

Minutes of the Northern Cape Provincial Coastal Committee (NC PCC) meeting conducted on 31 August 2020 at Springbok (Virtual Meeting)

Chairperson- MEC G. M. Manopole

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PROCEDURAL MATTERS				
The HoM, Mr. K. Mohibidu, introduced the MEC to the meeting. MEC Manopole welcomed PCC members to her inaugural PCC meeting. The vision of the Premier for the province is a modern, growing, successful province; the first virtual PCC meeting is conducted. The MEC thanked the members for the work that has been done. The following improvements need to be implemented by the next PCC meeting. Members need to prepare presentations and send it to the secretariat 7 days before a meeting. Members need to respond to action items as soon as possible, and not wait until the next meeting. A resolution tracker/ mechanism should be put in place to ensure a prompt turn-around time on action items.				
2. <u>Silent Prayer/Meditation</u>				

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3. Introductions and Apologies See annexure 1 for a list of attendees.				
Apologies from PCC members Apologies from PCC Members were noted as follows:				
Mr. G. van Dyk-DWS				
Ms. D. Karsten-DMR				
Ms. G. von Mollendorf/Ms. S. Cloete-Kamiesberg Municipality				
Mr. J. Coraizin-SAMSA				
Mr. B. Fisher-DENC				
Mr. S. Abrahams-NDM				
Mr. M. Farmer- DENC				
4. Adoption of the Agenda Mr. A. Abrahams moved for adoption of the Agenda which were seconded by Ms. L. Swartbooi.				
5. <u>Declaration of Interest</u>				
No declarations noted.				
6. Adoption previous meeting's minutes of: 24 February 2020				
Mr. W. Sonnenberg moved for adoption of the minutes which were seconded by Ms L. Swartbooi.				

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7. Matters Arising from minutes of previous meeting 7.1 Progress Against Action Items from Previous Meeting Ms. A. Cloete: DENC See Addendum. 7.2 Feedback on Matters Escalated/Discussed at Working Group 8 Mr. B. Cornelissen: DENC There were no items elevated to WG 8 from the previous PCC meeting. Mr. Cornelissen however provided a summary of discussions of the meeting conducted on 14 July 2020.				
Coastal Access The Priority coastal access infrastructure project in the Northern Cape is the Fishermen Jetty in Port Nolloth. Progress will be continuously communicated. Covid 19 impacts				
The WG 8 work plan can be reworked/targets reprioritised to account for the impacts of COVID 19. The Northern Cape annual target on the WG 8 workplan is 2 Estuarine Management Plans approved and adopted. The province will be able to deliver on the set targets.				
Northern Cape Coastal Management Programme The NC CMP awaits the review of the National Coastal Management Programme, to incorporate possible changes, before publishing the notice of adoption.				

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8. Items for Discussion				
8.1 Facilitation of Coastal Access				
8.1.1 Establishment of public launch sites Mr. B. Cornelissen Refer to presentation	 Nama Khoi and Richtersveld is the only Municipality who did not yet confirm the PLS, within the municipal jurisdiction, for gazetting. PCC members accepted the recommendation to publish the 	Mayor, of these municipalities, w.r.t the approval of the PLS. • Finalise the engagement	MEC G.M. Manopole Mr. B. Cornelissen	ASAP By the end of the 3rd quarter.
	PLS list in the local newspapers.			quartor:
8.1.2 Facilitation of coastal access for small-scale fisheries: Memorandum of Agreement with Alexkor <i>Ms. L. Swartbooi</i> The CEO and the Company Secretary, who was leading the project, both resigned; the project was placed on hold until further notice. Refer to the Alexkor report for a summary of other business.		By the next PCC meeting there should be a concrete report on the progress w.r.t the MoA.	Ms. L. Swartbooi	Next PCC meeting
Mr. A. Abrahams moved for adoption of the way forward, for the	ne agenda item, Facilitation of Coastal A	Access, which were seconded by Mr	: G. Pieterse.	
8.2 Coastal Development and Planning				
8.2.1. Progress report on Implementation of Operation Phakisa Mr. G. Pieterse Mr. Pieterse will provide comprehensive feedback at the next PCC meeting.				

