ANNEXURE G: AREA 07

OBSERVER FORUM REVIEW OF THE RIGHTS ALLOCATION PROCESS FOR SMALL-SCALE FISHERIES PERMITS

MASTER REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The below table indicates on a high-level how each part of the process scored for this area. Detailed information for each part of the process can be found in the annexure below.

LOCATION	AREA 07
MOBILISATION COMPLIANCE RATING	56%
DISTRIBUTION COMPLIANCE RATING	75%
CATCH - ALL COMPLIANCE RATING	100%
MOBILISATION FOR RECEIPTING COMPLIANCE RATING	100%
RECEIPTING COMPLIANCE RATING	100%
VERIFICATION COMPLIANCE RATING	100%
AVERAGE COMPLIANCE RATING	88%

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CBO Community Bases Organisation

Comms Communications

DFFE Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment

RoD Reason of Decision

SP Service Provider

SSFM Small-Scale Fisheries Management

SSF Small Scale Fisheries

SE Stakeholder Engagement

1 INTRODUCTION

This chapter will be presented in the following sections:

- Background
- Purpose of the report
- Structure of the report.

1.1 BACKGROUND

In 2016, the former Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries verified approximately eight thousand four hundred and eighty-eight individuals in fishing communities that expressed interest in small-scale fishery. Thereafter, the Department declared two thousand eight hundred and two individual's small-scale fishers. However, after the announcement of declared small-scale fishers, the Department received several complaints implying that the process followed in the Western Cape was unjust and not transparent. The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Ms Barbara Creecy ("the Minister"), engaged with various fishing communities and other fisheries stakeholders in the Western Cape to note the challenges faced by fishers and to respond to the concerns raised by the fishers. The fishers showed unhappiness about the entire process in the Western Cape. Subsequently to that, the Department decided to launch an audit on the entire process of verifying and registering fishers in the Western Cape. The findings proved that the process in the Western Cape was ambiguous, unfair, and not transparent and thereby recommended that the Minister should start the process afresh.

The audit report further concluded that the verification criteria used were not in line with the Small-Scale Fisheries Policy, the verification form was ambiguous, the community panel members excluded fishers unfairly and deliberately, officials assessing verification information were not consistent, the service provider did not capture information correctly, and the process followed for the Western Cape (WC) was wholly inadequate and unfair. Furthermore, the audit report concluded that the criteria on the verification form were not clear for fishers to understand. The verification form allowed for inconsistent information and confusion to fishers who were completing the form without assistance. The Criteria (SSF Regulation 4 (1)) were not defined, hence a possibility of ambiguity. In redoing the process, the Department is determined to ensure consistency; hence, the appointment of an observer committee, which will include the recognised Community-Based Organisations (CBOs).

This project involves the observation of the mobilisation, distribution, receipting and verification processes of Small-Scale Fishers in the Western Cape. The purpose of the observer forum is to observe that all processes are adhered to in the manner outlined in the implementation plan. The implementation plan with an additional checklist can be found below.

Delta Built Environment Consultants (Delta BEC) was appointed to ensure the management of the observer committee as well as the documentation, processing and reporting on any documentation that emanates from the observer committee's duties.

1.2 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report aims to give the reader feedback as to how well the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment did with following the due procedure set out to issue individuals with small-scale fishing permits fairly. The high-level process that was followed is as follows:

- Step 1: Mobilisation
- Step 2: Distribution
- Step 3: Catch-All Distribution
- Step 4: Mobilisation for Receipting
- Step 5: Receipting
- Step 6: Verification (3 Phases).

Steps 3 and 4 were not part of the original process; these processes were added after step 2 by DFFE as a necessity. The catch-all distribution phase was implemented as DFFE noticed that the number of fishers who collected forms was a lot lower than initially anticipated. The mobilisation for receipting phase was brought in by DFFE for two reasons; firstly, the DFFE wanted to give the fishers who collected during the catch-all phase additional time to get their documentation in order, and secondly, because the fisher representative organisations requested additional time for the fishers to collate their documentation.

Delta BEC is not employed to observe the appeals and final list announcement process. The appeals process will be handled by an external department. Once the appeals process has run its course, the final list will be announced.

The report will include the purpose of each stage, methodology, types of data collected and summaries of the results from the days observed, and detailed checklists and photo evidence will be included as appendices.

1.3 STRUCTURE OF REPORT

The report comprises the following sections:

- Section 2: Approach
- Section 3: Mobilisation
- Section 4: Distribution
- Section 5: Catch-All Distribution
- Section 6: Mobilisation for Receipting
- Section 7: Receipting
- Section 8: Verification

• Section 9: Conclusion

2 APPROACH

The difficulty that the observer forum faces is that the members reside all over the Western Cape and do not have access to office space. Furthermore, the availability of the observers posed a risk as many of the observers are also fishers and, therefore, cannot commit to full-time observing. The solution implemented is one that uses WhatsApp to administer the checklist questions to the observer on the day of the observation. Delta BEC asked the observers a variety of questions throughout the day, to which the relevant observers responded and provided relevant proof for the questions asked. All these conversations and proof received are presented in this report.

3 MOBILISATION

The mobilisation phase of the process refers to the phase where the local fisherman interested in obtaining fishing rights is notified with that the distribution phase (further detailed in section 4) will commence. This communication is done via posters, bulk SMSs and radio broadcasts.

This chapter is detailed in the following sections:

- Overview
- Criteria to be met for distribution to be successful
- Data collected.

3.1 OVERVIEW

The table below presents the findings for the planned start date, the actual start date and elaborates on the observer responsible for this location with his/her comments.

Table 3-1: Mobilisation - Planned start vs Actual start

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Venue	Bellville South Venue
Planned Start Date	12 September 2022
Actual Start date	13 September 2022, this date is not definite as the DFFE issued Delta BEC with information retrospectively, this date was deduced by looking at the file name of the photo provided. The photo file name is "IMG-20220913-WA0028".
Data collector	DFFE – No specific person from DFFE observed on the day, the information was received in bulk through Sindisa Sigam.
Effect on applicants	The project is on track to be completed as committed by the department
Additional Comments	No observer forum had been formed by the time DFFE commence with mobilisation, therefore, all mobilisation information was received from DFFE officials through pictures which they downloaded from their WhatsApp group chat

3.2 CRITERIA TO BE MET TO BE SUCCESSFUL

This section presents the posters put up, SMSs sent, and radio broadcasts made by DFFE to communicate the initial timelines to the fishers.

3.2.1 POSTER

The posters were put up at various locations in the vicinity of the main centre where fishers could clearly see them. The posters below (Table 3-2) were also made available online through the DFFE website.

