



MEC Basikopo Makamu together with Bela-Bela Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr. Gloria Seleka visited Mabalingwe Nature Reserve following the recent fire that engulfed the reserve.



One of the 50 households that burnt down during the Mabalingwe Nature Reserve fire disaster.



The fire burnt 5000 hectares of the Mabalingwe Nature Reserve.



The fire burnt 5000 hectares of the Mabalingwe Nature Reserve.

## COGHSTA OFFERS SUPPORT TO GUTTED MABALINGWE NATURE RESERVE BY FIRE

Following veld fires that affected 5000 hectares of Mabalingwe Nature Reserve in Bela-Bela, MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Basikopo Makamu accompanied by Bela-Bela Local Municipality Mayor, Cllr. Gloria Seleka visited the affected area to assess the extent of the damage on 27 September 2023.

Giving his remarks before embarking on a drive around the nature reserve to assess the damage, MEC for CoGHSTA commended stake-

holders for their undivided support to extinguish fire. MEC Makamu alluded that a recovery plan will be developed to save jobs as the Nature Reserve is a tourist attraction and one of the popular economic hubs in the province. "I will further engage with MECs for the Limpopo Departments of Agriculture and Economic Development as they would have better assistance for the 50 households that were destroyed by fire and surviving game on the reserve.