



GREEN COAST CRITERIA CHECKLIST

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CRITERIA CHECKLIST

CRITERION 1

Implementer quarterly audits and WESSA control visits



All quarterly audits have been completed

WESSA control visit completed

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The Green Coast implementer has completed at least 4 audits of the physical parameters, any existing facilities and infrastructure.
- An online form will be made available to implementers for the purpose of the quarterly visits

IMPERATIVE

CRITERION 2

Physical parameters of
(i) Water,
(ii) Beach and/or
(iii) Coastal Belt
need to be adhered to.



Oil film visible on the surface of the water and/or odour detected (may come and go)?

Floating objects such as tarry residues, wood, plastic articles, bottles, containers, glass, netting, rope or any other unnatural substances?

Any signs of dunes or dune vegetation being modified or removed?

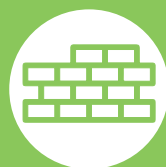
EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The Coastal Zone must be cleared regularly of all unnatural waste which includes and is not limited to: floatables such as tarry residues, wood, plastic articles, bottles, containers, glass or any other unnatural substances. There must be no visual oil film on the water or any unnatural odours.
- Natural vegetation may not be removed without authorization or an accepted plan.
- Natural dunes may not be removed or modified.
- Sand may not be removed for any mining purposes.

IMPERATIVE

CRITERION 3

All developments/ construction at the site to adhere to National EIA/EMP processes.



Are there any new (within last 12 months) developments at the site?

If yes, have the local authorities been notified of any concerns?

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The management authority must ensure that they follow the relevant Provincial and National legislation and procedures when planning to develop or modify any structures within the Green Coast site. The Green Coast National Operator must be notified of any concerns regarding any proposed developments/construction planning for the site.

IMPERATIVE

CRITERION 4

Unless carried out according to the relevant Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) guidelines and regulations for the region, no additional sources of industrial, waste water, sewage related discharges will be allowed at the Green Coast site.



Any new sources of the above mentioned pollution sources at the site?

Declaration and demarcation of all existing discharges mapped [Year 1]

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The Green Coast site must be kept clean of any additional water, sewage and industrial discharges.

IMPERATIVE

CRITERION 5

All facilities must be maintained and kept clean, All man-made infrastructure to be in very good condition at all times. All facilities to be scored on a scale of 1-5.



Are all facilities clean and maintained?

If not:

Has the authority been notified and lobbied for relevant maintenance?

Evidence provided?

PLEASE RATE THE FOLLOWING INFRASTRUCTURE:

- Male ablutions
- Female ablutions
- Disabled ablutions
- Signage
- Pathways
- Boardwalks
- Railings

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- All existing facilities must be mapped in Year 1.
- The implementer must ensure that regular inspections of the facilities are made to ensure that they adhere to the Green Coast standard.
- All maintenance problems must be documented and reported to the local authorities and progress tracked.

SCORING MATRIX:

- 1 = derelict condition
- 2 = poor condition
- 3 = fair condition
- 4 = Good condition
- 5 = Excellent condition

IMPERATIVE



CRITERION 6

Solid waste management.



Does solid waste appear to be adequately managed at the site?

If not, is there evidence of efforts made to achieve adequate waste management at the site?

Is there a plan for the disposal, temporary safe storage and removal of solid waste from the site?

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Waste bins (including fishing-line bins) must be made available (where necessary) to ensure effective waste management.
- Where necessary, bins must be animal-(monkeys, baboons, etc.) proof to prevent removal of items from the bins. The bins must be wind-proof.

IMPERATIVE

CRITERION 7

Unauthorized driving and camping on the beach is banned and adequate signage is available to show this.



Any evidence of this occurring on site?

If Yes, please describe actions taken

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Authorized and unauthorized activities must be clearly displayed (sign boards, information boards) on site to ensure that the public are aware of what activities they can and cannot do. Activities must align with all relevant legislation.

IMPERATIVE

CRITERION 8

Presence of domestic animals (dogs, horses) on the beach needs to be managed and controlled within the applicable by-laws and regulations.



Is there a plan or code of conduct for domestic animal use on the site?

