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### ENQUIRY RESPONSE

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<b>Subject:</b> TNPA Maydon Wharf Upgrade DMOSS Query	<b>Address:</b> Maydon Wharf Berths 5-11 & 15
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The site is covered entirely by the Durban Metropolitan Open Space System (D'MOSS). The site is situated within an Estuarine Zone hence its inclusion within D'MOSS. The site has been previously disturbed as it is used for docking ships & vessels and development footprint has been previously dredged to acquire the required depth.

This department does not have any objections in principle to the proposed upgrade of the TNPA Maydon Wharf, Berths 5 – 11 & 15 provided the following comments are addressed to this departments' satisfaction:

- An approval must be obtained from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE) should the upgrade require any dredging activity to be conducted.
- An Environmental Management Programme (EMPr) that identifies all the potential environmental impacts and proposed mitigation measures for the proposed upgrade must be submitted to this department for comments.
- Implement measures to prevent water pollution, including spill prevention and response plans. This would include:
  - Develop and implement detailed dredging plans that minimize environmental impact.
  - Test sediments for contaminants before dredging to determine appropriate disposal or treatment methods.
  - Ensure safe and environmentally sound disposal or reuse of dredged materials.
  - Continuous monitoring of water quality to detect and address pollution incidents.
- Protect critical habitats such as coral reefs, seagrass beds, and mangroves during construction and operation.
- Implement habitat restoration projects to compensate for any damage caused by the upgrading activities.
- Appoint an Environmental Compliance Officer (ECO) to monitor the proposed construction and the implementation of the EMPr.
- Submit environmental monitoring reports to DFFE, eThekweni Municipality Biodiversity Management Department and other stakeholders related to the project.

Yours Sincerely,

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Please note that this is an initial desktop response to your enquiry, provided in order to guide your action. It is submitted largely from a biodiversity perspective, and as such there may be other departments, including planning who may also have concerns that need to be addressed. This office will make an official comment to Planning on submission of any formal application submitted by you to the planning offices. **These comments are valid for three years from the date of issue.**