

BREAF FEEDBACK

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**Breede River Estuary
Advisory Forum**



INTRODUCTION

- **Western Cape DEA&DP is the Responsible Management Authority for the Breede River Estuary**
- **Forum establishes communication between stakeholders and the authorities – Municipalities, CapeNature and the DEA&DP**
- **Primary objective is to provide the basis for the development and implementation of the 2023 Breede River Estuary Management Plan**
- **Working groups to be established**
- **Chairperson undertook to address imbalance of East and West bank representation at the BREAF**



AGENDA

- **Coastal Access & Signage Requirements**
- **Proposed Zonation**
- **Awareness & Communication**
- **Law Enforcement: CapeNature / DFFE & Operation Phakisa (Marine Protection Services and Ocean Governance)**
- **Service Level Agreement between the LBRCT and the Swellendam & Hessequa Municipalities plus the LBRCT's role at the BREAF**

COASTAL ACCESS & SIGNAGE REQUIREMENTS

- Need for and importance of signage was acknowledged
- + • There are currently no applications for access across private land underway
- Infanta residents concerns regarding riverbank access and the destruction of riparian habitats was raised
- Signage will help to educate the public
- Possibility of cordoning off areas / boardwalks / walkways to prevent access to sensitive areas and those being rehabilitated
- There is no launch site at the Pont and limited access downstream which encourages private applications for slipways

PROPOSED ZONATION

- **Confusing terminology in the 2018 BREMP to be revised**
- **Review process to include stakeholder participation**
- **Current zonation (notably around skiing and wakeboarding) will not be enforced**



AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION

- **Current education and awareness initiatives by the DEA&DP and CapeNature on the estuary**
- **CapeNature has developed an information pack providing landowners with information regarding legal requirements**
- **Estate agents can assist by advising prospective buyers as to what is and is not permitted in the area**
- **Swellendam Municipality is experiencing challenges with new owners in the area not adhering to municipal regulations**

LAW ENFORCEMENT: CAPENATURE / DFFE & OPERATION PHAKISA

- CapeNature provided feedback regarding ongoing operations
- + • CapeNature and their enforcement partners are experiencing capacity challenges
- Importance of reporting suspected transgressions to the relevant authorities
- • LBRCT expressed their willingness to continue cooperating with agencies involved in enforcement initiatives, such as the SAPS & CapeNature
- CapeNature stated there is a DEA&DP complaint form available to report alleged transgressions
- Swellendam Municipality advised that the public may approach them directly with complaints or reports of transgressions

SLA: LBRCT AND THE MUNICIPALITIES + THE LBRCT'S ROLE AT THE BREAf

- **Three-year Service Level Agreement between the LBRCT and Swellendam & Hessequa Municipalities**
- **LBRCT is the service provider, and all three entities are represented at the BREAf**
- **LBRCT reports quarterly to the municipalities**

