

GUIDANCE ON THE PREPARATION OF A HERITAGE IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The sensitivities identified on the archaeology and cultural heritage theme layer represents a limited number of known heritage resources. Heritage resources are widely dispersed and can occur on any development site in South Africa. Therefore, a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA) must be undertaken for all developments, irrespective of the sensitivity shown on the archaeological and cultural heritage theme layer.

The HIA must:

- meet the requirements of section 38(3) of the National Heritage Resources Act, 1999 (Act No. 25 of 1999) (NHRA) or section 41(1) of the KwaZulu-Natal Amafa and Research Institute Act, 2018 (Act No. 5 of 2018), should the development be in KwaZulu Natal;
- must be undertaken by a qualified heritage specialist;
- be undertaken in line with Appendix 6 of the EIA Regulations; and
- for HIAs submitted to the South African Heritage Resources Agency the report must also comply with the requirements of the “2007 Minimum Standards: Archaeological and Palaeontological Components of Impact Assessment Reports”, accessible at <https://sahra.org.za/legislation/>.

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