

PROTOCOL:

GUARDING OF THE UMHLANGA LAGOON 2KM EXCLUSION ZONE

1. Overview

Following the attack on the UPL Warehouse in Cornubia during the unrest and rioting in mid-July 2021, and the release of agrochemical products into the surrounding environment, the eThekweni Municipality closed the beaches in the vicinity of the Umhlanga River estuary.

In September 2021, the affected beaches were reopened, subject to an exclusion zone one kilometre north and south of the estuary. As part of the beach reopening, UPL was instructed to move the beach barrier fencing to the 1km mark north and south of the estuary, install adequate signage, appoint additional security personal to maintain the exclusion zone, engage in respect to the placement of the guard huts and perform ongoing monitoring.

Subsequent thereto, it has become evident that some of the public are ignoring the signage and guards, and entering the exclusion zone.

2. Purpose of the Protocol

The purpose of this protocol is to establish a process to guide all of the relevant role-players in managing the exclusion zone, for the protection of the public.

3. Approved procedure

The following principles are agreed:

1.1. Guards

- The UPL appointed security company, currently Senzela Security, will continuously staff the north and south boundaries of the exclusion zone, and ensure that its personnel are made aware of and comply with this protocol;
- Guards to remain cordial at all times but warn every person attempting to enter the exclusion zone of the danger of doing so and that if they enter it the police will be called and that they may well be arrested;
- Leaflets detailing the purpose of the exclusion zone will be distributed, once made available;
- No attempt must be made to arrest or physically impede the movement of transgressors. However, in respect of each transgressor or group of transgressors, the procedure to be followed is set out on figure 1 below.
- Photographs must be taken of all transgressors;
- A register must be kept at the respective guard huts, in which are recorded the details of each transgressor (or where no details can be obtained, their general description so as to tie in with the photographs), time and date of each incident; and
- A copy of the registers, the details of the guards on duty at the relevant times and their respective duty hours must be kept and submitted to UPL as a weekly report.

1.2. Spilltech

- Upon receipt of a call from the guards on duty, Spilltech must obtain the location, number and description of the transgressors;
- A log must be made of that information, and the date and time of the call;

- SAPS Umhlanga must be notified by telephone of the incident concerned, and be requested to attend the scene. A log of that call must be made, including the official spoken to, and the date and time of the call;
- Metro Police must similarly be telephoned and requested to attend the scene. A full log must also be kept of that call;
- The eThekweni Beach Superintendent and Biodiversity Protection personnel must be advised of each incident by telephone call or WhatsApp communication;
- Assistance must be given to SAPS and Metro Police as required; and
- Where any difficulties are encountered in the implementation of this protocol, either Mr Anand Moodley must be contacted, or Mr Nivern Nadar.

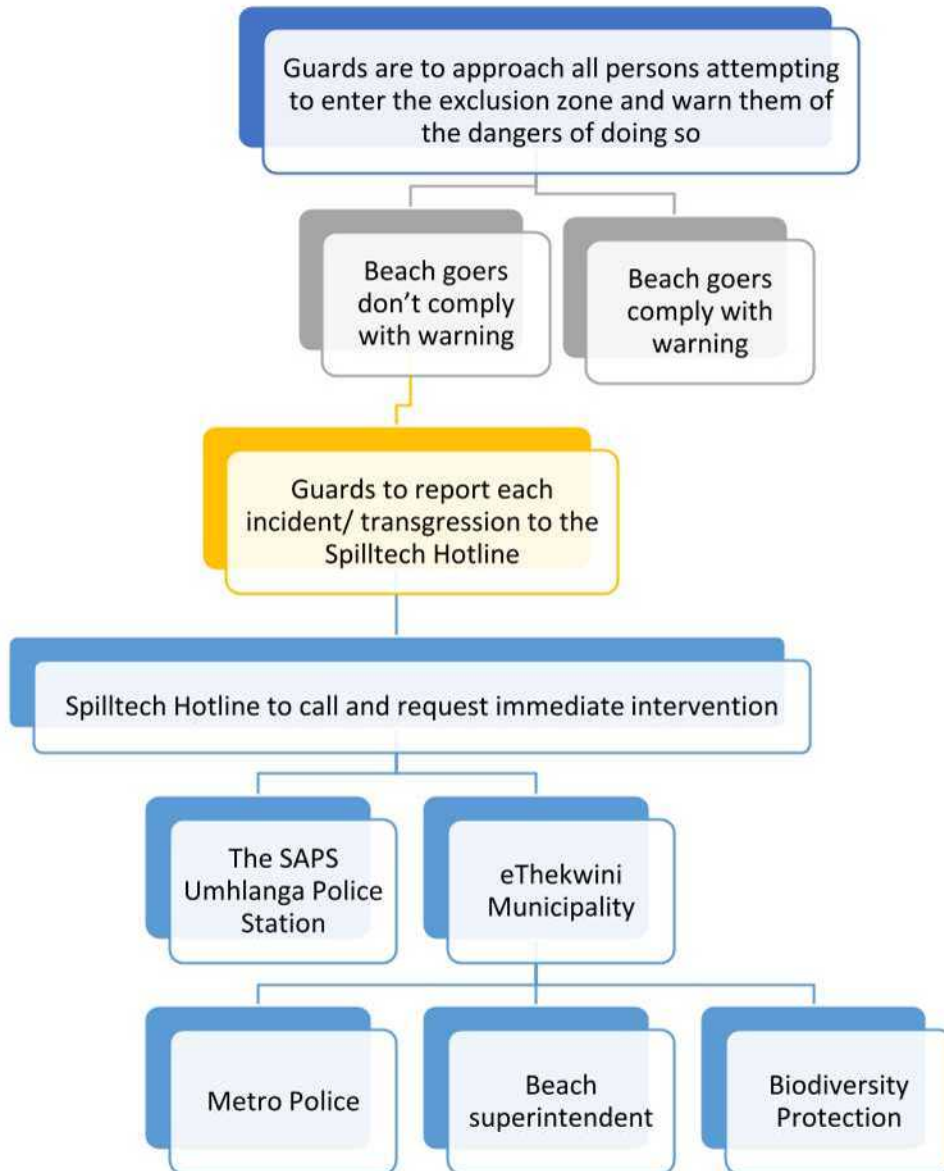


Figure 1: Procedure for maintaining the uMhlanga Lagoon 2km exclusion zone

4. Operational Times

Hours of duty of guards are 06:00 to 18:00 (day shift) and 18:00 to 06:00 (night shift) for the duration of the festive season, to be reviewed in January in consultation with the authorities.

The night shift will be armed for their own protection.

The number of guards deployed is doubled for the festive season, namely four guards at both the south and north points of the exclusion zone.

5. Contact persons and numbers

Relevant contact names and numbers are detailed in table 1 below:

Name	Organisation	Contact Number
Nivern Nadar	UPL Logistics Manager Southern Africa	082 938 4387
Anand Moodley	UPL HSE Manager Canelands	060 572 9855
Thokozani Langa	Senzela Security	072 700 5121
24-hour emergency	Spilltech Hotline	086 100 0366
Officer on duty	SAPS Umhlanga Police Station	031 566 8508
Steve Edwards	eThekwini: Metro Police – KwaMashu eThekwini: Metro Police 24-hour emergency	031 3112885 031 361 0000
Anthony Molgora	eThekwini: Beach superintendent	072 434 0360
Trafford Petterson	eThekwini: Biodiversity Protection	082 371 5354