



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NOTICE

Proposed Review of the Goukou Estuary Zonation Scheme

Hessequa Municipality invites all interested and affected parties to participate in the review of the current Goukou Estuary zonation scheme.

Purpose of the Review

The review is being undertaken to improve safety for all estuary users and to reflect current usage patterns. Over recent years, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of non-motorised vessels, including canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards, particularly in the area between the bridge and the estuary mouth.

As a result, the Municipality is assessing whether the existing Ski and No-Wake zones remain appropriate and whether amendments are required to enhance safety, minimise conflicts between different user groups, and better accommodate current recreational use patterns.

Documents Available for Review

The following maps are attached for public comment:

- Existing zonation map (Annexure A)
- Proposed zonation alternatives (Annexure B)

Why Are Changes Being Considered?

The review seeks to:

- Enhance safety for all users of the estuary;
- Address increasing use by non-motorised vessels;
- Reduce potential conflicts between motorised and non-motorised craft;
- Improve safety in high usage areas;
- Ensure that the zonation scheme reflects current usage patterns; and
- Promote responsible and sustainable recreational use of the estuary.

Public Participation Period

The public participation process will be open from:

01 September 2026 to 31 January 2027

This extended consultation period is intended to ensure that both permanent residents and the significant number of seasonal visitors using the estuary during the December holiday season are afforded an opportunity to participate.

Invitation to Comment

All estuary users, residents, property owners, clubs, associations and interested parties are encouraged to submit comments, suggestions or alternative proposals for consideration.

Closing Date for Comments: 31 January 2027

Comments may be submitted to:

Email: bootpermit@hessequa.gov.za

Hand Delivered: drop-off point at the Goukou Public Slipway (kiosk)

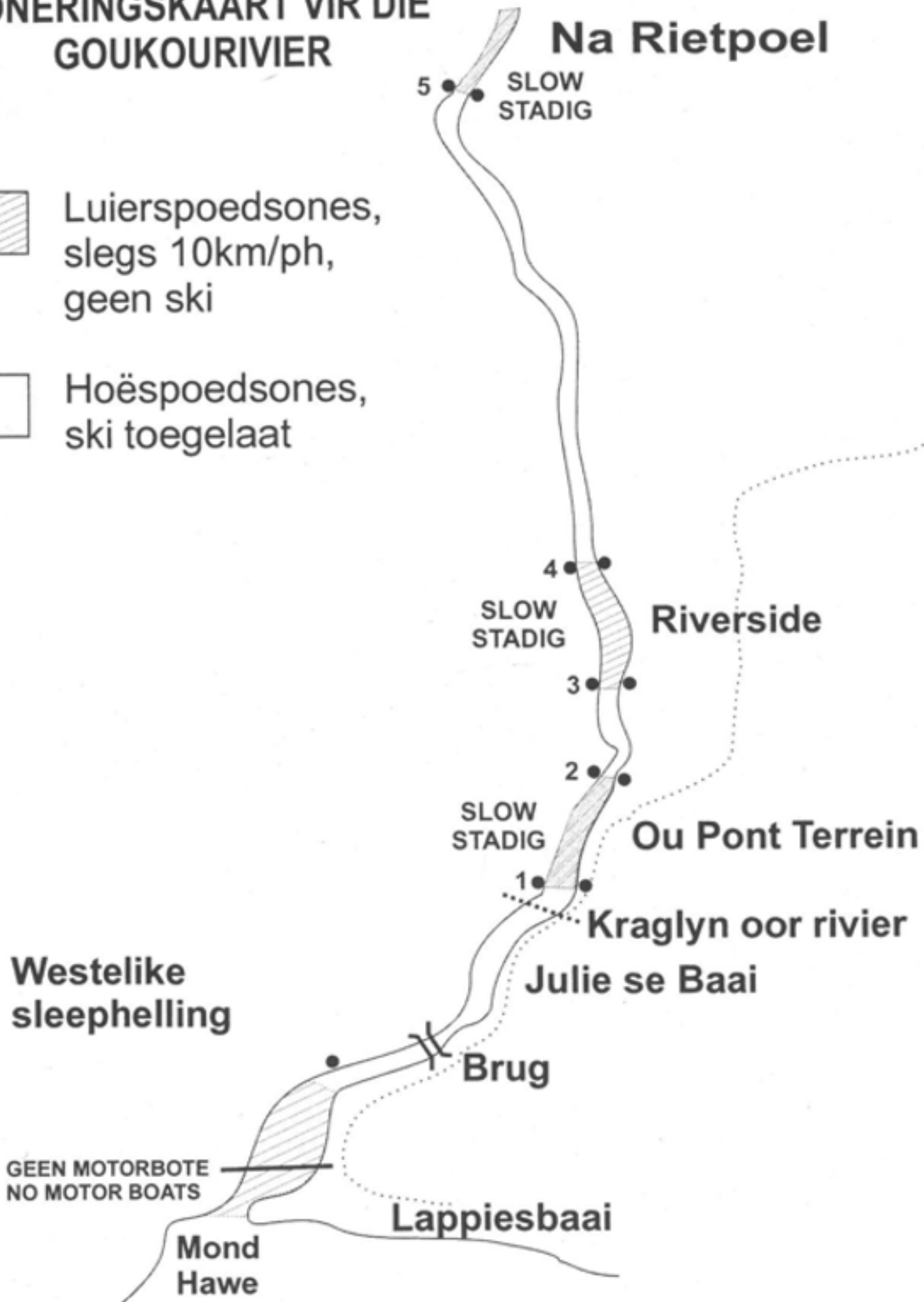
Your input will assist in shaping the future zonation of the Goukou Estuary and contribute to a safer and more enjoyable environment for all users.



EXISTING ZONATION MAP (ANNEXURE A)

SONERINGSKAART VIR DIE GOUKOURIVIER

-  Luierspoedsones,
slegs 10km/ph,
geen ski
-  Hoëspoedsones,
ski toegelaat





PROPOSED ZONATION ALTERNATIVES (ANNEXURE B)

