South African Heritage Resources Agency
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Purpose of presentation

Ø To brief the Portfolio Committee on SAHRA’s overall performance during the 2010-2011 financial period.

Ø To provide an overview of SAHRA’s legislated mandate and other legislation critical for fulfillment of the particular mandate SAHRA’s
SAHRA’S MANDATE

SAHRA takes its brief from the National Heritage Resources Act No. 26 of 1999.

Ø To introduce an integrated and interactive system for the management of national heritage resources;

Ø To promote good governance at all levels and empower civil society to nurture and conserve their heritage resources so that they may be bequeathed to future generations;

Ø To lay down general principles for governing heritage resources management throughout the Republic;

Ø To introduce an integrated system for the identification, assessment and management of heritage resources in South Africa;

Ø To establish the South African Heritage Resources Agency together with its
SAHRA’S MANDATE CONT.

Ø To set norms and maintain essential national standards for the management of heritage resources;

Ø To control the export of nationally significant heritage objects and the import into the Republic of cultural property illegally exported from foreign countries;

Ø To enable the provinces to establish heritage authorities which must adopt powers to protect and manage certain categories of heritage resources;

Ø develop an integrated and interactive system for the management of national heritage resources;

Ø To provide for the protection and management of conservation-worthy places and areas by local authorities and;

Ø To provide for matters connected therewith;
FUNCTIONS AS PER THE MANDATE

- Built Environment
- Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites
- Heritage Objects
- Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage
- Burial Grounds and Graves Division
- The National Inventory
- The CenTRE for Training Research and Education
- Grading and Declaration
- Provincial Offices
- Finance, Human Resources, Corporate Affairs
Budget 2010/11

Income

- Revenue – R36 204 000
- Interest - R500 000
- Permit Fees – R12 000
- Rent received - R700 000

TOTAL: R37 416 000

Expenditure

- Council – R75 000
- Operational – R13 278 841

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Corporate Affairs

The Corporate Affairs Division’s role is to support the operations of SAHRA.

Ø As per legislation – the Heritage library, the Heritage Archive as well as the Property portfolio and was also responsible for risk assessment as well as the national inventory project

Ø IT Governance project
Human Resources

Ø Stand alone function since 2009

Ø Performance Management system reintroduced and implementation monitored

Ø Restructuring Process of SAHRA to address devolution matters

Ø Policy Revision

Ø Compliance matters
Performance Information on HRM
1. Underwater and Cultural Heritage Resources

Ø Capacity – 2 permanent staff

Ø Participation in DAC’s Growth Development Path

Ø Development of a concept on a Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Museum in Kosi Bay

Ø The Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Policy needs to be revised based on the transformative thinking on underwater cultural heritage issues

Ø State to State agreement between South Africa and The Netherlands on underwater Cultural awareness programme

Ø The need to ratify the Underwater Cultural Heritage Convention to protect the heritage resources from looters and those interested in salvaging

Ø Regional cooperation and fund raising on the regional cooperation with K T M d N i b i
2. Built Environment (previously Western Cape Office)

- Capacity – 3 permanent staff
- District Six
- Cape Winelands Cultural Landscape
- Victor Vester
- Wesleyan School and Mapikela House
- Kwa Langa
- Robben Island
- Other activities and educational activities

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3. Burial Grounds and Graves

- Capacity – 2 permanent staff

- TANZANIA - 150 Headstones sent to cemeteries of victims of conflict

- MOZAMBIQUE – Amatola installation of grave markers, and grave restoration

- Europe – France, The Netherlands, UK and Germany - Commonwealth graves – strategy on managing of such sites and commemorations

- Identification of graves of detention & execution deaths
4. Archaeology, Palaeontology and Meteorites (APM)

Main objectives – heritage policies formulation and implementation, and ensuring the conservation and management of APM resources

Ø Capacity – 2 permanent staff

Ø Sites of focus – the Cradle – Swartkrans, Sterkfontein, Malapa Fossil site, Gladysvale, Drimolen, Kaditshweni cultural landscape

Ø Policy matters- Permit committee AMPHOB council

Ø Reliant on electronic correspondences as physical meetings too expensive - no honoraria

Permits for research export removal alteration destruction
APM CONT.