Table 3-2: Mobilisation – Poster criteria to be met

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	YES/NO	
1	Have posters been designed with the following information:		PUBLIC NOTICE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT ROLLING OUT WESTERN CAPE SMALL- SCALE FISHERIES VERIFICATION, REGISTRATION, DEGLARATION, AND RIGHTS ALLOCATION
1.1	Visitation schedule	Yes	The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) is in the process of rolling out the new verification, registration, declaration, and rights allocation process for the arrust-scale fathers in the Western Cape. The process will only be open to the community members wis purposed in the initial process in 2016. On the provinces were under the process their original destropcing in declaration of the process and only of t
1.2	 Location of the venues 	Yes	If community members are unable to attend these meetings, as per the schedule, valid reasons include as an example a medical emergency or the death of an immediate family member. Fireinpiler of intending to other business' with one begraded as valid reasons for not attending the meetings. Community members must notify the DFEE prior to the meeting, on the number provided below, to arrange the authorisation of a proxy letter. Attemptate of the proxy letter can be entrieved from the nearest Fisheries Compliance Offices of the DFEE. Notes on the vertication process: - Vertification forms are not for sale. - Vertification forms are not for sale. - Eligible community members will be sequence number and the form should not be photocopied. - Eligible community members will be given 31 days to complete the forms and collect all the required documentation. - The DFEE will collectioness of a demicration of a size of 31 days at the summer versues. - submitted the verification form.
1.3	 Dates and times for distribution and receipting 	Yes	Computation
1.4	 Documents required for registration 	Yes	Harover Park Community Centre 12 September 2022 27 September 2022 1 November 2022 09.04-16.00
1.5	That forms are free	Yes	Table Tabl

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	YES/NO	
2	Were the posters put up at the venue and other locations as stated?	N/A	This image was supplied retrospectively by DFFE and has been placed here under the assumption that they have supplied the correct image
3	Were the posters put up 2 weeks prior to the distribution phase date?	N/A	As above

3.2.2 BULK **SMS**'s

The SMSs were meant to be broadcast to let fishers know about the distribution and receipting process that will take place in the community. The below table indicates the criteria which the DFFE needs to meet to prove that the SMSs were sent and that the correct information was shared.

Table 3-3: Mobilisation - Bulk SMS's criteria to be met

	CRITERIA TO BE MET	YES/NO
1	Have SMSs been sent with the following information:	
1.1	Visitation schedule	No
1.2	Location of the venues	No
1.3	Dates and times for distribution and receipting	No
1.4	Documents required for registration	No
1.5	That forms are free	No
2	Was proof provided that the SMS's were sent to the applicants of the area?	No

3.2.3 RADIO BROADCAST

The radio message was to be broadcast to let fishers know about the distribution and receipting process that will take place in the community. The below table indicates the criteria which the DFFE needs to meet to prove that the radio broadcast was made and that the correct information was shared.

Table 3-4: Mobilisation - Radio broadcast criteria to be met

	CRITERIA TO BE MET	YES/NO	
1	Radio broadcast communicated the following:		
1.1	Visitation schedule	No	
1.2	Location of the venues	No	
1.3	 Dates and times for distribution and receipting 	No	
1.4	Documents required for registration	No	
1.5	That forms are free	No	
2	Was a copy of the broadcast message provided? No		
3	Was a letter from the radio station provided stating the dates the message aired?		
4	Is there correspondence from DFFE to the radio stations? No		

3.3 DATA COLLECTED:

This section presents the evidence collected in the form of photos and letters from various service providers.

Table 3-5: Mobilisation - Data collected

DATA COLLECTED	YES/NO
Observer forum feedback forms	No
Letters from various service providers	No

3.3.1 OBSERVER FORUM FEEDBACK FORMS

The observer forum had not yet been established when DFFE commenced with the mobilisation phase. The DFFE noted that they are comfortable to commence with mobilisation without the observer forum present and opted to provide the proof themselves. Due to this no observer forum feedback forms were generated.

3.3.2 LETTERS FROM VARIOUS SERVICE PROVIDERS

Delta BEC requested the DFFE to submit letters from the service providers of the radio station and the SMS broadcasting; these letters will serve as proof of services rendered in a certain area on a certain date and convey the relevant information. This would assist DFFE in providing evidence that protocol was followed, as the

observer forum was not established by the time these services were to be rendered.

The DFFE has not retrospectively provided Delta BEC with letters or correspondence from various service providers as proof of sending out SMSs and broadcasting on the radio.

4 DISTRIBUTION

The distribution phase of the process refers to the distribution of application forms to the interested fishers who wish to obtain small-scale fishing licenses. The distribution of the licenses is limited to the applicants who applied for fishing licenses during the 2016 process. This chapter of the reports details the findings from observing the process under the following sections:

- Overview
- Criteria to be met for distribution to be successful
- WhatsApp Messages

4.1 **OVERVIEW**

The table below presents the findings for the planned start date and the actual start date of the distribution process and elaborates on the observer responsible for this location with his/her comments.

Table 4-1: Distribution - Planned start vs Actual start

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	
Venue	Bellville South Civic Centre	
Planned Start Date	27/09/2022	
Actual Start Date	27/09/2022	
Data collector	Natasha James – Observer Forum	
Effect on applicants	The project is on track to be completed as committed by the department	
Additional Comments	The venue booking had logistical miscommunications, but was resolved shortly after venue opening	

4.2 CRITERIA TO BE MET FOR DISTRIBUTION TO BE SUCCESSFUL

This section presents the questions asked to the observers via WhatsApp and captures their responses in a table format.

Table 4-2: Distribution -Criteria to be met

#	CRITERIA TO	WHATSAPP	PHOTO EVIDENCE
	BE MET	EVIDENCE (YES/NO)	
1	Did the DFFE arrange a venue and date for the collection of verification forms?	No	Prior to distribution, venue was not yet booked, but was arranged and sorted on the day
2	Did the venue open on time?	Yes	See above item 1
3	Has an attendance register been signed by all parties including the observer forum?	Yes	SSF REFERENCE STORY SSF REFERENCE AND STORY STORY SIGNATURE DATE DATE COMPANY SIGNATURE DATE DATE STORY DATE DATE STORY LEGAL PROPERTY SIGNATURE DATE STORY DATE STORY

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	WHATSAPP EVIDENCE (YES/NO)	PHOTO EVIDENCE
4	On the date of verification form collection, did the DFFE members explain to fishers how to fill in the forms?	Yes	Department of Form Provinces to
5	On the date of verification form collection, did the DFFE members explain to fishers that forms can be filled in on the day of verification?	Yes	See item 4 above

4.3 WHATSAPP MESSAGES

A WhatsApp group was created specifically for the Bellville South Civic Centre, to report on the observations made during the day of the distribution process. The conversations held on the WhatsApp group is presented below (Table 4-3: WhatsApp conversation, evidence for Table 4-2 item 1,2,3,4 and 5, indicating the correspondence received from the observer for the distribution process.

2022/09/23, 13:39 - Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. No one outside of this chat, not even WhatsApp, can read or listen to them. Tap to learn more.

2022/09/23, 13:39 - Isaac created group "Bellville South Venue OF"

2022/09/23, 13:39 - Isaac added you

2022/09/23, 14:19 - Isaac removed +27 74 337 0461

2022/09/23, 14:19 - Isaac added Fritz - Delta BEC

2022/09/26, 11:08 - Isaac added +27 73 885 3575

2022/09/27, 10:04 - Isaac changed the subject from "Bellville South Venue OF" to "Bellville South Civic Cnt"

2022/09/27, 10:04 - Isaac removed +27 73 885 3575

2022/09/27, 10:04 - Isaac added +27 71 414 0671 and +27 78 398 4585

2022/09/27, 10:23 - +27 78 398 4585: 🙏

2022/09/27, 10:24 - Isaac: Hi Natasha, are you at the venue already?

2022/09/27, 10:25 - +27 78 398 4585: PTT-20220927-WA0003.opus (file attached)

2022/09/27, 10:27 - Isaac: OK, travel safe.

2022/09/27, 10:28 - +27 78 398 4585: 🙏

2022/09/27, 10:50 - +27 78 398 4585: IMG-20220927-WA0010.jpg (file attached)

2022/09/27, 10:51 - Isaac: Thanks, please also take a picture of the registry

2022/09/27, 10:52 - +27 78 398 4585: Ok

2022/09/27, 10:54 - +27 78 398 4585: IMG-20220927-WA0004.jpg (file attached)

2022/09/27, 11:00 - Isaac: Can we go through a few questions since you guys are settled now.

