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1 INTRODUCTION

The Ugu District Municipality (DM), in partnership with the KwaZulu-Natal (KZN) Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (EDTEA), embarked on a process to develop an Environmental Management Framework (EMF) for the District.

An EMF is a study of the biophysical and socio-cultural systems of a geographically defined area to reveal where specific activities may best be undertaken and to offer performance standards for achieving and maintaining the desired state of that area. An EMF includes a framework of spatially represented information connected to significant environmental (i.e. ecological, social and economic) parameters.

Prior to commencement with the Ugu DM EMF, the requisite administrative and institutional matters were set in place, which included the concurrence between the relevant spheres of government, namely the National Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA), KZN EDTEA and Ugu DM.

As shown in **Figure 1**, the two major components of the Ugu DM EMF entail Public Participation and Technical Development. Once the EMF is finalised, it will undergo promulgation and gazetting in order to render it as a decision-support tool in the environmental and planning arenas.

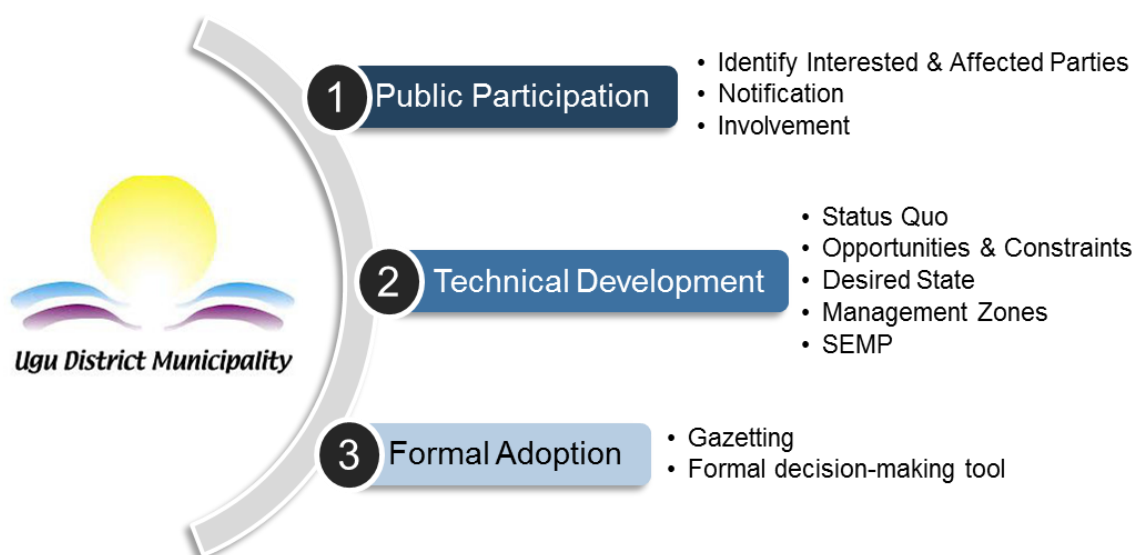


Figure 1: Ugu DM EMF Components

Nemai Consulting was appointed to only compile the SEMP, based on the outcomes of the preceding Status Quo and Desired State phases of the overall EMF process. This report provides an account of the Public Participation Process (PPP) that was undertaken during the compilation of the SEMP.

2 SEMP PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

2.1 General

As a minimum, the PPP strived to comply with regulation 3(2) of the EMF Regulations (2010). The main aims of the PPP include:

1. To inform Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) of the EMF process and its objectives.

The EMF Regulations (2010) define IAPs as follows –

- a. Any person, group of persons or organisation interested in or affected by an EMF; and
 - b. Any organ of state that may have jurisdiction over any aspect covered by the EMF;
2. To provide an opportunity for inputs from IAPs; and
 3. To give feedback to IAPs with the opportunity for them to respond.

The PPP follows the phases of the overall EMF development process, and is executed to coincide with the outcomes associated with each milestone of the framework. The main tasks associated with the PPP during the compilation of the SEMP are discussed in the section to follow.

2.2 Public Participation Approach

2.2.1 *Update and Maintain Database of IAPs*

The database of IAPs, as compiled during the Status Quo Phase and updated during the Desired State Phase, was used as a basis for the SEMP's database of IAPs. A copy of the abbreviated database is contained in **Appendix A**.

