

## Local community participation

**Q65** Describe how local communities have been given the opportunity to participate in decision-making at key stages of the WHS accreditation process?200 word limit

Sodurba Community Tourism Organisation and the local Municipal Councillor for the WHS area, hold community engagements & meetings regarding the WHS proposal and view sites on a regular basis.  
The stakeholder engagement meetings, Social Media and local Newspapers allow for different groups/clubs in the Bluff area to voice their opinions about the WHS application.

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**Q66** Give examples of how the public have been informed via press, social media or other means, about the Whale Heritage Site Candidacy and the rationale behind it.200 word limit

Local newspaper (Southlands Sun) has posted articles and kept community up to date. (Paper Clippings attached)  
Other paper publications -  
Sodurba APP  
Social Media - Website and Facebook has posted regularly.  
<https://www.sodurba.co.za>  
<https://facebook.com/sodurba/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/KZNwhalecoast/>  
<http://www.coastkzn.co.za/bluff-applies-for-whale-heritage-site-status/>  
<https://southlandssun.co.za/96198/tales-whales-take-centre-stage-push-bluff-whaling-museum-grows/amp>  
<https://southlandssun.co.za/96201/old-bluff-whaling-station-1-july-t>  
<https://www.iol.co.za/dailynews/news/kwazulu-natal/durban-wants-to-be-a-whale-heritage-site-9787324>  
<http://whaleheritagesites.org/the-bluff-durban-south-africa/>  
<https://m.traveller24.com/Explore/Green/welcoming-of-whales-africas-first-world-whale-conference-to-be-hosted-in-sa-20170530>  
<https://www.businesseventsafrika.com/2017/06/15/world-conference-celebrates-whales/>

**Q67** List those stakeholders involved in preparing and maintaining the site for WHS status.

Transnet - Port Authorities for Durban Harbour (Verbal)  
South African National Defence Force - Verbal. Waiting for Letter. A large area of the Bluff Headlands is occupied by them. The Old Whaling Station is also situated in the Military Base.  
Various Departments in eThekwin Municipality:  
1. Durban Tourism - Letter  
2. Durban Solid Waste - Municipality - Letter  
3. Parks and Gardens Dept - Municipality - Letter  
As well as:  
1. Sodurba CTO  
2. WESSA Treasure Beach  
3. WildOceans - Whale Time

**Q68** Give examples of educational and community outreach events that have encouraged the public to promote the WHS and the reasons for its existence.200 word limit

WILDOCEANS manage schools programmes which informs and educates the local children about protecting the planet and cetaceans. Nine schools have been visited, reaching 2261 learners.  
Sodurba's Welcoming of the Whales Festival celebrates cetaceans along the coast while offering open access and educational programmes for the public.