

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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WORLD HERITAGE CONVENTION ACT, 1999 (ACT NO. 49 OF 1999)

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO PROCLAIM CERTAIN LAND SITUATED IN THE KWAZULU-NATAL AND WESTERN CAPE PROVINCES TO BE THE EMERGENCE OF MODERN HUMAN BEHAVIOUR: THE PLEISTOCENE OCCUPATION SITES OF SOUTH AFRICA AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE AND TO DECLARE THE MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby in terms of sections 1(xxiv)(a), 7 and 8 of the World Heritage Convention Act, 1999 (Act No. 49 of 1999), give notice of my intention to proclaim certain land situated in the KwaZulu-Natal and Western Cape Provinces, as the Emergence of Modern Human Behaviour: The Pleistocene Occupation Sites of South Africa World Heritage Site, and to declare the Management Authorities, as set out in the Schedule hereto.

The Emergence of Modern Human Behaviour: The Pleistocene Occupation Sites of South Africa World Heritage Site is composed of the following components:

NO.	COMPONENT	PROPOSED MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY
1	Diepkloof Rock Shelter (Western Cape Province)	Member of Executive Council for Cultural Affairs and Sport in the Western Cape Province
2	Pinnacle Point Site Complex (Western Cape Province)	Member of Executive Council for Cultural Affairs and Sport in the Western Cape Province
3	Sibhudu Cave (KwaZulu-Natal Province)	Member of the Executive Council for Sport, Arts and Culture in KwaZulu-Natal Province

The Management Authorities shall exercise those powers and duties referred to in sections 13(1) and (2), and 15 of the World Heritage Convention Act, 1999 (Act No. 49 of 1999). In order for the Management Authorities to be able to perform their duties, I furthermore intend to declare that sections 21, 22, 33, 34, 35, and 42 of the World Heritage Convention Act, 1999 (Act No. 49 of 1999) and applicable sections of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003) shall apply to the Management Authorities.

Members of the public are invited to submit written representations or objections to my notice of intention, within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this notice in the *Government Gazette*, or newspapers, whichever date is the last date of publication, to any of the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General: Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Attention: Ms Thumeka Ntloko
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By hand: Ground Floor (Reception), Environment House Building, 473 Steve Biko Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083.

By e-mail: TNtloko@dfpe.gov.za / whsmanagement@dfpe.gov.za

Any inquiries in connection with this notice can be directed to Ms T Ntloko at: (012) 399 9531.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.



DR DION TRAVERS GEORGE
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE**ANNEXURE 1****THE EMERGENCE OF MODERN HUMAN BEHAVIOUR: THE PLEISTOCENE OCCUPATION SITES OF SOUTH AFRICA (CONSISTING OF DIEPKLOOF ROCK SHELTER COMPONENT, PINNACLE POINT SITE COMPLEX AND SIBHUDU CAVE) AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE**

The Emergence of Modern Human Behaviour: The Pleistocene Occupation Sites of South Africa World Heritage Site is made up of the following components

Component of the serial property	Province	Coordinates of Central Point	Area of Core and Buffer Zone
Diepkloof Rock Shelter Component	Western Cape Province South Africa	32° 23' 11" S, 18° 27' 9" E	Core: 2.1 ha Buffer zone: 531 ha As described in Annexure 1(A)
Pinnacle Point Site Complex	Western Cape Province South Africa	34° 12' 27" S, 22° 05' 22" E	Core: 51 ha Buffer zone: 416 ha As described in Annexure 1(B)
Sibhudu Cave	KwaZulu-Natal Province South Africa	29° 31' 26" S, 31°05' 10" E	Core: 4.3 ha Buffer zone: 18.5 ha As described in Annexure 1(C)

Hereunder is a detailed description of these components:

ANNEXURE 1 (A)

NAME OF THE SITE:

Diepkloof Rock Shelter Component

PROVINCE:

Western Cape Province

EXACT LOCATION OF THE SITE ON MAP WITH GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATE:

Location of the site:

The site proposed is located at Portion 3 of the Farm Groote Drift No. 5, Piketberg.

