

# Draft impact assessment document for mining claim near Oroutumba

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**benvanzyl69@gmail.com**

to philip.nigel.hooks, me, ceo ▾

Mon, Sep 15, 9:59 AM (8 days ago)



Dear Sir,

Could you please mail me the said document for comments at your soonest convenience.

Regards

Dr Ben van Zyl



**Alliance Environmental Co...**



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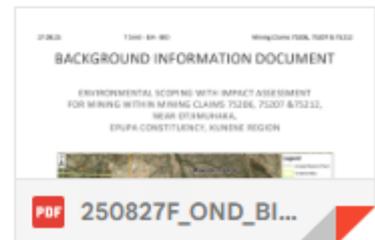
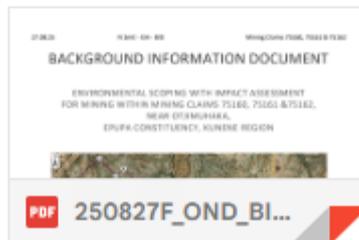
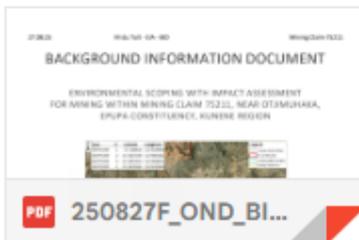
Good day,

Kindly receive the attached BIDs for the Mining Claims related to the project.

Regards,



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**benvanzyl69@gmail.com**

to me, philip.nigel.hooks, ceo ▾

Mon, Sep 15, 5:07 PM (8 days ago)



Dear Sir/Madam,

I have read the attached document and has the flowing comment:

I am currently engaged in a private research project focused on freshwater fish inhabiting the springs within the tributaries of the Kunene River. This work is being conducted with the approval of the former Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, in collaboration with Ministry staff. Over the past few years, the springs of the Ondoto River and its tributaries have been sampled multiple times, revealing the presence of two rare fish species: *Kneria maydelii* and one yet-to-be-identified species. My research is ongoing, with the next field survey scheduled for December, aimed at collecting genetic data to finally confirm that the unidentified species is indeed undescribed. These findings will help determine its taxonomic classification—potentially as a new genus or even a new family. Additionally, early genetic data indicates that the *Kneria maydelii* specimens sampled may represent a distinct species within the Kneriidae family. Further sampling and analysis are essential to verify these finding

Preliminary results suggest that this specie may be endemic to the spring environment, raising concerns about the impact of nearby mining activities, particularly freshwater abstraction, on the integrity of the springs and the survival of both species. I strongly propose to conduct an EIA to establish the impact of water abstraction on the livelihoods of the springs in the Ondoto River. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is needed to evaluate how water abstraction may affect the springs and the biodiversity supported by these spring ecosystems.



**Alliance Environmental Consul...** Sep 18, 2025, 3:47 PM (5 days ago) ☆ 😊 ↩ ⋮  
to benvanzyl69, philip.nigel.hooks, ceo ▾

Good day Ben,

Thank you for your valuable input and for sharing the preliminary research findings regarding the fish species inhabiting the Ondoto River springs. Your observations on *Kneria maydelii* and the potentially undescribed species are noted as being of high ecological significance.

Your recommendation to conduct a full EIA focusing on the potential impacts of water abstraction on the integrity of the spring systems and associated biodiversity is acknowledged. This concern will be carefully considered during the assessment process, and relevant potential specialists will be looked into to evaluate the potential ecological risks.

Regards,



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Goodmorning Colleagues

Find attached and below for your attention and action thereof

Kind regards,

**Cinderella Geingos**

Call Centre Supervisor



**Basilia Shivute** <basilias@irdnc.org.na> Thu, Sep 4, 9:51 AM ☆ 😊 ↩ ⋮  
to Lina, Exploria, Philip, me ▾

Dear Philip,

Thanks for the message and information.

Can you please confirm when the affected communities will be consulted regarding this?

Regards,

Basilia

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**Alliance Environmental Consultancy** <enviro.... Fri, Sep 5, 10:11 AM



to Basilia, Philip, Lina, Exploria ▾

Good day Basilia,

The public meeting at Otjimuhaka Primary School is scheduled for the 11th of September 2025 at 11am.



**Basilia Shivute**

Tue, Sep 9, 4:59 PM



to Lina, Exploria, me, Philip ▾

Dear Lovisa,

Thanks for the message. I have copied in my colleague, Lina Kaisuma, who just came back from Kunene River yesterday, and she will be able to attend. Her number is 0816991488.

[@Lina Kaisuma](#), Lovisa's number is 08144351689.

Regards,

Basilia

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**Lina Kaisuma**

Tue, Sep 9, 5:06 PM



to Basilia, Exploria, me, Philip ▾

Dear Basilia

Noted with thanks . Will attend with Pehi as discussed.

Best

Lina



**Philip Hooks**

Sep 9, 2025, 9:13 PM



to Basilia, me, Lina, Exploria ▾

Thank you so much Basilia. Lovisa will appreciate this. Lovisa will provide Lina with physical documents and request a signature as receipt of the letter.

Regards

## 5.1. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

During the advertised comment period, only one written submission was received via email. Apart from this, no further written comments were submitted. The majority of stakeholder input was collected during the public consultation meeting.

### Summary of written submission:

Private Researcher Submission – A researcher undertaking a freshwater fish study in the Ondoto River springs reported the presence of *Kneria maydelii* and a potentially undescribed fish species. Concerns were raised about the impact of water abstraction on these rare and possibly endemic species. The researcher strongly recommended that an EIA specifically assesses the risks of water abstraction on the spring ecosystems and their biodiversity.

### Key outcomes of the public consultation meeting:

- Stakeholders stated that the meeting was announced on short notice, limiting attendance and representation.
- A request was made for a follow-up meeting at Ondoto village for broader community participation.
- Concerns were raised regarding unresolved impacts from GECKO's past mining operations, including environmental degradation and lack of proper consultation.
- The consultant clarified that the current EIA relates only to the new mining claims by **Morné du Toit, Timo Smit, and Nina Smit**, separate from GECKO's past operations.
- Community members agreed to prepare a written submission of grievances and nominate two contact people for ongoing communication. However, no submission was received at the time of drafting this report. It is recommended that, once received, the comments be submitted to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) as addendum to the initial submission.

While written inputs were limited, the PPP process provided valuable insights through both email submissions and in-person consultation. All inputs will be incorporated into the Scoping Report and Environmental Management Plan (EMP).