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8.2.2. Establishment of Coastal Management Lines:				
Mr. B. Cornelissen				
Refer to the presentation				
8.2.3. Feedback on coastal development applications:				
Mr. B. Fisher /Ms. D. Karsten				
Apology				
8.2.4. Shark cage diving and boat-based whale watching tourism: <i>Mr. W. Sonnenberg</i>	The MEC requested a brief summary describing the project.			
Mr. S. Magaga could not attend the meeting, Mr. Sonnenberg provided feedback.	describing the project.			
Boat-based whale watching matters must be directed to Mrs				
Matshidiso Malatjie at BBWW@environment.gov.za.				
8.2.5. Northern Cape Coastal Tourism Master Plan:	Mr. A. Abrahams advised that Mr. Mampe ensure that the tourism	Refer the status/progress of the project implementation to WG 8.	Mr. B. Cornelissen	Next WG 8 meeting on 06 October 2020.
Mr. S. Mampe	master plan includes the	Ms. L. Swartbooi recommended		OIT OO OCIODEI 2020.
Refer to the presentation	opportunities for boat based whale	to include the sensitivities of		
	watching and shark cage diving.	interactions between the tourism initiatives within the RAMSAR		
		site boundaries.		

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8.2.6. Status of coastal permit applications (e.g. coastal water discharge, ORV, etc.) Mr. R. Pillay Refer to DEFF progress report, item nr. 11				
Mr. W. Sonnenberg moved for adoption of the way forward of	the agenda item, Coastal Development	and Planning, which were seconde	d by Ms. N. van Wyk	
8.3. Co-operative Governance and Local Government Support				
8.3.1. Establishment of Municipal Coastal Committees 8.3.1.1. Richtersveld Municipality – Progress/Future Planning <i>Mr. S. Adams Absent</i>	The MEC is very concerned w.r.t the absence of the municipalities.	Take it up on a political level	MEC GM. Manopole	ASAP
8.3.1.2. Kamiesberg Municipality – Progress/Future Planning <i>Mr. G. Von Mollendorf</i>				
Apology 8.3.1.3. Nama Khoi Municipality – Progress/Future Planning Mr. R. Hartley Absent				
8.3.1.4. Namakwa District Municipality – Progress/Future Planning <i>Mr. S. Abrahams</i>				
Apology Mr. Abrahams did not attend the meeting he however indicated that the District MCC meeting is scheduled for 23 September 2020.				
8.4. Natural and Cultural Resources Management 8.4.1. Buffels and Swartlintjies Estuary Management Plans		The Approval of the Buffels and Swartlintjies Estuarine	Mr. B. Cornelissen	Next PCC meeting: date to be confirmed.

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Mr. B. Cornelissen Refer to presentation		Management Plans must be finalized and adopted by the next PCC meeting		
8.4.2. Orange River Mouth Estuary Management Plan Mr. R. Pillay Refer to item nr 6 on the DEFF progress report 8.4.3. Investigation into establishment of Special Management Areas Ms. L. Geldenhuys		A written report will be provided once all recommendations has been received.	Ms. L. Geldenhuys	ASAP
Refer to presentation				
Ms. N. van Wyk moved for adoption of the agenda item, Natu 8.5. Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation	ral and Cultural Resources Managemei	nt, which were seconded by Mr. A. N	/leyer	1
8.5.1. Coastal climate change vulnerability assessment <i>Mr. R. Pillay</i> Refer to item nr.1 on the DEFF progress report.				
8.5.2. Northern Cape coastal zone climate change adaptation strategy: <i>Mr. B. Fisher Apology</i>				
8.6. Compliance, Enforcement and Monitoring				
8.6.1. Coastal Compliance and Enforcement Actions Mr. O. Gaoraelwe Refer to presentation	The non-attendance of Phakisa enforcement events by DMR was was referred to the SAPS as the identified Prov Joints implementing agent for Operation Phakisa.		Mr. O. Gaoraelwe	If needed

