Keeping eMdloti Green
A Conservation Trust will be established by Tongaat Hullett to protect, rehabilitate and manage the forest portions of the overall precinct, including the Hawaan Forest, uMhlanga Forest and Forest 31.

Keeping eMdloti Eco-friendly
To ensure the area is water-wise in the future, eMdloti UIP will be looking into ways of removing invasive alien plants and replacing them with indigenous vegetation.

In 2007 heavy seas washed away the beachfront. Residents have partnered with eThekweni Municipality to reconstruct the fore dunes and replant them with dune vegetation. Residents have committed to financing, planting and watering the plants resulting in a beautiful beachfront.

Keeping the Beaches Blue
eMdloti Tidal Pool and Main Beach have been awarded pilot Blue Flag status, due to the good water quality and infrastructure. Full Blue Flag status will be applied for once the lifesavers building at the tidal pool has been constructed.

Keeping eMdloti’s Unique Lifestyle
Whether walking, surfing or just relaxing on the beach eMdloti residents enjoy a wonderful outdoor lifestyle and a close community spirit. This boutique village offers world-class restaurants from where you can watch dolphins and whales at play and well established accommodation facilities.

Members of the design review process are involved in the redesigning of the eMdloti entrance. Safe walkways and a park-and-ride system are being considered to overcome the limited parking. Many residents already opt to use scooters to get around the village.

The crystal clear Sweetwater River which runs into the heart of eMdloti, will be used to create a waterfront for restaurant patrons and pedestrians to enjoy.

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Our Vision
eMdloti is a unique, piece of heaven, nestled between the forest, the sea and two estuaries, accessed by one road with no tall buildings.
Here you get the feeling of being ‘away from it all’ where you can take a deep breath of sea air and relax, despite being only ten minutes from the airport and the busy hubs of uMhlanga and Ballito.
eMdloti Urban Improvement Project aims to upgrade the community by committing to cleaning and greening the area and improving security.
The UIP works alongside eThekweni Municipality, supplementing its services. It is an independent, non-profit company funded by voluntary donations from community members.

Keeping eMdloti Environmentally Unique
eMdloti is special as it has:
- A municipality proclaimed Marine Conservancy, unique to the KwaZulu-Natal coast
- Two pilot Blue Flag beaches
- The largest protected coastal forest in eThekweni - a unique stretch of undeveloped natural beauty between eMdloti and Peace Cottage near uMhlanga
- A tidal pool on North Beach which is unique in its size and the rock structure
- The Sweetwater River flowing into eMdloti Village
- Two estuaries where the uMhlanga and the eMdloti rivers enter the sea

Look, love and......leave it alone!
eMdloti Mussel Beds: The Oceanographic Research Institute closely monitors the mussel beds in the conservancy. The mussels have recovered significantly since the area was formally protected. This will benefit fishing in the adjacent areas. The closest protected mussel beds are in iSimangaliso Wetland Park.

Rocky Shore Conservation: The Coastal Zone is the most accessible part of the ocean to humans. Long term research of rocky shore organisms like zoanthids, is being undertaken by scientists to ensure effective decisions are made to manage this vulnerable ecosystem.

How You Can Help
- Help us enhance, secure and sustain eMdloti.
- Please leave the beach as you found it, or better still, cleaner.
- Take your litter home and recycle.
- To become a member of the eMdloti UIP email queries to: admin@emdlotiuip.co.za
- If you would like to get involved visit the website: www.emdlotiuip.co.za

Dune Rehabilitation: In 2007 a huge storm, with exceptionally high tides washed away the beach, dune vegetation and sections of Beach Road. Conservancy members have since taken on the challenge to rehabilitate the frontal dune areas with dune plants to stabilize the sand and protect infrastructure.

Humpback Whale Research: Scientists from Whale Time are researching the whales as they migrate north past eMdloti to breed in warm waters. Humpbacks whales have increased in number since South Africa stopped whaling, from 340 in 1975 to approximately 7000 today.

Conservation of Coastal Forests: Several scientific projects are being done in the pristine coastal forest. Research on tree species, the dynamics of the coastal terrestrial ecosystem and the effects of climate change on this system is essential to preserve pristine areas for our future.

Eco-tourism, The Future! An eco-tourism plan is being developed stretching from eMdloti Estuary to uMhlanga Estuary, preserving a sense of place for generations to come. This includes the tidal pool, the marine conservancy and the forest.

How privileged we are to be custodians of this protected piece of paradise!

A NO TAKE ZONE is a marine protected area permanently set aside from direct human disturbance, where all methods of fishing and the removal of any resources, living or dead is PROHIBITED.