Has the DFFE informed applicants of the visitation schedule via sms, emails, telephone calls and relevant national and community radio stations?

2022/09/27, 11:00 - Isaac: Has the DFFE put up posters in all targeted areas two weeks prior to the visitation?

2022/09/27, 11:00 - Isaac: Has the DFFE made a list of ellegible fishers available at all satellite offices?

2022/09/27, 11:01 - Isaac: Has someone been given the responsibility of taking tip-offs and log the information?

2022/09/27, 11:01 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 11:01 - Isaac: Questions on the poster.

Has the poster been designed with the following information.

- 1. Venue
- 2. Registration times
- 3. Date for nominations
- 4. Documents required for registration
- 5. That Froms are free

2022/09/27, 11:02 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 11:02 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 11:03 - Isaac: Please answer all questions separately. Thanks in advance.

2022/09/27, 11:07 - +27 78 398 4585: Venue -Yes

Registration times -Yes

Nominations -Yes

Documents-Yes

Forms are free-Yes

2022/09/27, 12:16 - Isaac: Hi Natasha, I have a few more important questions for you.

Did the DFFE arrange a venue and date for the collection of verification forms?

2022/09/27, 12:17 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes they did

2022/09/27, 12:18 - Isaac: May I have a picture of this if possible?

2022/09/27, 12:22 - +27 78 398 4585: Sorry wrong answer there there was dufficultys with the venue and they havnt booked it yet for collection of the verification forms.

2022/09/27, 12:26 - Isaac: Noted

2022/09/27, 12:26 - Isaac: Has an attendance register been signed by all parties including the Observer Forum?

2022/09/27, 12:27 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Hi Natasha, please could you elaborate on the venue issue. Was fhe venue opened on time, and are they busy running the process

2022/09/27, 12:29 - +27 78 398 4585: When i arrive here the venue was open, but they had some difficulties so they must still book it for the collection of forms

2022/09/27, 12:32 - Isaac: Noted

2022/09/27, 12:35 - Isaac: Hi Natasha, please see question below.

Has an attendance register been signed by all parties including the Observer Forum?

2022/09/27, 12:36 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 12:36 - Isaac: On the date of verification forms collection, did the DFFE members explain to fishers that forms can be filled in on the day of verification?

2022/09/27, 12:40 - +27 78 398 4585: Colleagues we started at 11:00 and not 09:00 the process did start already its quiet now

2022/09/27, 12:44 - +27 71 414 0671: Colleagues I think we mistaking this question. Yes the Department organised the venue for fishers to collect the forms. The venue was opened late though.

2022/09/27, 12:44 - +27 78 398 4585: They said Forms must ve filled in at home or if they dont understand they can call the call centre or when its the date for collection they can leave the spaces open what they dont understand nd complete it than.

2022/09/27, 12:45 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes you guite right there

2022/09/27, 12:56 - Isaac: Hi Sindisa, please note that this is a verification question directed to the Observer Forum. They need to confirm this, we know the department did its part from our side.

2022/09/27, 13:13 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Hi All, there seems to be confusion here.

2022/09/27, 13:13 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Find below the criteria that the department needs to adhere to:

2022/09/27, 13:13 - Fritz - Delta BEC: IMG-20220927-WA0012.jpg (file attached)

2022/09/27, 13:15 - Fritz - Delta BEC: @27783984585 we will re-do the questions. Please answers Yes/No when the question is asked and answers accordingly when prompted otherwise.

2022/09/27, 13:16 - Fritz - Delta BEC: I am aware that some of the questions would already have been asked, please bare with us and answer them again.

2022/09/27, 13:16 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Did the DFFE arrange a venue and date for the collection of verification forms?

2022/09/27, 13:30 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 13:59 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Please send a Photo.

2022/09/27, 13:59 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Are there any further comments or concerns regarding the above question

2022/09/27, 15:04 - +27 78 398 4585: At the moment there is no photos for that

2022/09/27, 15:07 - +27 78 398 4585: Very very quiet here guys it was just that fishers in the morning since than nobody coming

2022/09/27, 15:22 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Did the process start on time?

2022/09/27, 15:23 - +27 78 398 4585: No

2022/09/27, 15:29 - +27 78 398 4585: The venue open late

2022/09/27, 15:41 - Fritz - Delta BEC: What time did the venue open?

2022/09/27, 15:41 - Isaac: 11am

2022/09/27, 15:42 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Has an attendance register been signed by all parties including the observer forum?

2022/09/27, 15:43 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 15:44 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Could you please send a picture of the register

2022/09/27, 15:44 - +27 78 398 4585: IMG-20220927-WA0022.jpg (file attached)

2022/09/27, 15:45 - Fritz - Delta BEC: On the date of verification form collection, did the DFFE members explain to fishers how to fill in the forms?

2022/09/27, 15:45 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes they did

2022/09/27, 15:47 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Please could you provide a picture

2022/09/27, 15:48 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Are there any concerns or comments regarding the above question?

2022/09/27, 15:53 - +27 78 398 4585: IMG-20220927-WA0016.jpg (file attached)

2022/09/27, 16:02 - Fritz - Delta BEC: On the date of verification form collection, did the DFFE members explain to fishers that forms can be filled in on the day of verification?

2022/09/27, 16:04 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 16:05 - +27 78 398 4585: We left venue finish the day

2022/09/27, 16:06 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Noted

Table 4-3: WhatsApp conversation, evidence for Table 4-2 item 1,2,3,4 and 5

4.4 ISSUES RAISED

The table below is included to highlight any specific issued raised by the observer during this process. No issues were identified to be raised.

Table 4-4: Distribution -Issues Raised

ISSUES RAISED	SORTED OUT ON THE DAY (YES/NO)
There was a miscommunication with the venue booking, but sorted out quickly on the day	Yes

5 CATCH-ALL DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution phase DFFE noted that the number of forms collected were low compared to the number of applicants from 2016. The DFFE noted that this was due to varying reasons but wanted to give fishers another chance to collect. As a result, DFFE ran a second distribution phase, this distribution phase did not go to each venue, but went to central venues in the larger regions where fishers from surrounding areas could collect their forms. The dates of this process were advertised via SMS's. This chapter of the reports detail the findings from observing the process under the following sections:

- Overview
- Criteria to be met for distribution to be successful
- Data collected

5.1 OVERVIEW

The table below presents the findings for the venue, date, and data collector of the catch-all distribution process.

Table 5-1: Catch-All Distribution - Date and Venue

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Venue	Foretrust Building – DFFE offices
Date	17 October 2022
Data Collection	Grace Adams – Observer Forum

5.2 CRITERIA TO BE MET FOR CATCH-ALL DISTRIBUTION TO BE SUCCESSFUL

This section presents the questions asked to the observers via WhatsApp and captures their responses in a table format.

Table 5-2: Distribution -Criteria to be met

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	WHATSAPP EVIDENCE (YES/NO)	PHOTO EVIDENCE
1	Did the DFFE arrange a venue and date for the collection of verification forms?	Yes	FORETRUST
2	Did the venue open on time?	Yes	As above in item 1 and as per the WhatsApp conversation in section 5.3
3	Has an attendance register been signed by all parties including the observer forum?	Yes	O Productioned group the declaracities as the commissioned grade and the commission of the commission

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	WHATSAPP EVIDENCE (YES/NO)	PHOTO EVIDENCE
4	On the date of verification form collection, did the DFFE members explain to fishers how to fill in the forms?	Yes	
5	On the date of verification form collection, did the DFFE members explain to fishers that forms can be filled in on the day of verification?	Yes	

5.3 WHATSAPP MESSAGES

A WhatsApp group was created specifically for the Bellville South Civic Centre to report on the observations made during the day of the catch-all distribution process. The conversations held on the WhatsApp group is presented below, indicating the correspondence received from the observer for the distribution process.

