDukuza Municipality, iLembe District, KwaZulu-Natal

This form serves to register Stakeholders (I&APs) for the above-mentioned Project and to solicit input and participation.

RETURN DETAILS

Company	Triplo4	Attention	Melissa Gopaul
Email	melissa@triplo4.com	Phone	032 946 3213
Physical address	Suite 5 The Circle, Douglas Crowe, Ballito, KZN		

STAKEHOLDER INFORMATION

Title	Full name & Surname	
Contact Details	Telephone Number	
	Mobile Number	
	E-mail	
Organisation		

I&APs are responsible for notifying Triplo4 if their contact details change. Triplo4 will not be held responsible if information pertaining to the proposed Project is undeliverable due to any I&AP contact details changing or being unreachable.

Please tick the appropriate circle and confirm your contact details above:

Registration

☐	I would like to register as an Interested and Affected Party for the MMP process for this Project
☐	Non stakeholder: I would like you to take me off your distribution sheet for the Proposed Project. I would not like to receive any further information regarding this process.

I hereby declare the following business, financial, personal or other interest in the approval or refusal of the application:

I have the following queries/comments:

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