

Umbabat Private Nature Reserve regularisation and application i.t.o Protected Areas Act (NEMPAA) September 2017

In regard to recent presentations & communications and the subsequent resolution passed by the shareholders of the Ingwelala Group of Companies, it has been decided that an update report will be sent out every two months to all members so as to keep them fully apprised on the activity and progress on this project.

The project has been driven to date by the current executive committee of the Umbabat, Chairman Lenny Wilson and Vice Chairman, and Nkorho Chairman, Theo van Wyk.

A MoA has been signed with the Global Environmental Forum Protected Areas (GEF PA) Project to confirm our support and commitment to engage through them in this process. Their role is to provide expertise, guidance and support to the various landowners and Protected Areas and importantly to act as a collaborative voice representing all stakeholders in engaging all relevant processes and authorities.

A Steering Committee has been set up to manage the application and compliance process with regards to becoming proclaimed as the Umbabat Private Nature Reserve under NEMPAA.

1. The Steering Committee comprises:
 - 1.1. Lenny Wilson - UPNRA
 - 1.2. Theo van Wyk - Ntsiri
 - 1.3. Nic du Toit - Ndlopfu
 - 1.4. Bruce Simpson - Ingwelala
 - 1.5. Gois Fouche - Ndlopfu
2. The terms of reference of this committee include the following:
 - 2.1. The committee is an advisory body to drive the overall NEMPAA process

- 2.2. The steering committee will need to report back to their various Boards to finalise decisions and which will have to be passed via the respective AGM's
- 2.3. Lenny Wilson and Theo van Wyk are defacto the Management Authority albeit without status
- 2.4. The committee shall represent the Umbabat in total, or those that decide to join the final proclamation process
3. The steering committee has divided the responsibilities into 7 workstreams to manage the process and workload:

3.1. WorkStream 1: Revision and adoption of UPNR constitution

- 3.1.1. Lead Lenny Wilson and supported by Theo van Wyk, Greg Martindale GEF PA programme and legal advice from Elmien le Roux, Norton Rose
- 3.1.2. A memo of Intent is being developed by Elmien le Roux at Norton Rose with the purpose being to obtain signed intent from each individual land owner in the Umbabat. This will give an indication of the level of interest and thus mandate to Umbabat SteerCo to continue with preparation activities.
- 3.1.3. A document of pro's and cons in becoming a Protected Area and joining the Umbabat process is being developed for distribution.
- 3.1.4. A funding model, aligned to a voting model, for the management of the Umbabat Private Nature Reserve is being developed for consideration by the various stakeholders.

3.2. WorkStream 2: Preparation of UPNR Management Plan

- 3.2.1. Lead Theo van Wyk and supported by Greg Martindale GEF PA Advise, Marissa Coetzee Sanparks, Mike Peel GEF PA Support
- 3.2.2. We are awaiting KNP to conclude the proposed standards required for the management plan, and at which point we will then engage Mike Peel to assist in the development of such for Umbabat.
- 3.2.3. A complete Management Plan is required to be submitted 12 months after being proclaimed a Protected Area

3.3. WorkStream 3: UPNR Communication

- 3.3.1. Lead Gois Fouche and supported by Marissa Coetzee Sanparks, Wehncke van der Merwe GEF PA and Lowveld PA
- 3.3.2. A milestone plan is being generated to develop clear strategy and timeline for this process
- 3.3.3. The GEF PA project runs for only 3 more years and at which time we need to be 100% compliant, complete and proclaimed.

3.4. WorkStream 4: Local Authority Engagement (Rates)

- 3.4.1. Lead Nic du Toit and supported by Wehncke van der Merwe GEF PA and Lowveld PA
- 3.4.2. We are currently obtaining an understanding on how values were determined and what the process and timing will be of the re-valuations process (re-valuations for Bushbuckridge expected to be concluded by June 2018).

3.5. WorkStream 5: UPNR Database Maintenance

3.5.1. Lead Gois Fouche and supported by Wehncke van der Merwe GEF PA and Lowveld PA

3.5.2. A complete database of all properties with relevant details and history of zoning, valuation, land use, size, amongst others is being developed for this process.

3.6. WorkStream 6: Regularisation of UPNR i.t.o Protected Areas Act (NEMPAA)

3.6.1. Lead Gois Fouche and supported by Greg Martindale GEF PA and Marissa Coetzee Sanparks

3.6.2. This will include ongoing communications to the relevant stakeholders and landowners, follow up on title deed endorsements with Landowners and most importantly that this whole project and our processes are compliant and tie in with the NEMPAA and the norms and standards and application process.

3.7. WorkStream 7: KNP co-operation Agreement

3.7.1. Lead Bruce Simpson and supported by Marissa Coetzee Sanparks, Greg Martindale GEF PA and A Rossaak GEF PA

3.7.2. Draft 1 of the agreement has been developed and a stakeholder feedback is currently being assessed to finalise a second draft of this collaboration agreement

The Steering Committee is meeting bi-monthly in update of the activity and progress around the specific milestones.

As per the presentation shared at the recent members information meeting in June, the following key objectives and milestones were required to drive the process of compliance and application and have been addressed in the milestones detailed above:

1. The draft MOU/Charter between the Kruger-to-Canyons and the reserves of the Greater Kruger Area must be finalised and signed
2. Submit an application under the Umbabat that it be proclaimed under NEMPAA as the Umbabat Private Nature Reserve (UPNR)
 - a. Appoint a management authority
 - i. The Umbabat Private Nature Reserve Association Exco is proposed
 - ii. Develop a resolution to this effect and by the Umbabat Exco consenting to its assignment as the management authority
 - iii. The templates for the notarial agreement and power of attorney for a management authority to implement the process is being drawn up by Elmien le Roux from Norton Rose Fulbright
 - b. Revise and propose a new Umbabat Constitution for adoption by all members.
 - c. Develop a Management Plan for submission to the MEC within 12 months of becoming a PA
3. Support and engage in the development of a Cooperative Agreement for all reserves within the open system of the Greater Kruger Area

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