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# BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT FOR THE BIG FIVE LODGE IN THE SKELETON COAST NATIONAL PARK CONSESSION AREA

### 1. Introduction

Enviro Dynamics has been appointed to conduct an environmental assessment process for the prospective lodge in the Big Five concession area in the Skeleton National Park.

The project proposal focuses on developing a small tented lodge in the concession area between the Hoarusib River and Cape Fria (Figure 11).



Figure 11 Concession area and screening area.

# 2. project description

The lodge will consist of

- ü 7 tents,
- ü dining area and lounge with kitchen,
- **ü** small manager's dwelling and a four room staff unit.
- ü two store rooms and
- ü four vehicle parking bays

#### Amenities will be

- ü solar electricity and
- **ü** septic tanks with separate grey water / black water systems that will be pumped and relocated to a suitable French drain system.
- **ü** Water will preferable be sourced from a small desalination plant or from existing fresh water wells.

No additional roads will be constructed and only existing parks roads will be used.

It is conservatively estimated that the physical facility footprint will be about 1500m<sup>2</sup>.

## 3. Prior screening process

The Environmental Assessment process was preceded by a alternatives screening process by a team consisting of Norman van Zyl (EAP - Enviro Dynamics), Dr John Irish (Biodata), and Coleen Mannheimer (botanist).

The five site alternative in Figue 1 was rated in terms of environmental suitability, based on a cumulative environmental risk and complexity of risk.

Based on this screening process it was clear that site 1 is the least sensitive site, followed by site 5. Sites 2, 3 and 4 are not suitable for development.

# 4. public Consultation process

The consultation process is important to assess potential impacts of the project within the sensitivity assessment context and the evaluation of site option 1.

You are therefore hereby invited to provide us with appropriate inputs as you see fit via e-mail or fax.

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Please provide your inputs by 19 February 2021.

#### Stakeholder List and proof of communication

#### Contacts for public consultation

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3. Shipwreck Lodge. <a href="mailto:shipwreck@journeysnamibia.com">shipwreck@journeysnamibia.com</a> tel:+26461228104

4. Big Five Concession holders and community via Andre Schoeman

#### norman@envirod.com

 From:
 Norman van Zyl <a href="norman@envirod.com">norman@envirod.com</a>

 Sent:
 Monday, 8 March 2021 10:56 am

 To:
 'joshuakazeurua@yahoo.com'

Subject: EIA for tented camp in the Skeleton Coast National Park

Attachments: Skeleton Coast Big Five Lodge - BID 01.pdf

Dear Mr Joshua Kazeurua

Our call last Friday refers.

Attached please find the Background Information Document for the proposed tented camp in the Big Five Concession area, in the Skeleton Coast National Park.

Please peruse the document and provide us with any comments you may have. Our process will be:

To await your comment by 15 March latest.

- Provide a combined Scoping / Environmental Management Report, once completed, for your comments.
- Then receive a short letter of approval of the Report as the Competent Authority for submission with the Report to the DEA.

Please feel free to request further clarification if needed.

Kind regards.



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Subject: FW: Consultation for an EIA of tented camp in the Skeleton Coast National Park

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#### **Comments Trail**

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To: Norman van Zyl

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Subject: Re: El A for tented camp in the Skeleton Coast National Park

Good morning Norman, I went through this document. The development should be guided by the Head concession contract and the Park management plan. The proposed infrastructure capacity is not in line with the Head concession contract i.e the 7 rooms instead of 30 and e.c.t The operator was told to develop at point number 4 where the old Wildernesses camp was located and that should be were the EIA should be conducted. The park management promote development of this nature in area were such developments happened in the past . Please make sure that all aspect of this development confines with the EIA, park management plan and general park rules.

Kind regards Joshua Kazeurua

Sent from my iPhone

On 8 Mar 2021, at 7:14 PM, Joshua Kazeurua < ioshuakazeurua@yahoo.com > wrote:

Well received and noted.

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## <u>Further notes on consultation for this revised version 2 of the Report:</u>

Due to the Chief Warden of the Skeleton Coast National Park being the only active respondent and stakeholder the teamed deemed it best to solicit his responses internally within MEFT through this submission and request for Environmental Clearance.