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8.6.2. Operation Phakisa Law Enforcement Operations				
No feedback				
Ms. L. Swartbooi moved for adoption of the agenda item, Con	npliance, Enforcement and Monitoring,	which were seconded by Mr. W. So	nnenberg	
8.7 Marine and Land-based Sources of Pollution				
8.7.1. Coastal water quality monitoring program				
Mr. W. Sonnenberg				
The monitoring programme have been suspended due to				
COVID19; recommencement of programme will be				
communicated by the Directorate's Senior Management.				
A formal response with mobile laboratories is going to be				
A formal response w.r.t mobile laboratories is going to be communicated at the next Directorate Meeting. An update will				
thus be provided at the next PCC meeting.				
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8.7.2. Working for the coast program				
Ms. V. Cloete				
Refer to presentation				
Mr. S. Mampe moved for adoption of the agenda item, Marine	e and Land-based Sources of Pollution,	which were seconded by Mr. G. Pie	eterse	
8.8 Coastal and Marine Education				
8.8.1. Coastal Environmental Education				
Mr. M. Farmer				
Apology				
9. Matters to be Escalated to Working Group 8				
Refer the status/progress of the marine and coastal tourism			Mr. B. Cornelissen	Next WG 8 meeting
master plan implementation to WG 8.				on 06 October 2020.

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10. Additional Matters				
None noted				
10. 1 DEFF progress report on matters not already addressed within feedback: <i>Mr. R. Pillay</i>				
Please refer to the DEFF progress report for items not covered as part of the Agenda.				
11. Date of the Next Meeting		The office of the MEC will deliberate on the date of the next meeting	The PCC secretariat will inform members	ASAP
12. Closure				
The MEC thanked all members for their attendance and contributions to the meeting.				

<u>List of Attendees – NC PCC Meeting 31 August 2020</u>

- 1. Chairperson: MEC G. M. Manopole
- 2. Mr. A. Abrahams Director: Biodiversity Management Systems
- 3. Mr. B. Mashobao: Acting HoD of DENC
- 4. Mr. T. Moremi: Head of Ministry
- 5. Mr. G. Pieterse: DENC-Acting Director-Policy Planning and Coordination
- 6. Ms. A. Cloete-DENC: Coastal Management
- 7. Mr. B. Cornelissen-DENC: Coastal Management
- 8. Ms. L. Geldenhuys: DENC: Research Development and Support
- 9. Mr. O. Gaoraelwe-DENC: Compliance and Enforcement
- 10. Mr. E. Oosthuysen-DENC: Information Management
- 11. Mr. R. Pillay-DEFF: Oceans and Coasts
- 12. Ms. V. Cloete-DEFF: Local Government Support
- 13. Mr. S. Mampe: DEDaT
- 14. Ms. K. Nkosi: DEDaT
- 15. Mr. M. Jezile: DEFF: Aquaculture
- 16. Ms. L. Swartbooi-Alexkor RMC JV
- 17. Mr. W. Sonnenberg-DEA Northern Cape Coastal Monitor
- 18. Ms. P. Chuene: Namagua National Park
- 19. Mr. A. Meyer-De Beers
- 20. Ms. N. Van Wyk-DALRRD
- 21. Mr. W. Theron-DEFF: Monitoring, Control & Surveilance

Action Items: PCC meeting of 31 August 2020			
Heading/Agenda Item	Responsible Person	Progress	

22 August 2017-Action Items

Funding shortfall for Swartlintjies and Buffels Estuary Management Plans

The funding shortfall have been approved within DEA's budget. As explained in previous PCC meetings, Mr. Peter reiterated the challenges DEA experienced to transfer the funds to NDM, since the MoU with Nelson Mandela University lapsed. DEA's financial officials requested treasury approval for the shortfall, however Treasury did not approve the request. None of DEA's internal processes does not allow for the money to be directly transferred to NDM; within the PFMA requirements.

Mr. J. Peter- DEA

Feedback on 18 October 2018:

The funds have not yet been paid to NDM.

The MEC was clear that the issue needed to be addressed as the shortfall have been approved. A meeting was suggested between the CFO's of both NDM and DEA.

Feedback on 7 February 2019

The status quo remains the same, DEA's internal processes does not allow for the money to be directly transferred to NDM; within the PFMA Requirements.

22 August 2019

The MEC to engage the minister of DEA w.r.t the funding shortfall. HoD's office will escalate it to the DG of DEA.

