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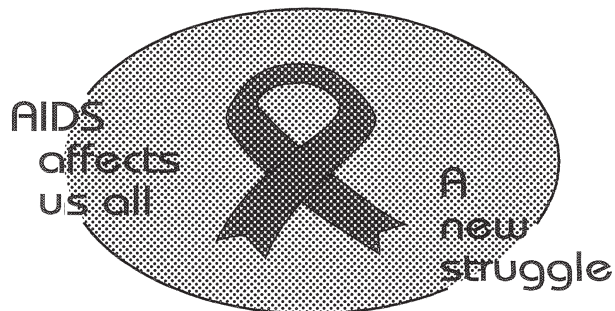
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## PROVINCIAL NOTICE

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No. 15

### PROVINCE OF THE EASTERN CAPE

#### DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

#### NOTICE OF DECLARATION TO ESTABLISH MHLONTLO NATURE RESERVE INTERMS OF SECTION 23 (2)(b)(i) OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 ACT NO. 57 OF 2003

I, Sakhumzi Somyo, Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism in the Province of the Eastern Cape, acting in terms of section 23 (2)(b)(i) (iii) and (c) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003) hereby give notice to declare the Commonage Area of Tsitsa, including Tina Falls and Mzoboshe Horseshoe, which are located in the valleys adjacent to Shawbury Village to the South East of the Town of Qumbu, as a Nature Reserve.

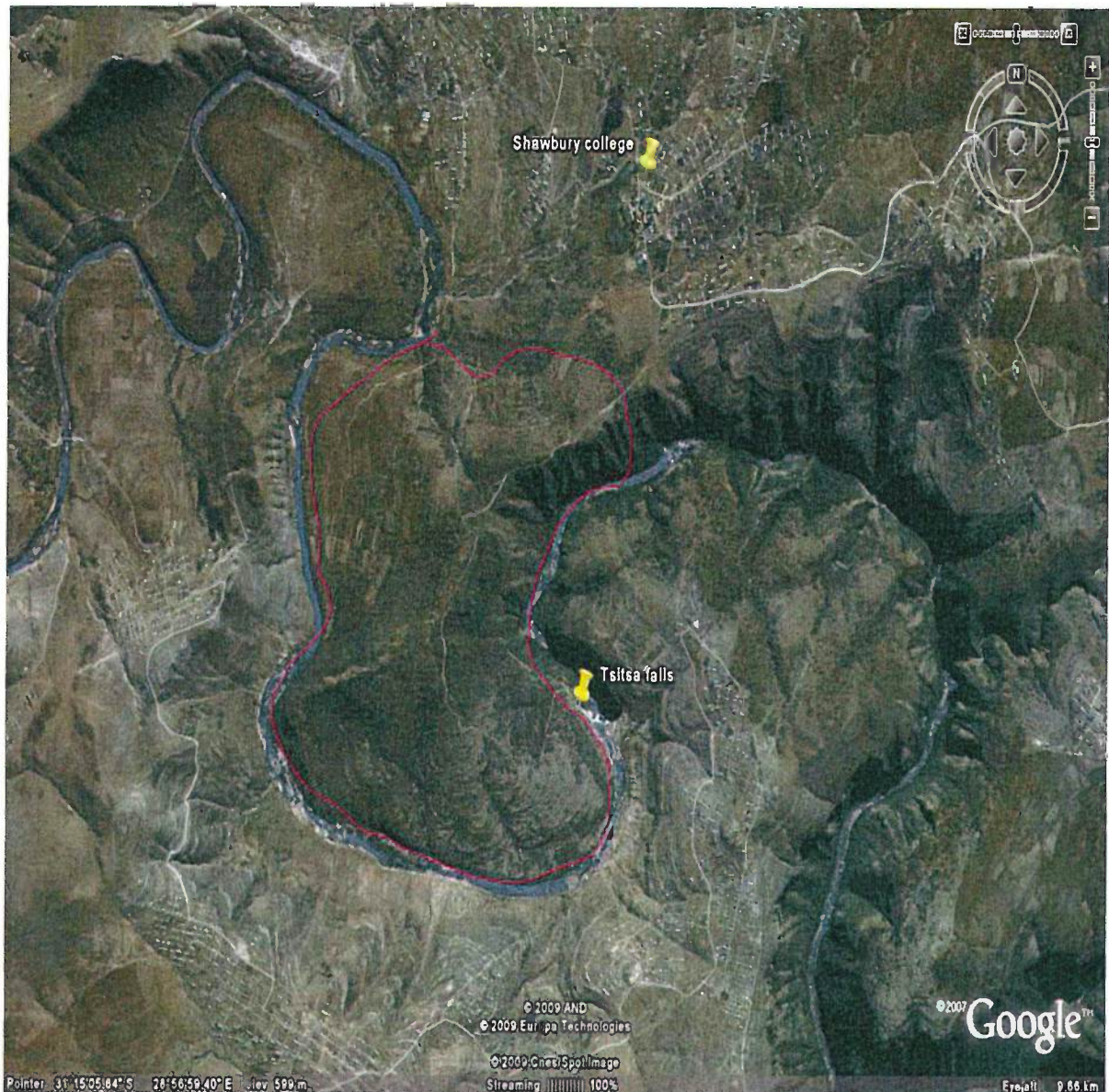
The map indicating the boundaries is filed in the office of the Chief Director: Environmental Affairs, Second Floor, Beacon Hills, Hockly Close, King William's Town, 5600