Is the plan/code enforced?

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Regulations regarding the access of domestic animals on the beach must be clearly displayed (sign boards and information boards).
- Domestic animals should be discouraged from sensitive areas where rare and threatened fauna and flora occur.

GUIDELINE

CRITERION 9

A nature-based, educational, or adventure tourism activity plan has been developed and mapped to promote and grow eco-tourism at the Green Coast site.



Has a plan been developed?

Are tourism activities zoned appropriately and adequately displayed on public signs?

Are local eco-tourism activities promoted through Green Coast?

Evidence provided?

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The Green Coast implementers must develop a detailed tourism activity plan for the Green Coast site. The plan must have a profile of activities that can be done on the site as well as how the activities are being zoned. The plan must include maps of the zoned activities.
- The tourism activities may include and are not limited to walks, hikes, climbing, mountain biking, diving and swimming.

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CRITERION 10

All natural debris or material should be left on the beach and not removed.



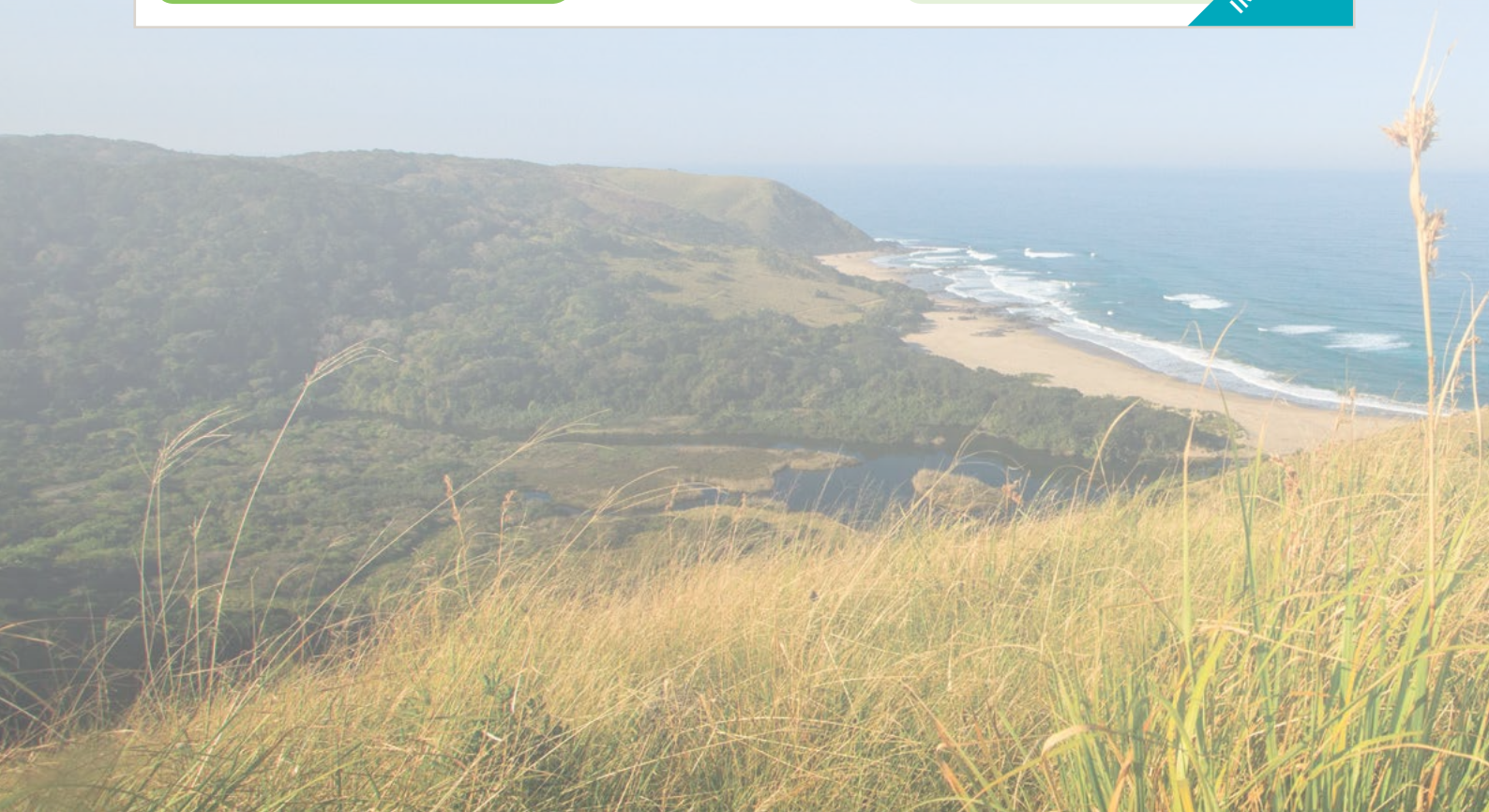
Site assessment to inspect whether material is being removed from the beach and if so, the reasons and nature of the material.

