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During the 2022/2023 financial year, Umzimvubu Local Municipality carried out the implementation of the Donga Rehabilitation programme across KwaBhaca and EmaXesibeni.

The Municipality appointed a service provider to identify and further eradicate large dongas that formed along the road which posed a significant public safety risk. The dongas have also become sites for pollution and have resulted in siltation of the river due to soil erosion.

The aim of the Donga Rehabilitation project is to rehabilitate the damage caused by soil erosion in the area. Since the establishment of this project, the Municipality has been able to employ a minimum of 35 individuals at Cabazana, Lugelweni and Nqalweni.

The year-long project promises a good return on investment as it would improve the status and functioning of the freshwater ecosystem. This would further improve water quality and quantity as well as enhance public safety through the installation of disaster risk preventative infrastructure. The 1-million-rand investment is predominately rural and expected to be complete by the end of June 2023.

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