2.2.2 *Project Steering Committee (PSC)*

A PSC was established for the SEMP, which included the various spheres of Government (national, provincial and local) that may be involved with the implementation of the EMF,

have a mandate over any aspects of the receiving environment in the District, or are custodians of information that have any bearing on the EMF.

The functions of the PSC include:

- ❖ Establish and confirm the EMF objectives;
- ❖ Provide high level guidance to steer the EMF towards achieving its intended objectives;
- ❖ Review and advise on the process and its products;
- ❖ Raise awareness on the EMF within the respective institutions represented on the PSC;
- ❖ Assist with the acquisition of information; and
- ❖ Application of the EMF in planning and decision-making.

The PSC kick-off meeting was held on 15 March 2017. The follow up PSC meeting to present the preliminary Environmental Management Zones and Draft SEMP was held on 5 October 2017. The minutes of the PSC meetings are contained in **Appendix B**.

2.2.3 Targeted Engagement

Specific parties were engaged with during the compilation of the SEMP. This included those institutions from who relevant information for the District needed to be sourced and also the Departments that needed to provide input in terms of the relevant sections of the EMF, including the Sensitivity Analysis, Environmental Management Zones, Institutional Arrangements, Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, etc. The parties included the following (amongst others):

- ❖ DEA;
- ❖ KZN EDTEA
- ❖ Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife;
- ❖ KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD);
- ❖ Department of Mineral Resources (DMR);
- ❖ Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA);
- ❖ Amafa aKwaZulu-Natali;
- ❖ South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI); and
- ❖ Ingonyama Trust Board.

2.2.4 Review of Draft SEMP

The Draft SEMP was first presented to the PSC and thereafter updated and lodged for public review from 12 February - 15 March 2018.

Notification of review was provided via emails and newspaper legal notices (iLanga, The Witness, Northern KwaZulu Natal Courier and Greytown Gazette - copies of notices contained in **Appendix C**).

An electronic copy was uploaded to <http://nemai.co.za/documents.html>. Hardcopies were left at the localities listed in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Locations for Accessing Hardcopies of the Draft SEMP

No.	Local Municipality (LM)	Address
1	Umdoni LM	Scottburgh Library, 191 Scott Street
2	uMzumbe LM	Reception of municipal offices, Sipofu Road
3	Umuziwabantu LM	Harding Library, Murchison Street
4	Ray Nkonyeni LM	Port Shepstone Library, 10 Connor Street, Civil Centre
5		Hibberdene Library, 124 Minerva Crescent

The details of the public meetings that were convened to present the Draft SEMP are provided in **Table 2**. The minutes of the public meetings are contained in **Appendix D**.

Table 2: Locations for Accessing Hardcopies of the Draft SEMP

No.	LM	Date	Time	Town	Venue
1	Umdoni LM	20/02/18	9h00 – 11h00	Umzinto	Umzinto Dining Hall, Main Road
2	uMzumbe LM		14h00 – 16h00	Hibberdene	Esibanini Hall, Sipofu Road
3	Umuziwabantu LM	21/02/18	9h00 – 11h00	Harding	Municipal Small Hall, 10 Murchison Street
4	Ray Nkonyeni LM		14h00 – 16h00	Margate	Margate Hall, Dan Pienaar Street

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

Due to the substantial area covered under Ingonyama Trust Board (ITB) land, as well as the risks posed by activities and land allocation within these areas, it was deemed necessary to provide a dedicated section with recommendations on how the EMF aims to support sustainable environmental management within the decision-making structure for this land. Attempts to arrange a meeting with the Ugu DM's House of Traditional Authorities was not successful during the period of compiling the SEMP. It is recommended that the SEMP be presented to the group prior to seeking council resolution on the final product.

APPENDIX A

DATABASE OF INTERESTED AND AFFECTED PARTIES

APPENDIX B

MINUTES OF PSC MEETINGS

APPENDIX C

NEWSPAPER NOTICES – REVIEW OF DRAFT SEMP

APPENDIX D

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETINGS TO PRESENT THE DRAFT SEMP