If Yes, why are materials being removed?

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Natural debris is generally accepted as referring to seaweed, driftwood, shells and other naturally deposited detritus. Outside of natural disasters seaweed and other vegetation/natural debris are natural components of both freshwater and marine ecosystems. These ecosystems must be considered as living and natural environments and not only as a recreational asset to be kept tidy. Thus, the management of seaweed or other vegetation/natural detritus on the shore should be sensitive to both visitor needs and biodiversity. Natural disposal by tides, waves and wind along the shoreline is acceptable.

IMPERATIVE



CRITERION 11

Every Green Coast site must have a monitoring plan based on their selected theme. The data collected from the monitoring plan must be submitted to the National Operator upon reapplication.



HABITAT:

The Green Coast site must have a habitat monitoring plan available and implemented.

- Is the habitat that is being monitored clearly defined?
- Is a monitoring plan available for the site and its theme?
- Is the habitat monitoring plan being implemented?
- Are the data collectors competent in conducting the monitoring?

SPECIES:

The Green Coast site must have a species monitoring plan available and implemented.

- Is the species that is being monitored clearly defined?
- Is a monitoring plan available for the site and its theme?
- Is the species monitoring plan being implemented?
- Are the data collectors competent in conducting the monitoring?

CULTURAL HERITAGE:

- Is the cultural heritage site clearly defined?
- Is the site formally protected or registered?
- Provide the registration number?
- Are measures in place to effectively manage and protect this site?
- Is there a vision and objectives for this site?
- Who are the relevant site stakeholders?
- Are the threats to this site identified? Describe them
- Does the plan identify means of managing the threats?

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Each Green Coast site must have at least one theme identified as worthy of protection:
 - Habitat
 - Species
 - Cultural Heritage
- A monitoring plan is to be produced and implemented according to the theme that is selected. An example of a monitoring plan is available for each theme in the appendices of the Manual (Document 1).
- A monitoring plan must be provided when applying for the Green Coast award.
- When reapplying, the applicant must submit the results of the monitoring plan that was submitted in the previous year's application.
- The National Operator is to be notified if any changes have been made to the monitoring plans submitted.
- If there is a monitoring plan that is already being implemented, the Green Coast applicant may submit this as their site monitoring plan.
- All monitoring plans and data must be kept in a separate monitoring file or uploaded to the WESSA Green Coast cloud based storage facility.

IMPERATIVE

CRITERION 12

At least two environmental education activities and one coastal clean-up should take place at the Green Coast site each annual period.



List of educational and clean-up or other related activities is available and evidenced from year 2 onwards

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The Environmental Education programmes must relate to the coastal environment and preferably be designed around the specific Green Coast site.
- At least one coastal clean-up event, that is able to quantify the litter collected on beach (not in waste bins), must take place on site per year.

IMPERATIVE

CRITERION 13

Community participation



Updated stakeholder database available

Evidence of community participation in implementation of Green Coast in line with the Green Coast site vision and theme is available

EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The Green Coast implementer is able to demonstrate increasing community participation in Green Coast activities.
- Evidence of database, meetings, information sessions or other relevant activities in line with the Green Coast site vision and theme is available

GUIDELINE

