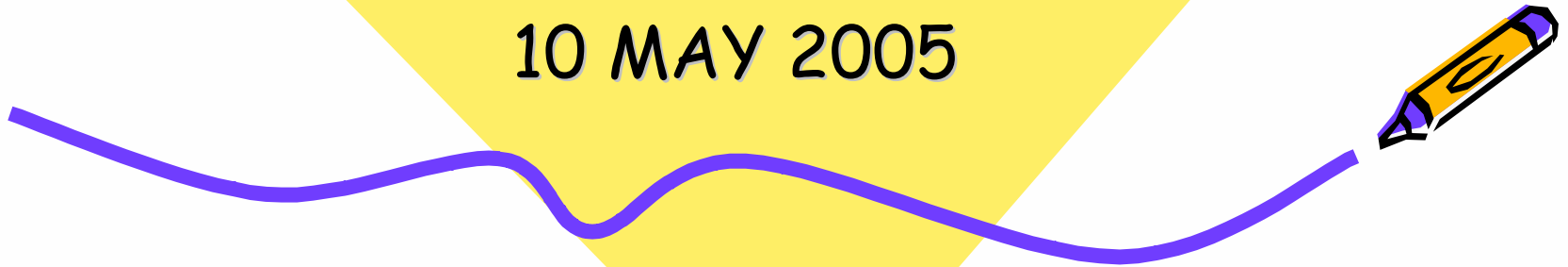




**GOLDEN GATE NATIONAL PARK
INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT
PLANNING**

**COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
10 MAY 2005**





The process:

This process will **INFORM** the establishment of the Park Liaison mechanism and **CONTRIBUTE** to the Park management objectives.



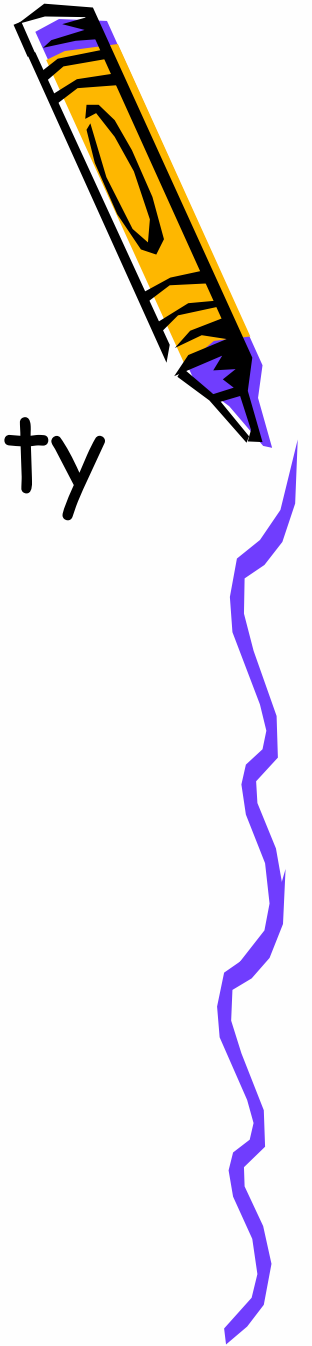
Purpose of the Workshop

- To inform community representatives of the management planning process and the role they play therein.
- To obtain an understanding of community expectations related to the Golden Gate National Park
- To initiate a process to ensure community involvement in park management



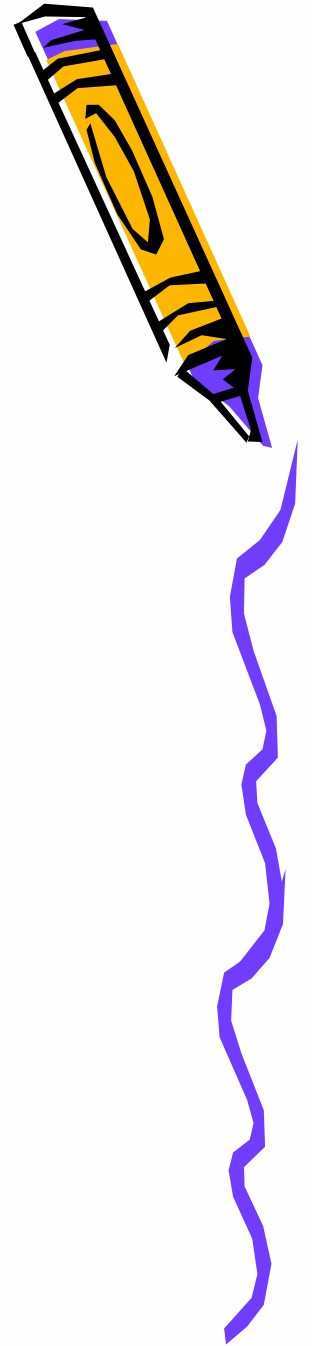
Expected outcomes

- Understanding of community expectations
- Community Contributions towards management objectives



