



NORTH WEST INFORMATION DATABASE PROJECT

The project was one of the successful and achievable projects in the province. The project was funded by Finish Government. The aim of the project was to develop a comprehensive provincial heritage database called the North West heritage Resources Information System (NW-HRIS). The focus was on the provision of rapid access to accurate and geo-reference (GIS) data about cultural, historical, and natural sites and their protection status. In complete the project various stakeholders were involved in the project that includes students from North West University, North West Department of Social Services, Arts, Culture and Sport, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Environment.

The project started in January 2004 and was completed by August 2004 and launched in September 2004. The project was managed by SAHRA North West offices under the championship of Ntsizi November and was completed by Julia Dipale. The SRK Consultants were appointed for the project. The project led to the identification and mapping of many previously unrecorded Heritage resources, significantly enlarging the knowledge pool of heritage in this part of the country.

The data base project shall provide a useable resource for planners, developers and heritage professionals as well as a tool for the general dissemination of information about heritage resources for Tourism and Education.

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