S. Somyo

MEC FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND  
TOURISM

Figure 1: Tsitsa Falls



**Physical environment:** 31°15'37.23"S 28°57'07.10"E

The Majestic Tsitsa falls is on the deep river valley (Tsitsa River valley).



### Biodiversity (fauna & flora)

The area identified has a high biodiversity potential and the following species of animals are found in the area:

- Blue duiker
- Grey duiker
- Baboons
- Dassies, and variety of small cats including genets
- A diverse range of bird species are found in that area

### Potential Species for re-introduction in the area;

Mountain Zebra or Hartmans Zebra

Eland

Blesbuck

Red Hartebeest

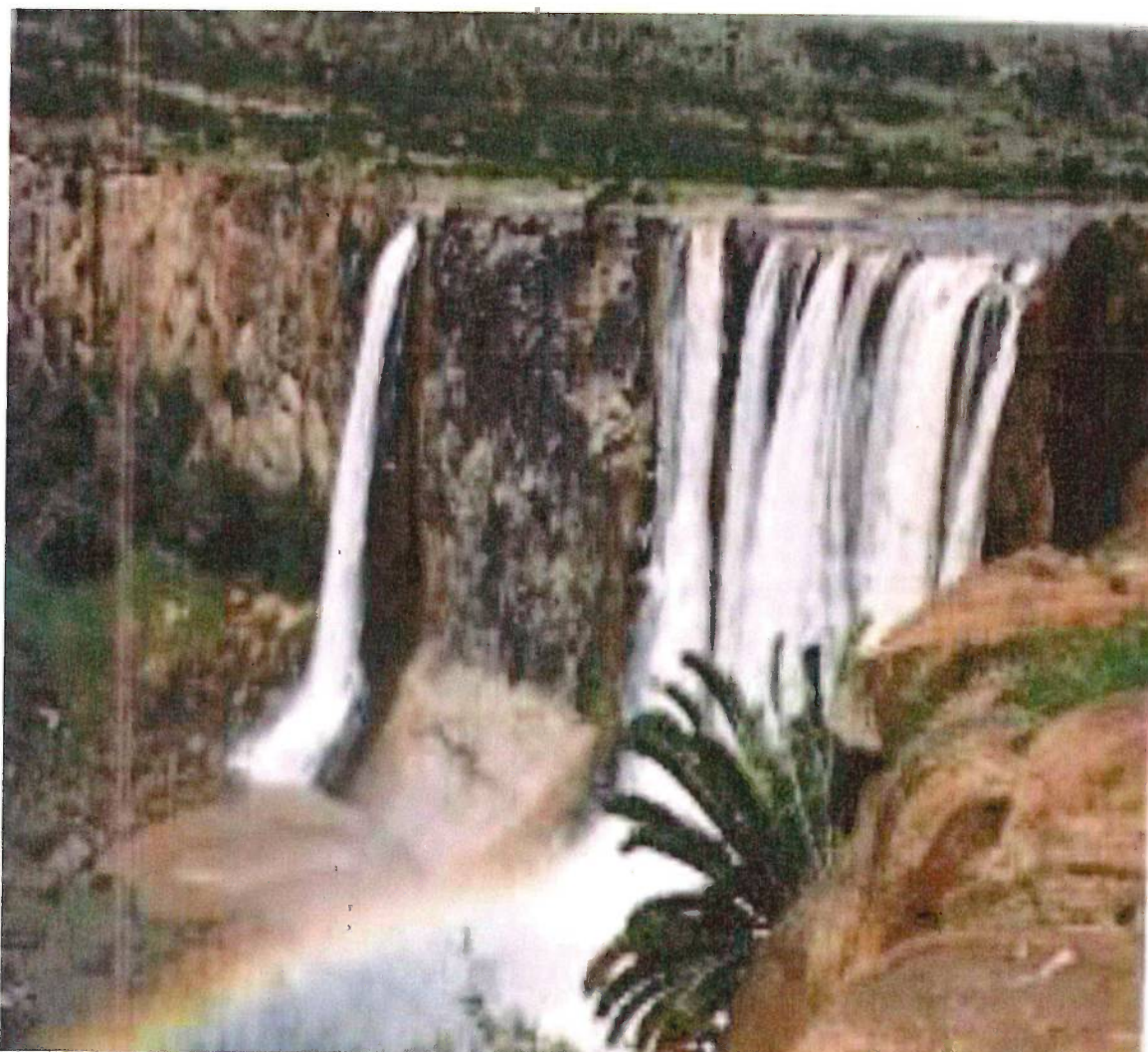
### The following are some of the plant species found in the area;

