

XOLOBENI: “WE WILL DIE FOR OUR LAND”

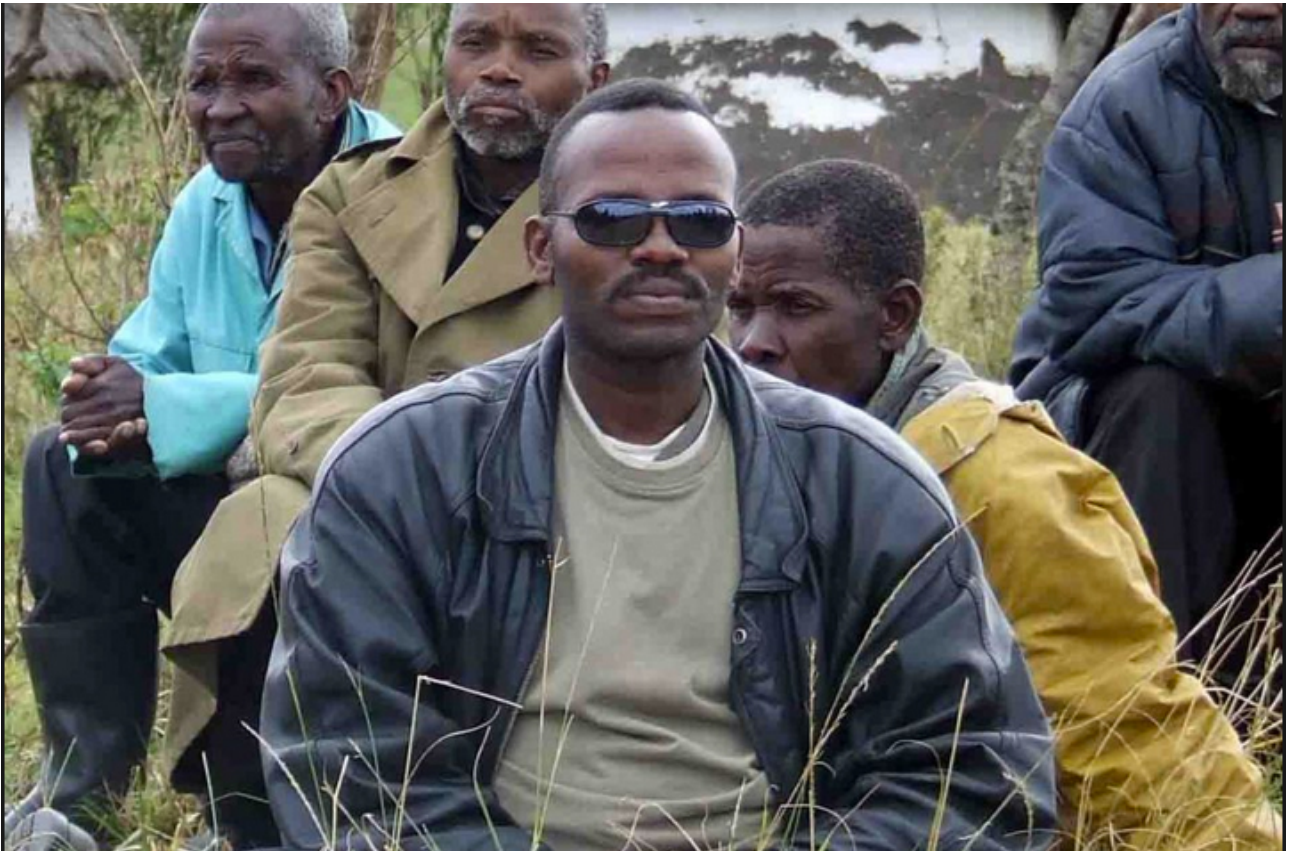
A Wild Coast community in South Africa associates a decade of violence in their area with plans by Australia's MRC to mine titanium from dunes



Australian business interests and individuals are believed to be complicit in conducting acts of unlawful and undemocratic intimidation, harassment, threats, and extreme violence against South African environmental and human rights defenders.



The recent murder of popular anti-mining activist and chairman of the Amadiba Crisis Committee (ACC), Sikhosiphi Bazooka Rhadebe on 22 March 2016, appears to be an instance of this.



What is being threatened is a region with a remarkable seascape and inlands, which are rich in species endemism and very rare plants.



PLEASE, TAKE ACTION NOW!

Tell the Australian Government to urgently initiate an inquiry into MRC activities in South Africa.

Send your message to:

The Australian High Commission

Pretoria

Email: pretoria.info@dfat.gov.au and to consular.pretoria@dfat.gov.au

Tell MRC (Mineral Commodities Limited) and its executive director, Mr. Mark Caruso to desist from mining the Pondoland Wild Coast in South Africa's Eastern Cape Province



Mineral Commodities Limited (MRC Ltd)

Australian Office: info@mineralcommodities.com

South African Office: projects@mineralcommodities.com

Note: See attached letter by the NGO 'Sustaining the Wild Coast' (SWC) to the Australian High Commission, on which you can base your own letter.

WHAT ELSE YOU CAN DO

Sign the online petition:

<https://tinyurl.com/acc-solidarity-endorse>

Appeal to your networks and to the general public to contact the highest offices of the Department of Mineral Resources (DMR) and inundate them with demands to intervene to stop the mining right application process and to protect the anti-mining activists and communities. Here are the contact details of the highest offices of the DMR:

Minister of Mineral Resources: Mr Mosebenzi Zwane

Tel: 012 444 3999

Fax: 012 444 3145

Email: Queen.Poolo@dmr.gov.za (PA)

Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources: Mr Godfrey Oliphant

Tel: 012 444 3956

Fax: 012 341 2228

Email: Kefilwe.Chibogo@dmr.gov.za (PA)

Acting Director-General: Department of Mineral Resources: Mr David Msiza

Tel: 012 444 3000

Fax: 012 341 2228

Email: david.msiza@dmr.gov.za / Nwabisa.Qwanyashe@dmr.gov.za (PA)
/ Khayaletu.Matrose@dmr.gov.za (Director: Office of the DG)

Contribute to the Solidarity Fund for "Defender of Commons" SIKHOSIPHI BAZOOKA RHADEBE

The Amadiba Crisis Committee (ACC) urgently requires funds to assist Bazooka's family, for transport, and for continuing the struggle and protecting activists in this dangerous moment. You can make donations to the following bank account. Please include the reference as 'Bazooka Cause'. Please also forward this request for financial assistance on to your networks as well as funding agencies that may be willing to support the ACC.

Sustaining the Wild Coast

First National Bank Randburg

Account no: 62157997639

Code: 254005

Swift: FIRZAJJ

Physical address: cnr Main Ave/Republic Rd, Randburg, South Africa

In Solidarity,

The CALG Team

Coalition against Land Grabbing - Philippines