- Total number of permits processed – 86
- Heritage Impact Assessments reviews – 758
- Sites of Focus
  - Cradle of Humankind - Gauteng,
  - Kaditshwene and Taung – North West
  - Wonderwerk – Northern Cape
  - Mapungubwe – Limpopo

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5. Heritage Objects

Ø Capacity – 2 permanent staff
Ø Action S32 of the NHRA;
Ø Permit applications: Regulating the Movement of Heritage Objects of national significance.
6. National Inventory

Ø Capacity – 2 staff member
Ø An inventory of the cultural heritage estate
Ø The Development of an information system based on open source to host an inventory of such a management system
Ø Sustained management of existing databases
Ø Stronger stakeholders established at a provincial level
Ø 2 workshops hosted to obtain stakeholder inputs and spearhead provincial pilots
7. Grading and Declaration

- Capacity – 2 permanent staff members
- Graves - Charlotte Maxeke, Helen Joseph, Lillian Ngoyi, as well as a documentary and a poetry anthology published
- Kaditshwene Stone Age site
- The grading as national heritage sites the graves of
  - KZN – AJM Luthuli, JL Dube, J Gumede,
  - Gauteng – S Makgatho, B Seme, AB Xuma, OR Tambo,
  - Free State – Mapikela, Mahabane, Moroka
  - Eastern Cape – Robert Sobukwe, Steve Biko

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8. CenTRE for Heritage Research and Education

- MoU signed with Rhodes University
- Training PHRAs on competencies that are critical in the implementation of the Act
- Curriculum statements and capacitating teachers to deal with heritage content
- Research for the above areas
- The CenTRE is based in Grahamstown in our building the Old Gaol
- Core Modules – HRM Policy & Legislation – Module 1
- HRM Practices – Module 1 & 2

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Report of Auditor General

Opinion

Ø Qualified Audit Report

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Ø Fruitless & Wasteful Expenditure – S & T expenses.
Ø Trade Receivables – Age analysis.
Ø Cash flow statement – Accounting technicality.

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Report of Auditor-General CONT.

Emphasis of matters

Ø Restatement of corresponding figures

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements

Ø Predetermined objectives

Ø Compliance with laws and regulations

Ø Internal Control
Responsive interventions

To address issues related to the financial challenges:

1. Restructuring

   - Council approved closing of SAHRA provincial offices so that SAHRA could focus on its national legislative mandate;

   - All SAHRA provincial offices closed;

   - SAHRA has a new organogram focusing on the fulfillment of SAHRA’s national mandate on heritage resources management;

   - The process of deploying staff to the national structure will be finalised by 15 November 2011;

   - SAHRA’s offices are – Cape Town (head office), Grahamstown (satellite of Head Office);

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Negotiations with PHRA’s for the transfer of SAHRA staff on section 97 to PHRAs
Responsive interventions cont.

2. National Mandate

Since the promulgation of the Act in 1999 SAHRA had carried various aspects of Provincial Heritage resources management at the expense of the national functions with offices throughout the province exhausting SAHRA’s allocation

Ø SAHRA should have made arrangements for the transfer of such assets, rights, liabilities and obligations of SAHRA in that province to the PHRA in 1999;

Ø SAHRA has worked at the operational level to facilitate this long overdue process;

Ø All provinces have indicated they have budgeted for establishment of PHRAs for the 2011-12 Financial year;
Responsive interventions cont.

- Combing of the Act;
- Base document (internally) developed to analyse SAHRA’s national mandate;
- Points out SAHRA’s backlog on delivery, captures what has been done to date and the critical areas that require intervention;
- Captures the challenges SAHRA has in meeting its obligations;
- Submitted to DAC to motivate DAC’s intervention to address SAHRA’s challenges.
Responsive interventions cont.

- Costing of the Act
  - SAHRA and DAC developed terms of reference for the costing of the Act
  - DAC has made allowance for the costing and are currently sourcing service providers to cost the Act
Responsive interventions cont.

- Funding proposals were sent:
  - Lotto
  - DAC – Expanded Public Works
  - The Dutch Embassy
Responsive interventions cont.

Ø Strategic Partnerships

Ø Robben Island – Underwater Cultural Heritage, negotiations with KZN wildlife for MoU on programme

Ø Working with the National Heritage Council on the National Heritage Liberation route – SAHRA’s absolute mandate to assess, grade and declare sites – financial resources to be mobilised through cabinet.

Ø MoU with Rhodes University to support the training framework and modules for training PHRAs and other practitioners, accreditation at levels 5, 6 and 7

Ø MoU being negotiated with SETAs to provide funding for learnerships and qualifications with the CATHSSETA.
Responsive interventions cont.

- A turn-around strategy has been developed; this includes:
  - Capacity
    - Revised organogram
    - Skills gap analysis conducted
    - Training needs analysis
  - Improve effectiveness of governance structure which promote key stakeholder’s involvement
  - Internal controls
    - Policies approved

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SAHRA request to the Portfolio Committee

Ø Assist SAHRA in lobbying for an improved allocation from Treasury to improve on the implementation of its mandate;

Ø Lobby the speeding up of the NHRA legislative amendments i.e. SAHRA’s council does not get an honoraria, and addressing the overlap of SAHRA functions with other agencies etc.;

Ø The signing of the Convention on Underwater Cultural Heritage which threatens the conservation of underwater cultural heritage resources;

Ø The setting up of a fund to retain heritage objects in the country;

Ø The setting up of competent PHRAs by the provincial MECs for Arts and Culture.
Siyabonga!