The vegetation is characterized by Valley Bushveld vegetation; and below is a list of some of the value plant species that are found in the area. There is a number of them that are of high conservation status.

Common name	Vernacular name	Scientific/Botanical name
Bitter aloe	Ikhala	<i>Aloe ferox</i>
Aloe	Inkalane	<i>Aloe speciosa</i>
Cycad	Umnguza	<i>Encephalothas sp</i>
Aloe	Ingcelwane	<i>Aloe variegata</i>

Common name	Vernacular name	Scientific/Botanical name
Tinderwood	Uqangazane	<i>Clerodendrum glabrum</i>
Small bone-apple	Intsinde	<i>Coddia rudis</i>
	Uvendle	<i>Pelargonium sidoides</i>
Cabbage tree	Umsenge	<i>Cussonia spp</i>
Climbing flat-bean	Uzungu	<i>Dalbergia obovata</i>
Blue-bush	Umbongisa	<i>Diospyros lycoides</i>
Kei apple	Umqokolo	<i>Dovyalis caffra</i>
Beanlike tree	Umnqwane/umsintsi	<i>Erythrina latissima</i>
Common tree euphorbia	Umhlontlo	<i>Euphorbia ingens</i>
Fig	Umthombe	<i>Ficus natalensis</i>
Natal bottle-brush	Indalu, usingalwamaxhegokazi	<i>Greyia sutherlandii</i>
Old wood	Isidwadwa	<i>Lucosidea sericea</i>
Red grass	Uqaqqa	<i>Themeda trianda</i>
Wild medlar	Umvilo	<i>Vanguera fausta</i>

