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PROFILES OF PROJECTS VISITED DURING THE MINISTERS VISIT

1. DINGINI MUSSEL COLLECTING SITE

The Umfolozi Local Municipality has a coastline of approximately fifteen (15) kilometres. The area is commonly referred to as Kwa Sokhulu and has both recreational and subsistence fishing activities taking place. There are 48 Line fish Exemption Holders and 139 Intertidal Exemption Holders in KwaSokhulu. There are two (2) mussel collecting sites within KwaSokhulu which are Dingini and Nyokinani.

Dingini mussel collecting area is an area located between *Richards Bay and Maphelane* under uMfolozi Local Municipality in King Cetshwayo District Municipality. This area is popular to mussel collectors and local fishers due to a number of species commonly found in this area. Species found here include but not limited to Brown Mussels, Shad, Karanteen, Black tail, zebra fish, banded galjoen, and galjoen.

For Interviews please Dingini Mussel collection site contact

2. CATCH DATA MONITORING PROJECT

Catch Data Monitoring Project an Expanded Public Works Programme (EPWP) funded project under the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries' Working for Fisheries. The purpose of the project is to record landings (catch and effort) by the Small Scale and Subsistence Fisheries throughout the KwaZulu-Natal coast. The data collected through this project assist the Department and the communities to understand the fisheries in specific areas taking into consideration information on fish species, landed fish, movements, breeding patterns and fish biology.

The Catch Data Monitoring Project also contributes immensely in the creation of job opportunities particularly within these fishing communities. It has employed 131 people along the coast of KwaZulu-Natal. In the Umzumbe Local Municipality, six (6) Catch Data Monitors are employed consisting of one (1) male and five (5) females.