Table 5-3: Catch-All Distribution - WhatsApp messages

2022/10/17, 08:49 - Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. No one outside of this chat, not even WhatsApp, can read or listen to them. Tap to learn more.

2022/10/17, 08:49 - You created group "Fortrust Building"

2022/10/17, 08:56 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Good Morning *Grace*, this group will be used for communication regarding this venue *Fortrust Building*, and the distribution process taking place here today. We will be asking a series of *Yes/No* questions, please answer them accordingly. In between the questions we will be asking for photos and be giving space to raise concerns, please answer these questions when prompted.

2022/10/17, 08:56 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Are you at the venue?

2022/10/17, 08:58 - Grace Millicent joined using your invite

2022/10/17, 09:15 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Please give Grace a call, or go to where the process is to see if she is there

2022/10/17, 09:16 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Grace was here by us at 6th floor... she will respond. I did call her

2022/10/17, 09:20 - Grace Millicent: Good day Fritz I am here

2022/10/17, 09:21 - Grace Millicent: I was on 3rd and 6th floor.

2022/10/17, 09:21 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Good Morning *Grace*, this group will be used for communication regarding this venue *Fortrust Building*, and the distribution process taking place here today. We will be asking a series of *Yes/No* questions, please answer them accordingly. In between the questions we will be asking for photos and be giving space to raise concerns, please answer these questions when prompted.

2022/10/17, 09:21 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Are you at the venue?

2022/10/17, 09:22 - Grace Millicent: Yes

2022/10/17, 09:26 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Please send a photo

2022/10/17, 09:52 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0001.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 09:52 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0003.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 09:53 - Grace Millicent: I don't get signal inside

2022/10/17, 10:06 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0005.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 10:07 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Are there any further comments or concerns regarding the above question? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 10:08 - Grace Millicent: No

2022/10/17, 10:10 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Did the DFFE arrange a venue and date for the collection of verification forms? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 10:11 - Grace Millicent: Yes

2022/10/17, 10:13 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Please send a photo

2022/10/17, 10:16 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0006.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 10:16 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0007.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 10:21 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Are there any further comments or concerns regarding the above question? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 10:23 - Grace Millicent: No

2022/10/17, 10:34 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Did the process commence on time? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 10:36 - Grace Millicent: Yes

2022/10/17, 10:36 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Please send a photo

2022/10/17, 10:37 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0008.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 10:41 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Are there any further comments or concerns regarding the above question? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 10:45 - Grace Millicent: No

2022/10/17, 10:56 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Has the attendance register been signed by all parties including the observer forum? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 10:58 - Grace Millicent: Yes

2022/10/17, 11:12 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Please send a photo

2022/10/17, 11:22 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0009.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 11:22 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0012.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 11:22 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0010.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 11:22 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0011.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 11:24 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Are there any further comments or concerns regarding the above question? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 11:24 - Grace Millicent: No

2022/10/17, 11:31 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Does the department have a list with all the names of all the fisher's from 2016? And are verification forms being handed out to the fisher's on the list? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 11:32 - Grace Millicent: No

2022/10/17, 12:27 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Please send a photo

2022/10/17, 13:02 - Grace Millicent: This message was deleted

2022/10/17, 13:03 - Grace Millicent: This message was deleted

2022/10/17, 13:23 - Grace Millicent: Everyone that applied are not on this list that I send. Successful and unsuccessful. But those that applied came and fetch a form.

2022/10/17, 13:38 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Does the department have a list with all the names of all the fisher's from 2016? And are verification forms being handed out to the fisher's on the list? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 13:39 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0012.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 13:39 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Please send a photo

2022/10/17, 13:40 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Yes or No

2022/10/17, 13:43 - Grace Millicent: Yes

2022/10/17, 13:43 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Are there any further comments or concerns regarding the above question? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 13:44 - Grace Millicent: No

2022/10/17, 13:47 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: On the date of verification form collection, did the DFFE member's explain to fishers how to fill in the forms? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 13:48 - Grace Millicent: Yes

2022/10/17, 13:48 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Please send a photo

2022/10/17, 13:49 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0014.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 13:49 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0015.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 13:50 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Are there any further comments or concerns regarding the above question? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 13:50 - Grace Millicent: No

2022/10/17, 13:53 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: On the date of verification form collection, did the DFFE member's explain to fishers that forms can be filled in on the day of verification? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 13:53 - Grace Millicent: Yes

2022/10/17, 13:53 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Please send a photo

2022/10/17, 13:55 - Grace Millicent: IMG-20221017-WA0016.jpg (file attached)

2022/10/17, 13:55 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: Are there any further comments or concerns regarding the above question? Yes or No

2022/10/17, 13:55 - Grace Millicent: No

2022/10/17, 13:58 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: IMG-20221007-WA0115.jpg (file attached)

Hi Grace if there are any changes throughout the day, kindly inform us

2022/10/17, 13:59 - Zukiswa - Delta BEC: That's the end of the session..thank you so much for taking part in the data collection process.

2022/10/17, 14:05 - Grace Millicent: 👍



6 MOBILISATION FOR RECEIPTING

During the distribution phase, the DFFE noted that they got multiple requests from fisher Non-profit Organisation's (NPO) to extend the time between the distribution and receipting dates. The NPOs noted that the fishers required more time to get their supporting documentation together. DFFE agreed to push the receipting dates out and, in turn, proceeded to arrange a mobilisation for receipting process. The mobilisation for the receipting process included going to the venues and putting up posters that advertised the new dates for the receipting process.

Delta BEC was put on WhatsApp groups with DFFE members who would send photos of the posters at the venues as evidence that it has been put up.

6.1 **OVERVIEW**

The table below presents the findings for the venue, the originally planned start date and the updated planned start date of the mobilisation for the receipting process.

Table 6-1: Mobilisation for Receipting - Overview of the process

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Venue	Bellville South Civic Centre
Date new poster was put up	24/11/2022
Original Planned Start Date	01/11/2022
Updated Planned Start Date	07/12/2022

6.2 **NEW POSTER**

The below poster Figure 6-1) is the new poster that advertised the updated date that receipting will take place. Figure 6-1 shows the digital poster, whereas Figure 6-2 shows the physical poster in the areas.

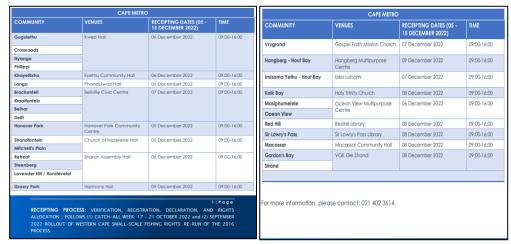


Figure 6-1: Mobilisation for Receipting - New poster



Figure 6-2: Mobilisation for Receipting – Poster at venue

7 RECEIPTING

7.1 OVERVIEW

The table below presents the findings for the planned start date and the actual start date and elaborates on the observer responsible for this location with his/her comments.

