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SAHRIS & HOW TO GUIDE: CASE APPLICATION

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The Legislative Framework

National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA), Act No. 25 of 1999

- **Section 9** - Rights, duties and exemptions of State and supported bodies
- **Section 13** - Functions, powers and duties of SAHRA
- **Section 24** - Functions, powers and duties of provincial heritage resources authority
- **Section 30** - Heritage Registers
- **Section 38** – Heritage Resources Management
- **Section 39** – Inventory of the national estate
SECTION 39 – INVENTORY OF THE NATIONAL ESTATE

• S39 (1) “...consolidation and coordination of information on heritage resources, SAHRA must compile and maintain an inventory of the national estate...”
• S39 (1) (d) “...must co-ordinate, and may prescribe, national standard for the recording of information by provincial heritage authority.”
• S39 (5) “Provincial heritage resources authority must, at regular intervals in the manner prescribed by SAHRA, provide SAHRA with any information about heritage resources in the province which would increase the volume and details of information held in the inventory.”
• S39 (6) “Any person has access to the inventory...”
• S39 (7) ”SAHRA must at regular interval, publish a summary and analysis of the inventory of the national estate.”
South African Heritage Information System

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• Required in terms of Section 39 of the NHRA, Act 25 of 1999;
• SAHRA cannot delegate this function to any other authority.
• SAHRA has established a specific Unit, the National Inventory Unit, to facilitate implementation of section 39 requirements.
• The Inventory must be publicly accessible
• Public accessibility to the national estate inventory is facilitated through the South African Heritage Resources Information System (SAHRIS) as a database of heritage resources information and a system prescribed for recording and management of these resources.
• Free and open source system for complete heritage management.
• Hosted on Drupal
• Drupal is 3rd largest content management system – specifically designed for large database driven websites – Large pool of modules for expansion of functionality
• Public Launch in April 2013
• Has four main functions maintained within the National Inventory Unit

https://sahris.sahra.org.za/
SAHRIS facilitates the aims of the NHRA:

- To introduce an integrated system for the identification, assessment and management of heritage resources in South Africa;
- To promote good government at all levels
- To empower civil society to nurture and conserve their heritage resources so that they may be bequeathed to future generations
- To lay down general principles for governing heritage resources management throughout the Republic
- To enable the provinces and local authorities to adopt powers to protect and manage heritage resources
Heritage Impact Assessment for the Proposed Komsberg East and West Wind Energy Facilities and Grid Connections to be Situated in the Western Cape Province,coastal Area, near Loskop-Naards Kargo.
• One of South Africa’s first government departments to go completely digital with regard to applications;
• World’s first online system which integrates heritage management for sites and collections with the legislated government mandate for heritage management;
• World’s first national palaeontological/fossil sensitivity map.
• Updating the SAHRIS look – More modern and user-friendly interface
• Transformation of application form
• Update to the Mobile App
• Update to the site standardization – Complete and ready for implementation by end of fiscal year
USING THE INVENTORY

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• S38 (3a): “The identification and mapping if all heritage resources in the areas affected”
• The population of the Inventory of the National Estate can be achieved through a variety of means, including short term projects such as the existing Heritage Impact Assessment Extraction Project.
• The information required by SAHRA to populate areas of the inventory with sparse coverage can be extracted from the Heritage Impact Assessments that are part of the Section 38 process, as well as other documents such as heritage resources management plans that are submitted to SAHRA.
• The identified resources are however still “locked” within the documents and require extraction onto SAHRIS in order to be usable for the purposes of populating the inventory of the national estate.
• We estimate that the data contained within these reports has the potential to increase the number of sites recorded in the inventory by over 400%.
USING THE INVENTORY

- Not just a record of sites and objects
- Identify risks and opportunities (For risk management and identification of strategic partners e.g. SANParks)
- Put protective measures in place (You can't protect what you don't know about)
- Better understanding of the heritage landscape of the area and the country as a whole
SAHRIS: LIVE DEMO

- Register for an account
- Username: Firstname.Lastname
- 8-character password
- Create a profile
- Fill out a 4-step application form
- Auto populating fields - grey circle
- Link the heritage report to the application
- Upload Sensitive documents & Consent letters research document
- Status from “Draft” to “Submitted”
- Guides on home page & under Help FAQ’s
THANK YOU

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