Geographical Coordinates:

Centre of the World Heritage Site: 32° 23' 11" S, 18° 27' 9" E

The description of the boundaries:

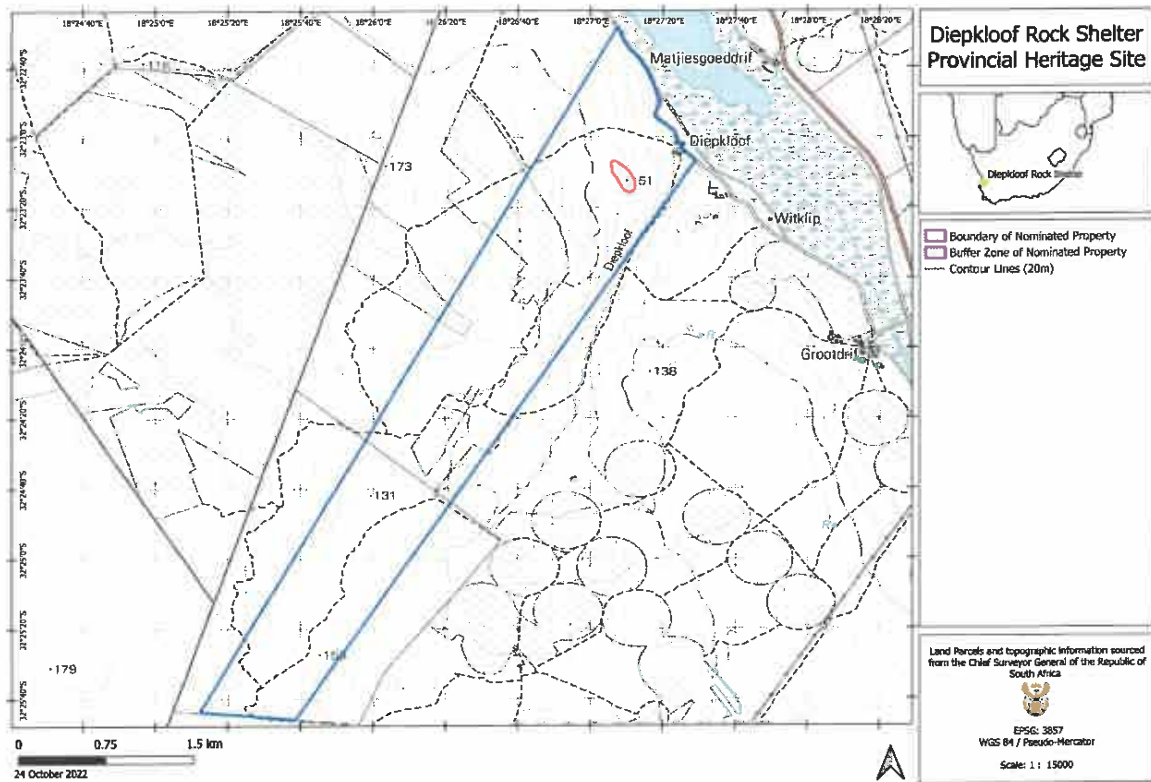
The Core

All property above the 100m contour line on the hill known as Diepkloof on Portion 3 of the Farm Groote Drift 5, Piketberg.

The Buffer Zone

The buffer zone follows the cadastral boundaries of Portion 3 of Farm Groote Drift 5.

Map of the World Heritage Site



ANNEXURE 1(B)

NAME OF THE SITE:

Pinnacle Point Site Complex

PROVINCE:

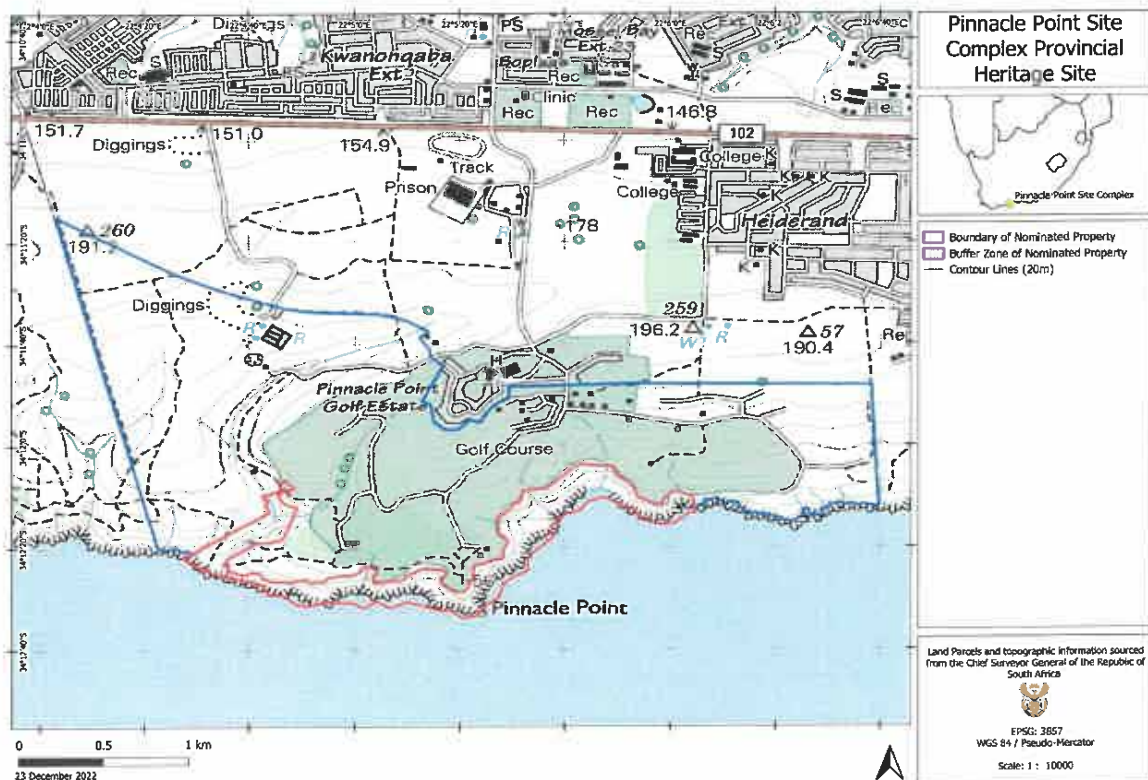
Western Cape Province

EXACT LOCATION OF THE SITE ON MAP WITH GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATE:**Location of the site:**

The site proposed is located at Pinnacle Point Estate, Erf 15391 (a portion of Erf 2001) Boplaas, Mossel Bay.

Geographical Coordinates:

Centre of the World Heritage Site: 34° 12' 27" S, 22° 05' 22" E

Map of the World Heritage Site

ANNEXURE 1(C)**NAME OF THE SITE:**

Sibhudu Cave

PROVINCE:

KwaZulu-Natal Province

EXACT LOCATION OF THE SITE ON MAP WITH GEOGRAPHICAL COORDINATE:**Location of the site:**

The site proposed is located at Portion 10 of Farm Sinembe No16902-FU, KwaDukuza Local Municipality, iLembe District Municipality, in KwaZulu-Natal, held by Deed of Transfer No. T3284/1988

Geographical Coordinates:

Centre of the World Heritage Site: 29° 31' 26" S, 31°05' 10" E

The description of the boundaries

The proposed site of portion 10 of the Farm Sinembe no 16902 – FU is bound by coordinates as outlined below:

Co-ordinates

Points	Latitude	Longitude
1	-29.52356820	31.08772868
2	-29.52236616	31.08637526
3	-29.52162512	31.08527291
4	-29.52103288	31.08484845
5	-29.52291109	31.08429992
6	-29.52274022	31.08465158
7	-29.52259663	31.08515359
8	-29.52254569	31.08542993
9	-29.52258137	31.08567686
10	-29.52273126	31.08593637
11	-29.52289070	31.08611437
12	-29.52310878	31.08624552
13	-29.52337098	31.08633739
14	-29.52367132	31.08634879
15	-29.52407393	31.08629062
16	-29.52466018	31.08603824

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