Feedback 03 December 2019

Refer to DEA: Oceans and Coasts feedback.

"DEFF: Oceans and Coasts is planning a meeting with the DDG, Chief Director: Finance and DENC HOD on the issue. Tentative dates are in January/February 2019. Based on the outcome of this meeting a formal response will be sent to affected parties."

Feedback 24 February 2020

Refer to DEA: Oceans and Coasts feedback,

item number 6

The Department is preparing a submission to National Treasury to request funds to be released for payment. Further developments will be communicated.

Feedback 31 August 2020

The Department was considering the funding shortfall and preparing a submission to National Treasury however with budget cuts due to Covid-19 this will have to be addressed in the next financial year.

12 April 2018

Coastal Compliance and Enforcement feedback

Mr. M. Farmer raised his concern w.r.t the multifaceted issues at the Port Nolloth salt pan. This item to be initially discussed at the Richtersveld MCC and feedback to be provided at the PCC meeting.

Mr. S. Adams/ Mr. S. Abrahams

Feedback 18 October 2018

Mr. S. Adams attended the PCC of 18 October 2018 and provided feedback that Richtersveld Municipality did not conduct a MCC meeting. He provided feedback w.r.t the measures the municipality put in place at the bird park as well as challenges they experience.

The NDM engagement with Municipalities will take place before the next PCC meeting this issue can be discussed in more detail at the said meeting.

Feedback 7 February 2019 Mr. S. Adams attended but asked to be excused; feedback was thus not provided.
Feedback 22 August 2019 The Municipality attended but did not provide feedback. MEC to write to the Mayor of the NDM i.t.o their facilitation of the District MCC meetings; including other action items directed at municipalities.
Feedback 03 December 2019
The PCC secretariat sent a letter, signed by the MEC, to the Mayor of NDM to provide feedback i.t.o their commitment to coordinate a District MCC. Mr. Farmer to provide supporting information on the background of the issues and possible solutions to assist with the way forward.
Feedback 24 February 2020 Refer to the presentation by Mr. M. Farmer, on 24 February 2020, discussing the findings of their site visit to the Port Nolloth salt pan.
Feedback 31 August 2020 Refer to Ms. L. Geldenhuy's presentation on "Investigation into the establishment of Special Management Areas". DEFF officials responsible for Coastal Planning and Special Management Areas are in the process of preparing a response.

12 July 2018

<u>DEA: Oceans and Coasts Progress Report</u> *Draft National Coastal Access By-Law*

Following the PCC meeting of 12 July 2018, the decision at the Working Group 8 meeting was that, available by-laws, from other coastal municipalities in South Africa provide sufficient guidance to municipalities. At this stage there is thus no need to develop a national coastal access model by-law to assist municipalities. DENC, Coastal Management to facilitate sessions with municipalities to discuss the available by-laws with coastal municipalities before the 2018/19 financial year.

DENC Coastal Management

Feedback on 07 February 2019

The by-laws of other coastal municipalities were sent to the Northern Cape municipalities on 06 December 2018. In preparation for the workshop DENC requested information from municipalities on what specific aspects they need guidance with as to prepare accordingly. Municipalities also need to indicate their capacity and resources to enforce by-laws.

Feedback 22 August 2019 Municipalities did not respond to date

MEC to write to the Mayor of the NDM i.t.o their facilitation of the District MCC meetings; including other PCC action items directed at coastal municipalities. The SAPS asked to be included when the workshop takes place.

Feedback 03 December 2019
The PCC secretariat sent a letter, signed by the MEC, to the Mayor of NDM to provide feedback i.t.o their commitment to coordinate a District MCC.

Feedback 24 February 2020 Item to be discussed at the District MCC; awaiting date from NDM.

Feedback 31 August 2020

Mr. S. Abrahams could not attend the meeting, he however informed that the next meeting will take place on 23 September 2020.

Northern Cape Estuaries Sub-Committee

The MEC of DENC must approve the Buffels and Swartlintjies Estuary Management Plans.

NDM/DENC: Coastal Management/MEC of DENC

Feedback 07 February 2019

Mr. H. Steenkamp, NDM, informed that it was discussed at a council meeting; the EMP's will be sent to the MEC of DENC for approval shortly.

