

24 October 2025

PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING MINUTES: ENVIRONMENTAL SCOPING ASSESSMENT (ESA) FOR SAND AND AGGREGATE OKATOPE VILLAGE, OHANGWENA REGION, NAMIBIA

Date: 04 October 2025

Time: 11:00 am

Venue: Okatope Village (on site), Ohangwena Constituency

Introduction

The meeting was opened by the environmental consultant with an introduction of who they are and the purpose as to why they are consulting affected parties of the Environmental Scoping Assessment for the Existing Borrow Pit at Okatope Village (Ohangwena Constituency) in Ohangwena Region.

Project Description

The Consultant was appointed by the Proponent (Uukwanyama Traditional Authority) to apply for the ECC of the existing Borrow Pit at Okatope in the Ohangwena region. They explained to the attendees the purpose of the meeting and why they were invited (with reference to the Environmental Management Act (EMA) No. 7 of 2007 and its 2012 Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations on Public Consultation. The consultant presented the potential positive & negative environmental and social impacts the project may have and how to minimize the negative impacts.

Discursion and Conclusion

The attendees were given the chance to raise their concerns, issues and/or comments on the proposed project activities and afterwards, the meeting attendance register was circulated for the attendees to write their names and contact details so that they could be added to the list of interested and affected parties (I&APs) and receive further information on the ECC application process.

The issues and comments recorded are presented in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Comments/ issues raised during the public consultation meeting.

No.	Issue/comment / question	Response and name of responder:
1.	Commenter: We have an issue of water scarcity in our area, so it will be good if they can leave an earth dam to store water for our animals and it is good that it will be fenced off	Consultant: We noted
2.	Commenter: It is good that the ministry is now enforcing that this projects must have permits to operate, us we are really in need of water so if they come and remove the sand they need, can they please make sure to create an earth dam for us as a benefit for the community.	Consultant: Well noted.
3.	Commenter: Are there companies and individuals that already requested to come and remove sand at the pit?	Consultant: Companies and individuals are all welcome to go and apply for a permit at the Traditional Authority Office, as long as they comply with the regulation.
4.	Commenter: After this meeting what is next?	Consultant: After the consultation process and site assessment is done, we take record of the information gathered and compile reports that are shared with interested and affected parties, once reviewed and finalized, they



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No.	Issue/comment / question	Response and name of responder:
		are submitted to MEFT for the evaluation and consideration of the ECC.



The meeting adjourned at 12h10 pm.