



# GREEN COAST CRITERIA CHECKLIST

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## CRITERION 1

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)?

Floatables such as tarry residues, wood, plastic articles, bottles, containers, glass, netting, rope or any other substance?.....

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 substance. 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 2

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, has approval been granted from council? Evidence provided?.....

### 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 proposed developments/ construction planning for the site.

IMPERATIVE

## CRITERION 3

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?.....

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

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

IMPERATIVE

## CRITERION 4

A specialist monitoring plan must be  
(a) Developed and  
(b) Implemented, for  
specific Green Coast site  
theme (habitat/species/  
heritage).



Does the management plan include specific objectives and/or actions required to be carried out by management authority?.....

Is there evidence to suggest that these actions are being implemented on the ground at the site?.....

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Each identified theme for the Green Coast site must have a (specialist and specific) monitoring plan based on the specific identified aspect.
- The management plan must focus on aspects of the theme(s) identified, e.g. management plan developed and implemented for a sensitive species (fauna and/or flora) identified.

IMPERATIVE

## CRITERION 5

All facilities must be maintained and kept clean,



Are all facilities clean?.....

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

- All facilities must be mapped and well maintained.
- The management authority must ensure that regular inspections of the facilities are made to ensure that they adhere to the Green Coast standard.
- There must be no visible maintenance problem(s), including, but not limited to: peeling paint, rust, missing or damaged door handles, missing or damaged shower heads, missing or damaged soap dispensers, missing or damaged toilet seats, urinals or basins, missing or damaged refuse containers.
- Management must ensure that all pathways, tracks and boardwalks are maintained. Maintenance may include, but is not limited to, mapping of the public pathways, clearing pathways or over grown vegetation, replacing rotting and damaged boardwalks and railings.
- All derelict structures and materials without heritage value must be removed from the Green Coast site.

IMPERATIVE

## CRITERION 6

All man-made infrastructure to be in very good condition at all times. All facilities to be scored on a scale of 1-5. No facility should score below 4.



### PLEASE RATE THE FOLLOWING INFRASTRUCTURE:

Male ablutions   
Female ablutions   
Disabled ablutions   
Signage   
Pathways   
Boardwalks   
Railings

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The facilities will be scored according to their condition and aesthetics.
- If listed facilities are available, Criterion 6 must apply.

IMPERATIVE

## CRITERION 7

Solid waste management/  
maintenance plan.



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

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

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The management authority must submit a detailed waste management plan that complies with the NEM Waste Management Act to ensure that all waste is stored, managed and removed in a sustainable way. The plan must indicate the locations of waste bins as well as recycling initiatives that are being implemented.
- Where necessary, bins must be animal-(monkeys, baboons, etc.) proof to prevent removal of items from the bins. The bins must be wind-proof.
- Waste bins must be made available (where necessary) to ensure effective waste management.

IMPERATIVE

## CRITERION 8

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 9

Use of domestic animals (dogs, horses) on the beach needs to be strictly managed and controlled.



Is there a plan for domestic animal use on the site?.....

Is the plan enforced?.....

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Regulations regarding the access of domestic animals on the beach must be clearly displayed (sign boards and information boards).

IMPERATIVE

## CRITERION 10

A tourism activity plan that identifies specific zones for tourism activities has been developed and implemented.



Has a plan been developed?

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

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

- The management authority 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, dog zones, diving and swimming.

**GUIDELINE**

## CRITERION 11

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

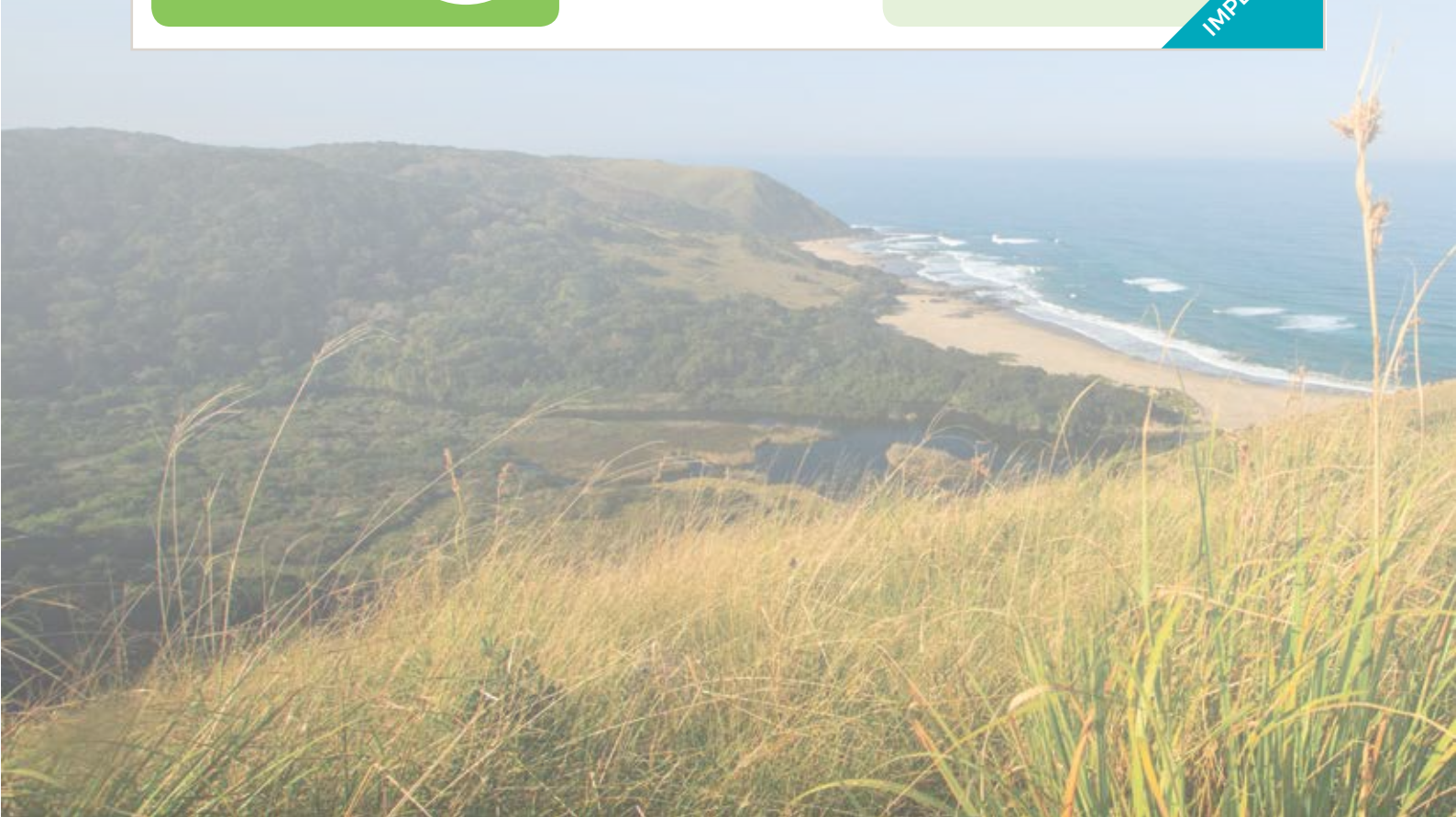


Site assessment to inspect whether material is being removed from the beach and if so, the reasons and nature of the material. If Yes, why are materials being removed?

### EXPLANATORY NOTES

- Natural debris is generally accepted as referring to seaweed. 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 12

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

IMPERATIVE

## CRITERION 13

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



Please list the programmes and clean-up event that will be implemented during the season.....  
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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