Expectations

- 26 expectations were identified
- Grouped into Management themes:
 - Community Involvement
 - Access to benefits
 - Security within a Transboundary context
 - Contribution within the bigger region
 - Contribution to the protection of biodiversity and Cultural Heritage
 - Financial and economic sustainability of the Park



Community Involvement

- Involvement through participation / making inputs into management planning and implementation.
- Clear strategy for community involvement in Park.
- Participation in line with legal framework
- Participation by people living inside the Park - GGHNP & QQNP
- Liaison mechanism between GGHNP & Lesotho
- Sharing of information and provision of technical support
- Start the process to establish a Park Forum Steering Committee
- Understand key functions of the Park
- How do we continue the relationship established at the workshop?
- How does Local government work in the Park?
- What is the role of traditional leaders in the process?
- How do we involve people living inside and outside Park



Access to benefits

- Clarity on benefits to community living inside and outside the Park
- Acquire skills on how to conserve nature
- How will tourism be affected by changes in the Park (tourism benefiting tourism within region and Lesotho)
- How do we get access to natural resources?



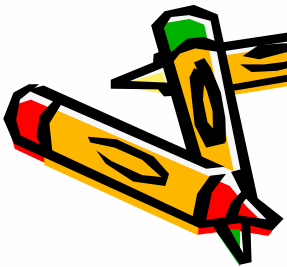
Security within a Transfrontier context

- How will this process handle security issues (including Lesotho)
- Illegal settlement in Park - how should it be addressed



Contribution in the bigger Region

- Communication mechanisms with Lesotho
- Role and contribution of GGNP in the bigger region
- What is the role of MDTP in this process?
- Sharing of information and technical support for establishment of PA in Lesotho (Botha Bothe)



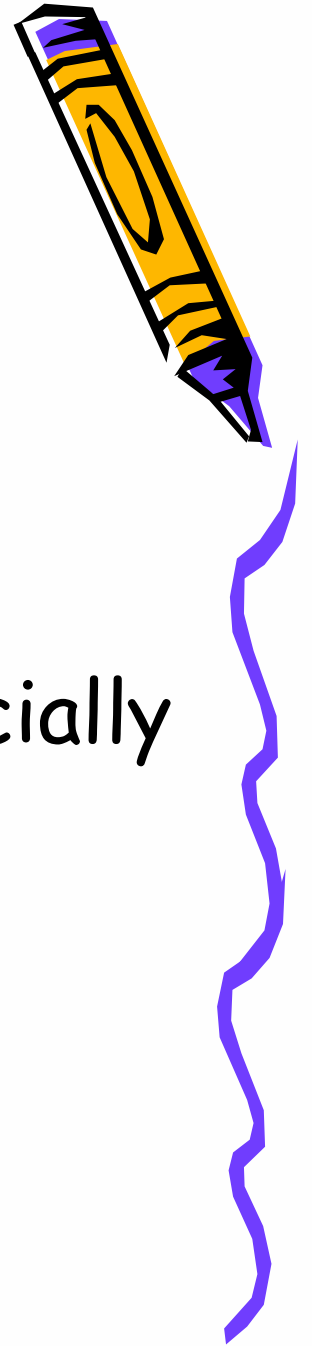
Contribution to protection of Biodiversity and Cultural Heritage

- Participation in the promotion of biodiversity protection and cultural heritage
- Upgrading of infrastructure at QQNP



Financial and economic sustainability of the Park

- How do we make the Park financially and economically sustainable?



Contributions

Conservancies Phuthaditjaba

- Environmental Awareness and education Programmes in schools
- Implementation through the conservancies
- Promotion of tourism and benefits from Park within communities
- Planting and protection of indigenous plants

Councilors and Ward Committees (Thaba Mofutsanyana DM and Maluti A Phofung and Dihlabeng Local Municipalities) - Including Qwa Qwa National Park residents

- Assist with the resolution of land claims
- Negotiate with DLA to avail land to QQNP
- Deliver services on land
- Deploy Ward Committee members to serve of the liaison mechanism of GGNP
- Negotiate with the district Municipality for development in the Park



Contributions

Traditional Healers (Basotho Cultural Village)

- Offer advice with regard to development in a cultural context (Basotho Culture - Indigenous Knowledge)
- Develop a sense of ownership of the Park.
- Take responsibility for the protection and promotion of the Park.
- Offer cultural activities/performances to complement what is offered in the Park.

Lesotho (MDTP, Botha Bothe District Steering Committee and representatives from Liqobong Community Council, Ministry of Forestry and Land Reclamation - Range Management)

- Raise community awareness on the opportunities in protected areas.
- Interaction with key stakeholders in the formation of liaison mechanism and planning process.
- Create awareness on fire management
- Share information and experience on Environmental Resource Management Areas and Business Plans
- Assist with training through study tours and visual aids.



