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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

7TH ANNUAL UMTHAYI MARULA FESTIVAL

The uMthayi Marula Festival is a traditional African celebration of the harvesting of the marula fruit in the Kwa-Ngwanase district, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. The Marula season begins each year in mid-February and continues until May, bringing with it a celebration of the harvest of the marula fruit.



From left Amajuba District Mayor Clrr Musa Ngubane, Mr Michael Mabuyakhulu, KZN MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Mr Sihle Zikalala, KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Themba Mthembu and Umhlabuyalingana Local Municipality Mayor Clrr Nkululeko Mthethwa arriving at Emfihlweni Royal Residence for the 7th uMthayi Marula Festival



Inkosi Tembe officially opening the uMthayi Marula Festival by allowing KZN MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Mr Sihle Zikalala, KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Themba Mthembu and Umhlabuyalingana Local Municipality Mayor Clrr Nkululeko Mthethwa to taste the Marula drink at the Emfihlweni Royal Residence



Inkosi Mabhudu Tembe, KZN MEC for Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs Mr Sihle Zikalala and KZN MEC for Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Themba Mthembu taste the Marula drink at the Emfihlweni Royal Residence



Inkosi Mabhudu Tembe accompanied by regiments singing praises at the Emfihlweni Royal Residence



Queen Busisiwe Tembe accompanied by elderly mothers arriving with Marula Bottles at the Emfihlweni Royal Residence



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