Table 7-1: Receipting - Planned start vs Actual start

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Venue	Bellville South Civic Centre
Original Planned Start Date	01 November 2022
Updated Planned Start Date	07 December 2022
Actual Start Date	08 December 2022
Data collector	Rudy Quanson – Observer Forum
Effect on applicants	The project is delayed according to the original start date which means that the applicants will have to wait longer to know the outcome of the process and whether they will be receiving a permit.
	The delay was caused by fisher representing organisations requesting to have more time for the fishers to fill in the forms.
	DFFE changed date and venue from 07 December 2022 to 08 December 2022.
Additional Comments	Due the fisher organisations requests to move the receipting dates later, DFFE implemented a mobilisation for receipting process whereby they went to the area and put-up new posters indicating the new dates. The above "Updated Start Date" refers to the new start date according to the updated dates.

7.2 CRITERIA TO BE MET FOR RECEIPTING TO BE SUCCESSFUL

This section presents the questions asked to the observers via WhatsApp and captures their responses in a table format.

Table 7-2: Receipting - Criteria to be met

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	WHATSAPP EVIDENCE (YES/NO)	PHOTO EVIDENCE
1	Was the venue opened at 08:30?	Yes	- COMMUNITY CENTRE - COMM
2	Is there an attendance register for the DFFE team and observer forum?	Yes	SSF RIGHTS ALLOCATIONS: ATTENDANCE REGISTER Date: 08 10 / 2020 NAME DATE COMPANY SIGNATURE Nama Daire! 08/10/2020 STOWN M MEMINIVISI PHILLIPS OF/12/202 STOWN M NONTOGEKO NIKOWO OVIZ/2020 STOWN M Rudy Duanson 08/12/2020 DEFC Athordie Mesole 09/12/2021 DEFC Dant 221 Nrime 08/12/2022 DEFC
3	Have you signed the attendance register? (Send a Photo of the register you and the service provider signed)	Yes	As above in item 2
4	Is there an attendance register for the fishers to sign?	Yes	Tendence of receiver and security following personal pers

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	WHATSAPP EVIDENCE (YES/NO)	PHOTO EVIDENCE
5	Are there electronic and paper copies of the registered fishers?	Yes	N/A
6	Is there an electronic checklist?	Yes	N/A
7	Is there a stamp pad for complete or incomplete forms?	Yes	
8	Are there receipt books?	Yes	TEAT 3200.
9	Are there laptops set up?	Yes	

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	WHATSAPP EVIDENCE (YES/NO)	PHOTO EVIDENCE
10	Do the laptops have internet connection? (Ask the laptop operator to open google)	Yes	Google
11	Is there a video camera set up?	Yes	
12	Are there clearly labelled boxes for storing the applications?	Yes	Tidy Files Tidy Files Tidy Files Files Files FELLULUS REGISER NIC TERM 9 TERM 9
13	Has the service provider explained the procedure of the day to the fishers?	Yes	

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	WHATSAPP EVIDENCE (YES/NO)	PHOTO EVIDENCE
14	Are fishers being guided to data capturers?	Yes	
15	Are the data capturers friendly?	Yes	
16	Are fishers' forms being marked with a big "R" if they are registered on the database?	Yes	Contry februs A December of the Control of The Con
17	Are the data capturers going through the applications to ensure that they are complete?	Yes	N/A

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	WHATSAPP EVIDENCE (YES/NO)	PHOTO EVIDENCE
18	Are the data capturers adding a thumbprint where applicants have not signed?	Yes	A 551 VY 5337 A 551
19	Are the data capturers filling in the electronic checklist?	Yes	N/A
20	Are the data capturers stamping either "COMPLETE" or "INCOMPLETE" on fishers' forms after checking them?	Yes	COMPLETE ACCIONATION Small-Scale Fishers Verification Form
21	Are data capturers completing the first part of the fisher's application forms?	Yes	For official use only (do not complete this portion): Accion Community Data Capturer Sequence Prefix Prefix number number. Photo of Guiden. Photo of Guiden. THIS FORM IS PROVIDED FREE OF CHARGE AND MIST NOT SE SALE

#	CRITERIA TO BE MET	WHATSAPP EVIDENCE (YES/NO)	PHOTO EVIDENCE				
22	Are fishers being issued with receipts? Sporadically check that the receipt number matches the one on their form.	Yes	Service State State of State o				
23	Are the data capturers stapling all the fisher's documentation?	Yes					
24	Are the data capturers placing the stapled documentation in the labelled box next to them?	Yes	Tayfills ELUNCE ELUNCE FELONE FERMS TEAMS TEAMS TAYFILL BELLUCE BE				
25	Are there Stowie-M and DFFE team leaders assisting and explaining to the fishers how the process work and facilitating any questions?	Yes	N/A				
26	Did the venue close at 16:00?	Yes	N/A				

7.3 WHATSAPP MESSAGES

A WhatsApp group was created specifically for the Bellville South Civic Centre to report on the observations made during the day of the receipting process. The conversations held on the WhatsApp group are presented below (Table 7-3: Receipting - WhatsApp), indicating the correspondence received from the observer for the receipting process.

Table 7-3: Receipting - WhatsApp

2022/09/23, 13:39 - Messages and calls are end-to-end encrypted. No one outside of this chat, not even WhatsApp, can read or listen to them. Tap to learn more.

2022/09/23, 13:39 - Isaac created group "Bellville South Venue OF"

2022/09/23, 13:39 - Isaac added you

2022/09/23, 14:19 - Isaac removed +27 74 337 0461

2022/09/23, 14:19 - Isaac added Fritz - Delta BEC

2022/09/26, 11:08 - Isaac added +27 73 885 3575

2022/09/27, 10:04 - Isaac changed the subject from "Bellville South Venue OF" to "Bellville South Civic Cnt"

2022/09/27, 10:04 - Isaac removed +27 73 885 3575

2022/09/27, 10:04 - Isaac added +27 71 414 0671 and +27 78 398 4585

2022/09/27, 10:23 - +27 78 398 4585: 🙏

2022/09/27, 10:24 - Isaac: Hi Natasha, are you at the venue already?

2022/09/27, 10:25 - +27 78 398 4585: PTT-20220927-WA0003.opus (file attached)

2022/09/27, 10:27 - Isaac: OK, travel safe.

2022/09/27, 10:28 - +27 78 398 4585: 🙏

2022/09/27, 10:50 - +27 78 398 4585: IMG-20220927-WA0010.jpg (file attached)

2022/09/27, 10:51 - Isaac: Thanks, please also take a picture of the registry

2022/09/27, 10:52 - +27 78 398 4585: Ok

2022/09/27, 10:54 - +27 78 398 4585: IMG-20220927-WA0004.jpg (file attached)

2022/09/27, 11:00 - Isaac: Can we go through a few questions since you guys are settled now.

Has the DFFE informed applicants of the visitation schedule via sms, emails, telephone calls and relevant national and community radio stations?

2022/09/27, 11:00 - Isaac: Has the DFFE put up posters in all targeted areas two weeks prior to the visitation?

2022/09/27, 11:00 - Isaac: Has the DFFE made a list of ellegible fishers available at all satellite offices?

2022/09/27, 11:01 - Isaac: Has someone been given the responsibility of taking tip-offs and log the information?

2022/09/27, 11:01 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 11:01 - Isaac: Questions on the poster.

Has the poster been designed with the following information.

- 1. Venue
- 2. Registration times
- 3. Date for nominations
- 4. Documents required for registration
- 5. That Froms are free

2022/09/27, 11:02 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 11:02 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 11:03 - Isaac: Please answer all questions separately. Thanks in advance.