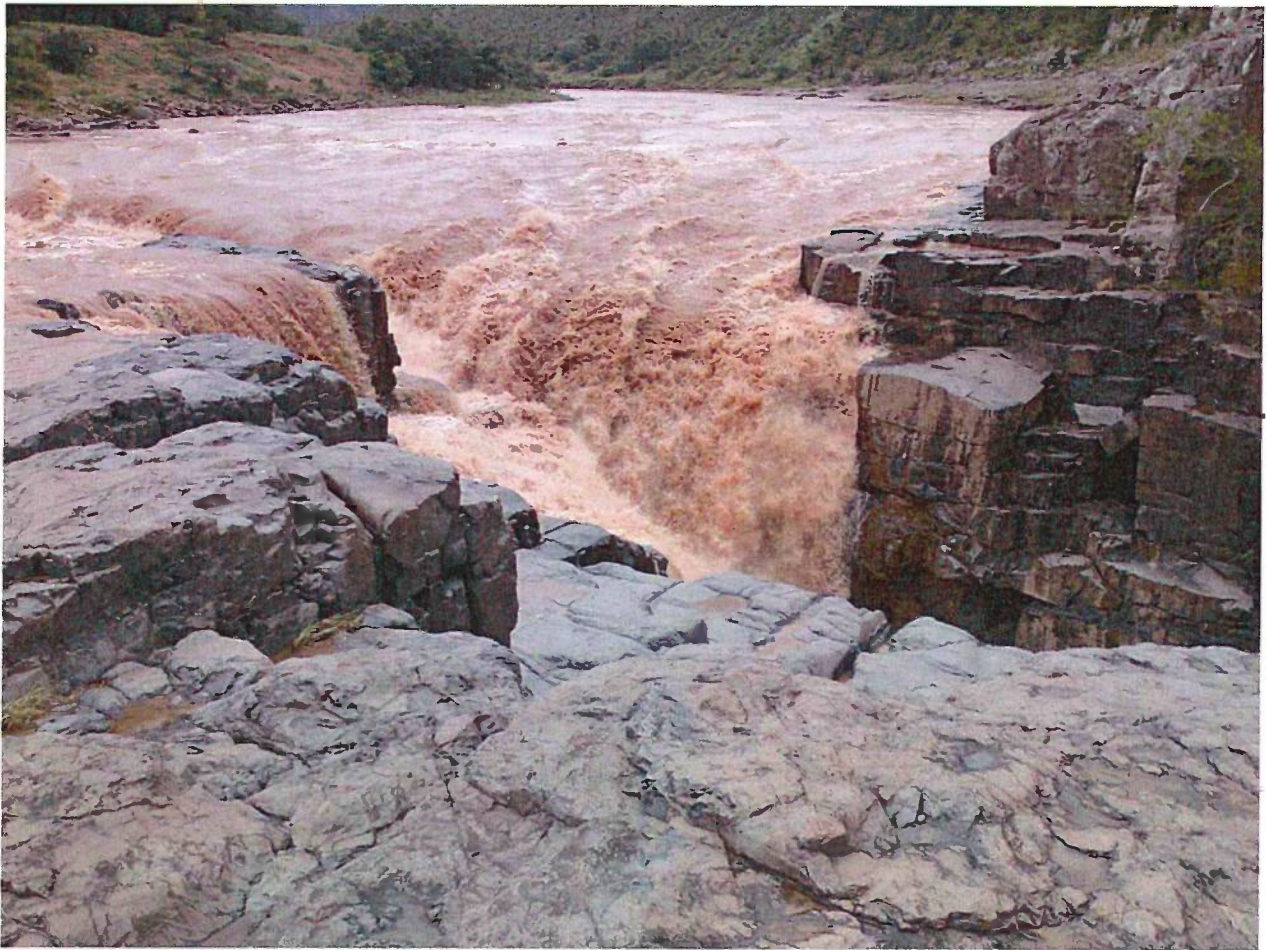
*Figure 1: Close look at Tsitsa Falls*



31°15'37.23"S 28°57'07.10"E



Figure 3: Tinal Falls



31°11'37.80"S 29°03'18.50"E



Fig 4: Horse Shoe



31°08'51.32"S 29°01'06.75"E

## SOCIO-ECONOMIC

The natural resources in this part of an area of the Eastern Cape are a basic component of local subsistence strategies. The local people's perceptions of benefits arising from the natural resources are expressed within the ambit of their subsistence

needs. Thatching grass, fuel wood, non-timber forest products, medicinal herbs, water, wild game, and fish are some of the major benefits from natural resources. The common activities in the area are informal hunting, fishing, subsistence farming (cropping with maize and livestock) and traditional purposes including rituals. Dependence on remittances e.g. income through migrant labour system; subsistence agricultural production; welfare payments i.e. through social pensions or disability grants form part of livelihood strategies at Mhlontlo Local Municipality. The project will

#### **MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

A management agreement for the area will be published within 6 months after the declaration. The MEC will assign the management of the area to a relevant authority as outlined in Section 38 (2) (a) (b) of the National Environmental Management Act: Protected Areas Act, 2003 Act No. 57 of 2003.

This initiative will not only contribute to conservation of biological diversity in South Africa but will contribute as a significant pillar to National Climate Change Adaptation Strategy.

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