Feedback 22 August 2019

The NDM consequently asked assistance from DENC, Coastal Management, with regards to the approval procedure as set out in the Estuarine Management Protocol. The DENC: Coastal Management completed the

correspondence to assist the NDM; it is currently with senior management of DENC.

Feedback 03 December 2019

There have however been a delay as the document must be reviewed by the recently appointed senior manager responsible for Biodiversity Management Services in DENC.An update w.r.t the approval of the plans will be provided at the next PCC meeting.

Feedback 24 February 2020

DENC sent the supporting documents, to explain the steps for approval, to the NDM. .

The NDM need to send the documents to the MEC of DENC for approval. NDM to provide feedback at the next PCC meeting.

Feedback 31 August 2020

The NDM prepared the letter for approval. It is in the process of being sent to the MEC. The process should be finalised by the next PCC meeting.

18 October 2018

Richtersveld Municipality Feedback

The Municipality receives no revenue from land that belongs to Public Works. The municipality wrote to COGHSTA to assist with a land audit to distinguish municipal land from land that belongs to Public Works. Provide feedback at the next PCC meeting.

Mr. S. Adams-Richtersveld Municipality

Feedback 07 February 2019

Mr. S. Adams attended the PCC meeting but asked to be excused; feedback was thus not provided. The municipality to do a presentation at the upcoming PCC meeting.

Feedback 22 August 2019

The Richtersveld municipality informed that the audit has not been conducted yet. The Municipality to share the communication with the HoD of DENC to follow up with the HoD of COGHSTA.

Feedback 03 December 2019

There was no feedback due to absence of the Municipality.

Feedback 24 February 2020

There was no feedback due to absence of the Municipality.

Feedback 31 August 2020
There was no feedback due to absence of the
Municipality.

03 December 2019					
DEA: Oceans and Coasts Progress Report Ms. N. Van Wyk queried the timeframes for issuing of Coastal Water discharge permits. Diamond Coast Aquaculture, who applied in 2011, have not been issued a permit as yet. Ms. N.van Wyk to send an email, containing the details, to Mr. Pillay for follow up.	Ms. N. Van Wyk/Mr.R. Pillay	Feedback 24 February 2020 Ms. N. van Wyk and Mr. R. Pillay did not attend the meeting; there have however been email discussions. Provide feedback at next PCC meeting. Concluded Feedback 31 August 2020 Progress on application of Diamond Coast Aquaculture (owned by Viking Aquaculture) submitted in 2011. DEFF is assisting Viking aquaculture with a new application, most likely to submit by next month.			
Namakwa District Municipality feedback A recommendation stemming from previous PCC meetings is that the Namakwa District coordinate a MCC meeting where local issues can be discussed before PCC meetings. Mr. S. Abrahams suggested that the LED forum be utilised to discuss coastal issues as well. Communicate the date of the next LED meeting, to municipalities and the Coastal Management unit of DENC.	Mr. S. Arahams: Namakwa District Municipality	Feedback 24 February 2020 Mr. Abrahams did not attend the meeting to provide feedback. Feedback 31 August 2020 Mr. Abrahams could not attend the meeting but he informed that the next meeting will take place on 23 September 2020.			
PCC Terms of Reference Mr. B. Cornelissen There are recommendations for amending certain provisions contained in the terms of reference (refer to minutes for details). Send the ToR, highlighting the possible amendments to PCC members for inputs.	DENC: Coastal Management	 Feedback 24 February 2020 The ToR was sent to PCC members; only DAFF provided comments. Distribute the PCC ToR with possible amendments from DAFF as well as discussions by PCC members on 24 February. PCC members need to send comments on the mentioned sections by 13 March 2020; if no comments are received the PCC ToR will be accepted at the next PCC meeting of 14 May 2020. Feedback 31 August 2020 The meeting of 14 May did not take place. On the 1st of July an email was sent out asking PCC members to approve the PCC ToR amendments; 7 organisations approved the ToR. 			