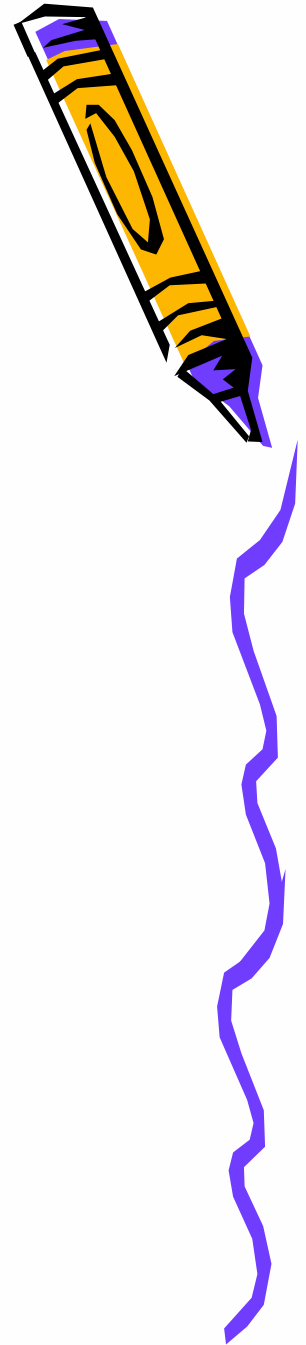
Contributions

Qwa Qwa National Park

- Create awareness around the Project in communities
- Protect natural resources outside protected areas.
- Assist in fire fighting.
- Assist in soil reclamation.
- Give inputs into the strategic planning of the project so as to accommodate the needs of the community.
- Eradication of alien plants inside the protected area.
- Attract more tourism by promoting the protected area.
- Encourage the management to appoint more security in the Protected Area.
- Encourage management to do culling of game yearly. (Controlled culling of game)
- Assist with access to natural resources - capture in management plan.

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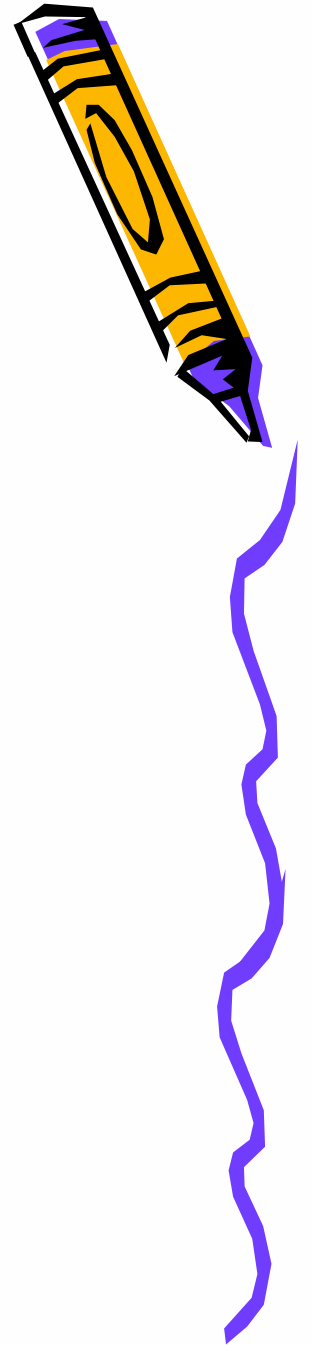
- Inform overall Integrated Management Planning process
- Assist with access to Government support programmes.
- Assist with capacity building
- Promote research and monitoring of biodiversity conservation
- Developing recreation and tourism facilities without compromising conservation



Contributions

SANParks (Golden Gate)

- Create job opportunities
- Provide Environmental Education
- Provide recreational activities e.g. horse riding, abseiling, hiking
- Manage the park effectively
- Effective financial management
- Technical services management
- People and Conservation Management.
- Tourism Management.
- Conservation Management.
- Skills development e.g. learnerships to support SMME development.
- Source funding for projects in GGNP.
- Provide scientific services for research.
- Healthy administrative management
- Effective fire management in collaboration with neighbours
- Assist in crime prevention through law enforcement function
- Contribute the Gladstone soccer field for soccer matches against the GGNP team



Contributions

Tourism

- Promote GGNP as a tourist destination via brochure, website and information boards.
- Set up donation tins for community projects.
- Promote GGNP curios

University of KZN - Master Students

- Research on aspects of relevance for the management of the Park.
- Information sharing on relevant issues, e.g. natural resource utilization and socio-economic.
- Publish information at a larger scale.

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- Assist in fire fighting
- Inform community about the Project
- Participate in soil reclamation projects
- Assist in combating illegal hunting.





THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO PARTICIPATED
IN THE WORKSHOP!!!!

SEE YOU IN THE FOLLOW UP!!!!