2022/09/27, 11:07 - +27 78 398 4585: Venue -Yes

Registration times -Yes

Nominations -Yes

Documents-Yes

Forms are free- Yes

2022/09/27, 12:16 - Isaac: Hi Natasha, I have a few more important questions for you.

Did the DFFE arrange a venue and date for the collection of verification forms?

2022/09/27, 12:17 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes they did

2022/09/27, 12:18 - Isaac: May I have a picture of this if possible?

2022/09/27, 12:22 - +27 78 398 4585: Sorry wrong answer there there was dufficultys with the venue and they havnt booked it yet for collection of the verification forms.

2022/09/27, 12:26 - Isaac: Noted

2022/09/27, 12:26 - Isaac: Has an attendance register been signed by all parties including the Observer Forum?

2022/09/27, 12:27 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Hi Natasha, please could you elaborate on the venue issue. Was fhe venue opened on time, and are they busy running the process

2022/09/27, 12:29 - +27 78 398 4585: When i arrive here the venue was open, but they had some difficulties so they must still book it for the collection of forms

2022/09/27, 12:32 - Isaac: Noted

2022/09/27, 12:35 - Isaac: Hi Natasha, please see question below.

Has an attendance register been signed by all parties including the Observer Forum?

2022/09/27, 12:36 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 12:36 - Isaac: On the date of verification forms collection, did the DFFE members explain to fishers that forms can be filled in on the day of verification?

2022/09/27, 12:40 - +27 78 398 4585: Colleagues we started at 11:00 and not 09:00 the process did start already its quiet now

2022/09/27, 12:44 - +27 71 414 0671: Colleagues I think we mistaking this question. Yes the Department organised the venue for fishers to collect the forms. The venue was opened late though.

2022/09/27, 12:44 - +27 78 398 4585: They said Forms must ve filled in at home or if they dont understand they can call the call centre or when its the date for collection they can leave the spaces open what they dont understand nd complete it than.

2022/09/27, 12:45 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes you quite right there

2022/09/27, 12:56 - Isaac: Hi Sindisa, please note that this is a verification question directed to the Observer Forum. They need to confirm this, we know the department did its part from our side.

2022/09/27, 13:13 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Hi All, there seems to be confusion here.

2022/09/27, 13:13 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Find below the criteria that the department needs to adhere to:

2022/09/27, 13:13 - Fritz - Delta BEC: IMG-20220927-WA0012.jpg (file attached)

2022/09/27, 13:15 - Fritz - Delta BEC: @27783984585 we will re-do the questions. Please answers Yes/No when the question is asked and answers accordingly when prompted otherwise.

2022/09/27, 13:16 - Fritz - Delta BEC: I am aware that some of the questions would already have been asked, please bare with us and answer them again.

2022/09/27, 13:16 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Did the DFFE arrange a venue and date for the collection of verification forms?

2022/09/27, 13:30 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 13:59 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Please send a Photo.

2022/09/27, 13:59 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Are there any further comments or concerns regarding the above question

2022/09/27, 15:04 - +27 78 398 4585: At the moment there is no photos for that

2022/09/27, 15:07 - +27 78 398 4585: Very very quiet here guys it was just that fishers in the morning since than nobody coming

2022/09/27, 15:22 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Did the process start on time?

2022/09/27, 15:23 - +27 78 398 4585: No

2022/09/27, 15:29 - +27 78 398 4585: The venue open late

2022/09/27, 15:41 - Fritz - Delta BEC: What time did the venue open?

2022/09/27, 15:41 - Isaac: 11am

2022/09/27, 15:42 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Has an attendance register been signed by all parties including the observer forum?

2022/09/27, 15:43 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 15:44 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Could you please send a picture of the register

2022/09/27, 15:44 - +27 78 398 4585: IMG-20220927-WA0022.jpg (file attached)

2022/09/27, 15:45 - Fritz - Delta BEC: On the date of verification form collection, did the DFFE members explain to fishers how to fill in the forms?

2022/09/27, 15:45 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes they did

2022/09/27, 15:47 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Please could you provide a picture

2022/09/27, 15:48 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Are there any concerns or comments regarding the above question?

2022/09/27, 15:53 - +27 78 398 4585: IMG-20220927-WA0016.jpg (file attached)

2022/09/27, 16:02 - Fritz - Delta BEC: On the date of verification form collection, did the DFFE members explain to fishers that forms can be filled in on the day of verification?

2022/09/27, 16:04 - +27 78 398 4585: Yes

2022/09/27, 16:05 - +27 78 398 4585: We left venue finish the day

2022/09/27, 16:06 - Fritz - Delta BEC: Noted

7.4 ISSUES RAISED

Table 7-4: Distribution -Data collected

ISSUES RAISED	SORTED OUT ON THE DAY. YES/NO
DFFE members arrived late due to late communication from the observer who made alternate arrangements for travel to venue	Yes, no fault to the DFFE

8 VERIFICATION

8.1 OVERVIEW

The verification process is where the DFFE team goes through each application to assess whether they are successful or not. The successful applicants then get placed on a list, whereas the unsuccessful applicants will receive reason of decision (RoD) letters and get the opportunity to appeal.

The protocol that the DFFE team issued to be followed was initially changed in January 2023. The updated protocol indicates that there will no longer be a moderation team and that there will only be assessment and quality control teams.

The DFFE noted that they have set out two weeks to complete the verification process and issue the successful applicants list. It should be noted that the DFFE team was not able to complete the verification process in the timeframe they had initially set out to.

Initially, the DFFE was going to have 3 teams to assess applications. On the day the process commenced, the DFFE indicated that they would have 6 teams.

8.2 OBSERVER FORUM INVOLVEMENT

DFFE specifically noted that they would prefer to have Delta BEC employees as observers due to the sensitive nature of the information that is being reviewed. Due to budgetary constraints, the Delta BEC is unable to observe after 10 February 2023.

It has been noted that the DFFE team will continue to record all the sessions through Stowie-M who is providing a recording service.

8.3 ASSESSMENT TEAM

The table below presents the findings for the region, start date, and end date and elaborates on the observer responsible for this location with his/her comments.

Table 8-1: Verification-Overview

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Region	WC/SC/CBD/SCC
Actual Start Date	25 January 2023
End Date	Delta BEC's appointment ends on 10 February 2023. DFFE will continue with the verification process.
Observer	Delta BEC

8.3.1 CRITERIA TO BE MET FOR THE VERIFICATION PHASE TO BE SUCCESSFUL

This section presents the questions asked to the observers via WhatsApp and captures their responses in a table format.

