

UMILA Association

UGU Mining Integrity Land Action = UMILA “Growth” in Zulu.

Guardians of KZN, South Coast, UGU's Land and Future.

Who we are:

The association is a public, non-profit organisation, (Registered as a PBO - Public Benefiting Organisation with SARS) established by a group of concerned citizens in response to 2025 prospecting applications across the UGU region.

We are dedicated to protecting, rehabilitating, and conserving the natural environment. Its purpose includes promoting environmental awareness, supporting education and training, and facilitating sustainable, community-driven projects. We strive to inform, grow, and connect as responsible custodians of our region, safeguarding the biodiversity that supports tourism, employment, wildlife, marine life, water quality, and food farming.

We identify with all communities, bring all people together making it inclusive. We collate legal expertise from attorney's, law clinic's and legal firms whilst including other environmental activism and professional groups.

Our vision is to ensure that any mining or prospecting in our area is carried out responsibly, ethically, and sustainably, in the best interests of both our environment and our communities.

Who we represent:

We serve as an umbrella body, bringing together information and insight from across our region, whilst keeping a vigilant watch over environmental activities – along the coastline, farmlands and inland areas, this includes traditional homelands.

We rely on the experience, commitment, and collective wisdom of dedicated citizens who share a deep concern for our natural heritage.

To date, the following organisations have joined our efforts and contributed to our cause: Southbroom Ratepayers Association, Izotsha Farmers Association, Paddock and Plains Farmers Association, Alfred Country Farmers Association, Marina Beach Ratepayers Association, Hibberdene Farmers Association, Illovo Sugar Head Office, Sezele Sugar Cane Growers, Nazareth Baptist Church, the Mathulini Communal Property Restitution Settlement landowners, and Kembali Farms. We are also in the

process of building a constructive and respectful relationship with the Ingonyama Trust.

Our Priorities:

To maintain a proactive and community driven approach in ensure long-term prosperity for our region.

To keep a vigilant eye and ear on all prospecting and mining applications, ensuring transparency and accountability at every stage.

Submit meaningful comment reports with credibility to relevant authorities. We achieve this by collecting field research, and commissioning field specialists in hydrology, geology, climate-change impacts on the South Coast, marine and estuarine systems, water-quality management, as accredited information.

All this information will be made available to our members.

Our aim is to foster job creation, strengthening local revenue, and supporting true community sustainability.

How to join our movement

Donate, fundraise, volunteer and share on social.

We are looking for all the help we can get. Your contribution will be hugely appreciated and will go a long way in the fight.

Whether you are an individual or company looking to make an impact, there is an option for you to assist us and get involved.

Donate/Fundraise

Donations can be done: Once off, Monthly or annually

Financial transparency and ethics:

- All funds are used strictly for the UMILA's mandate.
 - Payments require dual authorization.
 - Annual financial statements are independently reviewed or audited.
- If our work resonates with you, we urge you to consider us as a partner and contribute monthly/annually towards our cause.
- UMILA is a registered non-profit organisation and is registered with SARS (South African Revenue Service) as a PBO (Public Benefit Organisation) which will entitle

companies to tax benefits on their contributions, for which we can issue tax certificates.

- Donations above R10 000 make the donor, eligible for one vote at a general meeting thereby becoming custodian.

BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

First National Bank (252155)

Trust Acc name: B J R Burt Attorneys

Account no: 51100087290

Reference: UMILA (surname & Region) NB

Send POP to community fundraiser , cc lianne@lantic.net, cc glynis@bjrburt.co.za,
marissa - mejloubser@gmail.com

Volunteer

Some things you can offer to do include hosting a community conversation, creating content, raising funds, or start a local group.

Please contact us on 063 917 1548 or umilainfo@gmail.com