		The PCC members need to approve the ToR at		
		the next meeting with the agreement that it remains a working document.		
24 February 2020				
Progress Report Northern Cape Operation Phakisa: Oceans Economy Ms. N. Van Olmen: DENC Engage DALRRD w.r.t attendance of Phakisa as well as PCC meetings.	The Acting HoD with assistance from Ms. Van Olmen and Mr. Abrahams	Feedback 31 August 2020 Concluded Ms. Nkosi and Mr. Mampe attended the meeting.		
DEA: Oceans and Coasts Progress Report- Communicate the list of ORV permits issued in the Northern Cape province. Refer the query to the ORV permitting section	Mr. M. Mandleni	Feedback 31 August 2020 There is no list of ORV permits issued only for the Northern Cape but rather a database of all permits along SA coastline, per category. This will be forwarded to Mr Swartbooi.		
Coastal Compliance and Enforcement: Mr.Swartbooi communicated that during the 2019/20 Law Enforcement Operations the DMR as well as DOT (SAMSA) was not well represented. DMR asked that Mr. Swartbooi communicate the dates of the next operation to DMR regional office in Springbok/Ms. D. Karsten. Mr. Swartbooi asked clarity w.r.t the mining along salt pan in Port Nolloth. DMR to provide feedback. Mr. Swartbooi asked for information whether the area in Kleinzee, long beach (close to the buffels river estuary) is a mining area, if so who has the mining right and or licenses.	Mr. E. Swartbooi Ms. D. Karsten Ms. D. Karsten	Concluded The non-attendance of Phakisa enforcement events by DMR was was referred to the SAPS as the identified Prov Joints implementing agent for Operation Phakisa. Elevate the issues to MEC's office if slow/no progress is made. Feedback 31 August 2020 Concluded DMR provided feedback on 17 August 2020. The active prospecting right in Port Nolloth is Dansille Nxikwe Diamonds CC, and the saltpan is excluded from the prospecting area. Mining close to the Buffels River Estuary have been referred to Mr. Anton Meyer (De Beers). The area was part of the De Beers Mining right, Mr. Meyer can provide clarity regarding the areas which was excluded during the Town proclamation. Mr. Meyer responded that the Buffels Estuary falls within the Kleinzee town boundary, meaning that it is no longer a licensed mining area.		
De Beers Namaqualand Mines Part of Mr. Meyer's feedback included the damage done to the Oubeep salt pan by illegal	Ms. L. Geldenhuys	Feedback 31 August 2020 Refer to Ms. Geldenhuy's presentation on		

diggers accessing the mine in vehicles. The pan is a breeding site for the critically endangered Damara Tern. Ms. Geldenhuys asked DEA if there is any feedback, w.r.t the saltpan at Oubeep, as DEA was looking into the possibility of declaring a Special Management Area. Ms. Geldenhuys to engage with the DEA: Oceans and Coasts on information needed; to determine the eligibility of the mentioned areas to be declared as possible Special Management areas i.t.o the ICM Act. The DEA: Oceans and Coasts might need to do a site visit to the mentioned areas.		"Investigation into the establishment of Special Management Areas". A written report will be provided to the PCC once all recommendations has been received.
Environmental Education Mr. Farmer queried the possibility of the Port Nolloth salt pan to be included in the investigation for a Special Management area. Mr. Farmer to engage with the DEA: Oceans and Coasts on information needed to determine the eligibility of the mentioned areas to be declared as possible Special Management areas i.t.o the ICM Act. The DEA: Oceans and Coasts might need to do a site visit to the mentioned areas.	Mr. M. Farmer 31 August 2020	Feedback 31 August 2020 Refer to Ms. Geldenhuy's presentation on "Investigation into the establishment of Special Management Areas". A written report will be provided to the PCC once all recommendations has been received.
Publish Launch Sites		
Engage with the office of the Mayor, of Nama Khoi, Municipality, w.r.t the approval of the PLS.	MEC G.M. Manopole	
Finalise the engagement with municipalities by the end of the 3rd quarter.	Mr. B. Cornelissen	
Facilitation of coastal access		
Small-scale fisheries: Memorandum of Agreement with Alexkor. By the next PCC meeting there should be a concrete report on the progress w.r.t the MoA.	Ms. L. Swartbooi	
Matters to be escalated to WG 8		
Refer the status/progress of the marine and coastal tourism master plan implementation to WG 8.	Mr. B. Cornelissen	