Table 2	R-1 · ۱	/erification	- Criteria	to be met

DATE	TEAM	OBSERVER	ATTENDANCE*	CHECKING COMPLETENESS*	IS THE ASSESSMENT TEAM MARKING THE VERIFICATION FORMS AS EITHER "COMPLETE" OR "INCOMPLETE"?	SUCCESSFUL OR UNSUCCESSFUL*	RESERVED APPLICATIONS*	IS THE ASSESSMENT TEAM PROVIDING DETAILED REASONS FOR THE OUTCOMES OF THE APPLICATIONS?	IS THE ASSESSMENT TEAM CAPTURING ALL INFORMATION AND OUTCOMES ON AN ELECTRONIC DATABASE FOR EVERY APPLICANT, COMMUNITY AND REGION?
25-JAN-23	TEAM: 1, 2, 3	FRITZ SWANEPOEL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
26-JAN-23	TEAM 2	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
27-JAN-23	TEAM 2	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES YES		YES
30-JAN-23	TEAM 2A	FRITZ SWANEPOEL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TEAM 2B	FRITZ SWANEPOEL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
31-JAN-23	TEAM 2A	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TEAM 2B	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
01-FEB-23	TEAM 2A	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TEAM 2B	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
02-FEB-23	TEAM 2A	FRITZ SWANEPOEL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TEAM 2B	FRITZ SWANEPOEL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
03-FEB-23	TEAM 2A	FRITZ SWANEPOEL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TEAM 2B	FRITZ SWANEPOEL	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
06-FEB-23	TEAM 2A	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TEAM 2B	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
07-FEB-23	TEAM 2A	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TEAM 2B		YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

DATE	TEAM	OBSERVER	ATTENDANCE*	CHECKING COMPLETENESS*	IS THE ASSESSMENT TEAM MARKING THE VERIFICATION FORMS AS EITHER "COMPLETE" OR "INCOMPLETE"?	SUCCESSFUL OR UNSUCCESSFUL*	RESERVED APPLICATIONS*	IS THE ASSESSMENT TEAM PROVIDING DETAILED REASONS FOR THE OUTCOMES OF THE APPLICATIONS?	IS THE ASSESSMENT TEAM CAPTURING ALL INFORMATION AND OUTCOMES ON AN ELECTRONIC DATABASE FOR EVERY APPLICANT, COMMUNITY AND REGION?
		CHRISTIAAN STORM							
08-FEB-23	TEAM 2A	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TEAM 2B	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
09-FEB-23	TEAM 2A	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TEAM 2B	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
10-FEB-23	TEAM 2A	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TEAM 2B	CHRISTIAAN STORM	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES

*Attendance	Are the following team members at the assessment day:						
	Team leader (SSFM Deputy Director)						
	Fisheries community development worker (FCDW)						
	Secretariat (Stowie-M)						
	• Observer						
	Ensure the Delta BEC attendance register is signed. There needs to be a new attendance register for every day of the verification process.						
*Checking completeness	Is the DFFE checking the following criteria of the applications?:						
	the verification form is signed by the applicant;						
	all Required Questions (with three asterisk ***) are completed;						
	all required supporting documents in line with the criteria are attached.						
*Successful or unsuccessful	Is the assessment team marking the verification forms as either "Successful" or "Unsuccessful" based on the 4 qualifying criteria as well as the success criteria decided in 1.2?						
	Confirm what the 4 qualifying criteria are.						

SA citizen
 18 years or older
 At least 10 years accumulative experience
 Majority of livelihood should be dependent on small scale fishing
 *Reserved applications
 Where the assessment team is unable to make a decision whether a verification form is "complete"/"incomplete" or "successful"/"unsuccessful", are they marking those applications as "Reserved"?

8.3.1.1 Comments/Issues

Table 8-2: Comments and Issues

#	DATE	TEAM	COMMENTS/ISSUES
01	25 JAN 2023	TEAMS 1, 2, 3	 The team did not get through the 50 pilot applications as planned. Going through the applications took a lot longer than expected and the team only got through 4. The team discussed potentially difficult scenarios and agreed on how to move forward from them, this was noted on a documented by DFFE.
02	26 JAN 2023	TEAM 1, 2, 3	There was no space for the teams to mark an application either "Complete" or "Incomplete". The observer forum raised this, and Abongile made the adjustment on the google forms.
03	02 FEB 2023	TEAM 1, 2, 3	The team agreed to go through all the applications that were previously marked as unsuccessful. The review of these applications came about due to the change in the "issues to consider" document. The changes came about during a plenary meeting.
04	06 FEB 2023	TEAM 2	Team 2A and 2B shared one FCDW.
05	07 FEB 2023	TEAM 2	Team 2A and 2B shared one FCDW.
06	08 FEB 2023	TEAM 2	Team 2A and 2B shared one FCDW.
07	09 FEB 2023	TEAM 2	Team 2A and 2B shared one FCDW.
08	10 FEB 2023	TEAM 2	Team 2A and 2B shared one FCDW.

8.3.2 DATA COLLECTED:

This section presents the evidence collected in the form of attendance registers, photos, and signed observation checklists.

