

TEMBE HERITAGE ROUTE

Project Concept

The concept is to create a “must see” attraction for KZN. The development will consist of a Cultural Village, Lodge, a Royal Kraal and an Ancestral Museum & Monument. The first component of the Route will be the Phelandaba Cultural Village and Lodge, highlighting the history, arts and culture of the Tembe.

The ten-storey Royal Tembe Ancestral Monument and Museum will be a major tourist attraction, established near the current ancestral cemetery in the sacred Mfihlweni Forest. The museum route is designed as though one is walking through a Kosi Bay fish trap.

Location

- ▶ The development will be located on the historical sites inhabited by the Tembe when they first settled in KwaZulu-Natal. The site is located at Phelandaba at KwaNgwanase. It also forms part of Route 22 in the Umkhanyakude District
- ▶ 3.5 hours from the King Shaka International Airport
- ▶ Neighbours the iSimangaliso Wetlands Park
- ▶ 30 min to the Farazela Border Post of Mozambique

Current Status

- ▶ Business plan has been completed
- ▶ Architectural impression has been done
- ▶ Site identification has done and approved by Tembe Tribal Authority
- ▶ The project has been listed on the municipality IDP
- ▶ EIA is underway

Ownership

- ▶ The development is championed and owned by the Royal Tembe Development Foundation on behalf of the Tembe Tribal Authority

Investment required

- ▶ Total investment for this development is estimated at ZAR 82 million

Project Requirement

- ▶ Equity and debt funding
- ▶ Management company
- ▶ To finalise EIA