Table 8-3: Verification - Data collected

#	DATA COLLECTED	YES/NO
1	Attendance register	Yes
2	Photos	Yes
3	Checklist signed by all parties involved	Yes

8.3.2.1 Attendance register

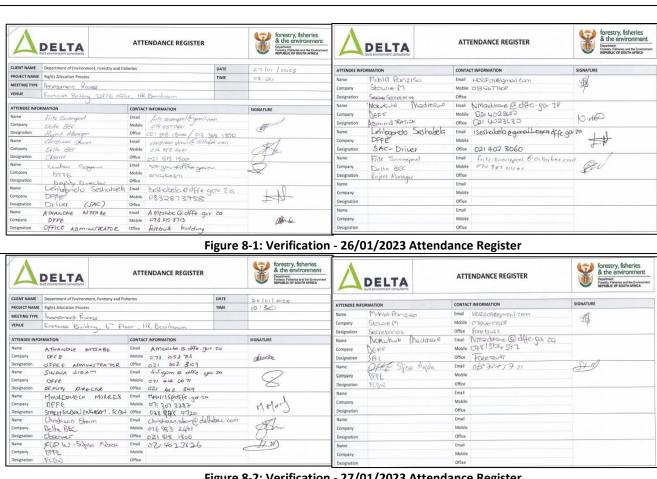


Figure 8-2: Verification - 27/01/2023 Attendance Register



Figure 8-3: Verification - 30/01/2023 Team 2A
Attendance Register



Figure 8-4: Verification - 30/01/2023 Team 2B Attendance Register



Figure 8-5: Verification - 31/01/2023 Team 2A Attendance Register

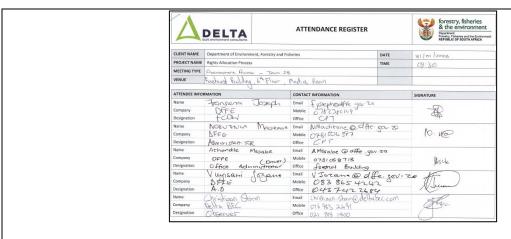


Figure 8-6: 31/01/2023 Team 2B Attendance Register



Figure 8-7: Verification - 01/02/2023 Team 2A Attendance Register



Figure 8-8: Verification - 01/02/2023 Team 2B Attendance Register

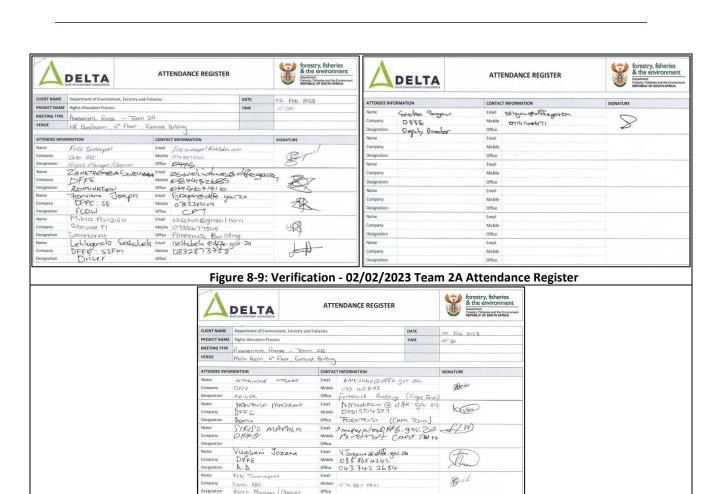


Figure 8-10: Verification - 02/02/2023 Team 2B Attendance Register



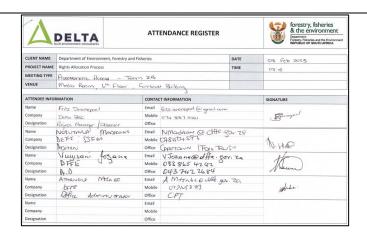


Figure 8-12: Verification - 03/02/2023 Team 2B Attendance Register



Figure 8-13: Verification - 06/02/2023 Team 2A Attendance Register



Figure 8-14: Verification - 06/02/2023 Team 2B Attendance Register





Figure 8-16: Verification - 07/02/2023 Team 2B Attendance Register



Figure 8-17: Verification - 08/02/2023 Team 2A Attendance Register

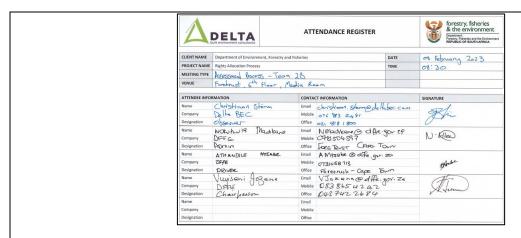


Figure 8-18: Verification - 08/02/2023 Team 2B Attendance Register

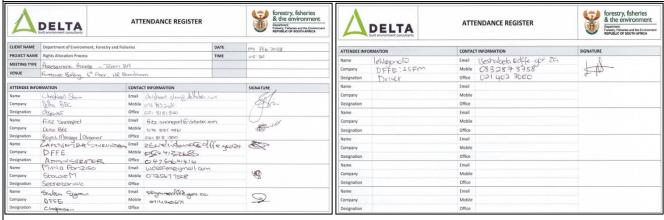
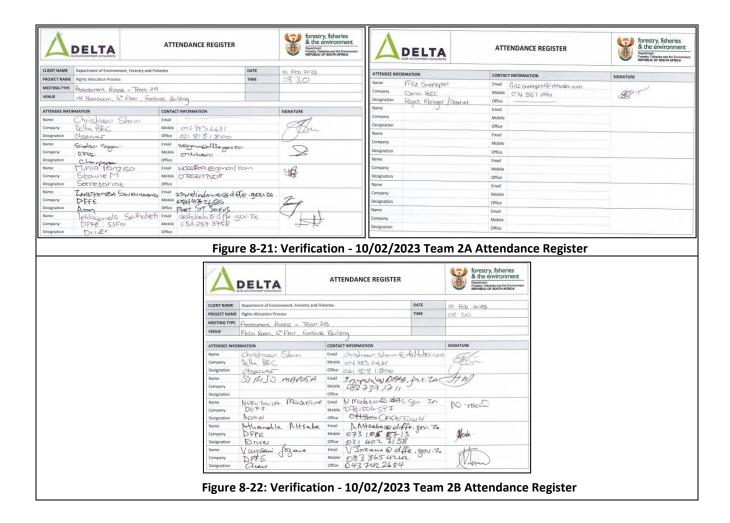


Figure 8-19: Verification - 09/02/2023 Team 2A Attendance Register





8.3.2.2 Photo's

Handed over to DFFE as part of the information pack.

8.3.2.3 Checklist signed by all parties involved

Scanned copies were handed over to DFFE as part of the information pack.

8.4 QUALITY CONTROL TEAM

The quality control process was initially meant to happen every Friday afternoon once the assessment team have finished for the day. This did not happen; on the first two Fridays, the teams had not completed enough applications to warrant the quality control team meeting. The team only met on the third Friday (10/02/2023).

8.4.1 QUALITY CONTROL TEAM

The table below presents the findings for the region, start date and end date and elaborates on the observer responsible for this location with his/her comments.

Table 8-4: Verification—Overview

ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Region	CBD
Actual Start Date	25 January 2023
End Date	Delta BEC's appointment ends on 10 February 2023. The DFFE will continue with the verification process along with Stowie-M.
Observer	Fritz Swanepoel - Delta BEC

8.4.2 CRITERIA TO BE MET FOR THE QUALITY CONTROL TO BE SUCCESSFUL

This section presents the questions asked to the observers via WhatsApp and captures their responses in a table format.

Table 8-5: Verification – Quality control criteria to be met

DATE	TEAM	OBSERVER	*ATTENDANCE	IS THE QUALITY CONTROL TEAM CHECKING A SMALL SAMPLE OF THE APPLICATIONS PROVIDED BY THE ASSESSMENT TEAM?	HOW MANY APPLICATIONS HAS THE QUALITY CONTROL TEAM BEEN GIVEN TO MAKE FINAL DECISIONS ON?	HOW MANY OF THE APPLICATIONS HAS THE QUALITY CONTROL TEAM MADE FINAL DECISIONS ON?	IS THE QUALITY CONTROL TEAM PROVIDING FINAL DECISIONS ON THE APPLICATIONS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN GIVEN?	WHERE THE QUALITY CONTROL TEAMS DECISION DIFFERS FROM THAT OF THE ASSESSMENT TEAM, HAS THE QUALITY CONTROL TEAM PROVIDED A DETAILED	IS THE QUALITY CONTROL TEAM COMPILING A FINAL LIST OF "SUCCESSFUL" APPLICANTS?	IS THE REASONING FOR WHY APPLICANTS ARE UNSUCCESSFUL BEING COMPILED AND STORED?
25-JAN-23	TEAM: 1, 2,	FRITZ SWANEPOEL	NO	YES	14	0	NO	EXPLANATION? NO	NO	YES

*Attendance	Are the following team members present for the quality control day:		
	Chairperson (SSFML Director)		
	Assessment team leaders (SSFM Deputy Directors)		
	Fisheries community development workers (FCDW) d. Secretariat (Stowie-M)		
	Observer Ensure the Delta BEC attendance register is signed.		
	There needs to be a new attendance register for every day of the verification process		

8.4.2.1 Comments/Issues

Table 8-6: Comments and Issues

#	DATE	TEAM	COMMENTS/ISSUES
01	10 FEB 2023	TEAM 1, 2, 3	No FCDW's were present
02	10 FEB 2023	TEAM 1, 2, 3	The quality control team went through the applications that were reserved by the assessment teams. They went through the applications, provided their comment, and then sent it back to the assessment teams to assess again.

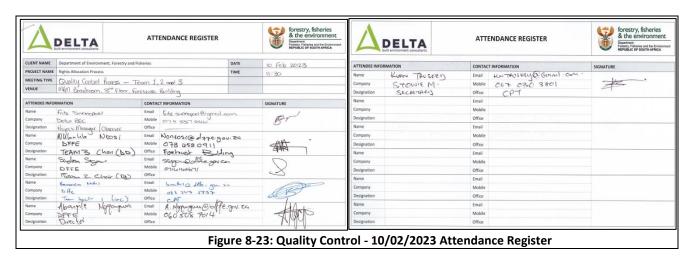
8.4.3 DATA COLLECTED

This section presents the evidence collected in the form of attendance registers, photos, and signed observation checklists.

Table 8-7: Verification - Data collected

#	DATA COLLECTED	YES/NO
1	Attendance register	Yes
2	Checklist signed by all parties involved	Yes

8.4.3.1 Attendance register



8.4.3.2 Checklist signed by all parties involved

Scanned copies handed over to the DFFE.

9 CONCLUSION

This annexure contains the summarised findings collected from the observers during all processes. The findings in this document are not Delta BEC's assumptions, but what was received from the observation teams.