

Is maroelamedia.co.za legit? TrustSniffer's high-trust assessment: 100/100

maroelamedia.co.za

Verdict

100

OUT OF 100

HIGH TRUST

maroelamedia.co.za appears legitimate.

Our checks found nothing pointing to fraud. Ordinary care still applies when you pay or sign in.

Not Scam

Safe for Login

Low Risk

Assessed 2026-08-12 by automated analysis. Classification confidence 55%.

What this site appears to be

Maroela Media is an Afrikaans online news portal offering regional and international news, opinion, lifestyle, sport, agriculture and entertainment content. The site includes account login/registration, newsletters, a shop and promotional/competition pages. Editorial branding and press-council references are present.

Evidence status and limitations

Evidence completeness: UNKNOWN

- The real-world operator identity was not independently verified.
- Module-level completeness metadata is unavailable for this legacy report.

At a glance

The checks that decide most of this verdict.

Malware engines	None flagged it VirusTotal	CLEAR
Google Safe Browsing	Not listed Google	CLEAR
Abuse reports on the host	0 reports AbuseIPDB; shared hosting inflates this count	NOTED
Domain age	16 years old Registered history	CLEAR
Web archive	Never archived No public history of this site	WATCH

The page as captured

No screenshot is retained for this report.

Key findings

- Automated classification: Not Scam.
- Domain age: more than 10 years (registration continuity).
- No flags from the reputation services TrustSniffer consulted at assessment time.
- The operator behind the site could not be independently connected to a real-world brand or person.

Full analysis

Overview

Maroela Media is an Afrikaans regional news and media website presenting South African and international news, opinion, agriculture, business, sport, lifestyle, entertainment, radio and community content; its apparent business model combines editorial publishing with advertising, reader support, promotions, competitions and an online shop.

Scam/Impersonation Risk

No contradictions were observed. The homepage exhibits a coherent editorial identity and substantial topic coverage rather than a narrowly constructed credential or payment lure, while the available login, registration and password-reset functions showed no hidden forms, untrusted destinations or externally submitted password forms. The site's apparent online footprint and clean external reputation are consistent with an established publisher, and no brand-impersonation, phishing or malicious-content indicators were identified. This supports the high-trust classification, while not independently proving the real-world operator's identity.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage presents named editorial sections covering news, opinion, agriculture, business, sport, food, entertainment, radio and lifestyle.
- The account functionality includes login, registration, password reset, newsletter signup and polling, with no sensitive form directed to an untrusted destination.
- External reputation checks recorded zero malicious and zero suspicious detections, no phishing-site indication, and no confirmed blacklist signal.
- The domain registration record shows registration in 2010 and an age of 15.96 years.

Regulatory Verification Notes

The website presents editorial branding, "About us" material, legal notices and references to a press council, which are consistent with a functioning news publisher. Available evidence does not independently verify the legal entity operating the site, and no publishing or other regulatory licence number was identified; for this business model, that is a transparency and verification point rather than evidence of fraud. The registrar record names RSAWEB Internet Services and RSAWEB (Pty) Ltd, but that registration detail should not be treated as

proof that RSAWEB operates the publication. A third-party broker dataset produced no match, which is contextual only and not a licensing determination.

EVIDENCE

- The homepage and navigation expose “About us,” legal-notice, editorial, promotional and contact pathways.
- The domain is registered through RSAWEB Internet Services, with RSAWEB (Pty) Ltd shown in the registration record.
- The site is served from AS13335 (Cloudflare, Inc.; CLOUDFLARENET).
- The transport certificate is issued by WE1, uses DV validation, and is valid to 2026-10-13T03:27:49+00:00.

What to Verify Next

Before credential or payment interactions, independently confirm the publisher’s legal entity and official contact channels through a reliable corporate or industry source rather than relying solely on on-site claims. For any shop transaction, review the applicable return, refund and fulfilment terms and use a payment method with appropriate purchase protection. Account users should also confirm that the account domain and password-reset flow remain consistent with the intended publisher before submitting credentials.

EVIDENCE

- The site provides an “About us” pathway and legal notices that can be compared with independently obtained publisher information.
- The site includes both account-registration and shop functionality, creating separate identity, account-security and merchant-protection checks.
- Editorial and press-council references provide specific institutional claims suitable for independent confirmation.

Summary Verdict

The overall posture is **high trust and low risk**, and the available evidence is consistent with an established, apparently legitimate website. The classification supports ordinary browsing and routine site interaction, but the operator's real-world identity remains unverified and the trust conclusion should not be treated as proof of ownership.

Infrastructure Integrity

The site uses Cloudflare CDN/WAF infrastructure, with observed addresses attributable to CDN edge servers and no origin candidate exposed in the analysis. This is a mitigating infrastructure control that reduces direct origin exposure, but it is not, by itself, evidence of legitimacy.

EVIDENCE

- Four observed IP addresses resolved as CDN edge infrastructure, with 0 likely origin candidates.
- The hosting path uses Cloudflare CDN/WAF protection behind AS13335.

Closing Assessment

Normal editorial use is proportionate to the current assessment; credentials and purchases should follow the ordinary independent identity, merchant-policy and payment-protection checks described above.

Written analysis generated 2026-08-12 by the TrustSniffer Analysis Engine from the evidence in this report.

What the analysis found

No rule findings contributed to this verdict.

Identity verification

Status	UNVERIFIED
Identity score	30/100
Identity verification confidence	50%

- No on-site identity signals detected

Identity verification measures whether the site can be independently connected to a real-world brand or person. It is separate from the classification confidence.

What TrustSniffer observed

First-party facts recorded during the assessment of maroelamedia.co.za.

- The request stayed on maroelamedia.co.za. It was not redirected to another domain. CLEAR
- Registration is published under RSAWEB Internet Services. CLEAR
- DNS for this domain is served by cloudflare.com, across 2 name servers. NOTED
- The registration is paid up to 2026-08-30. NOTED
- It is hosted on CLOUDFLARENET, from a server in US. NOTED

Domain intelligence

Registrar	RSAWEB Internet Services
Hosting	CLOUDFLARENET - Cloudflare, Inc., US
Country	US
Server IP	2606:4700:10::6814:20b5
Name servers	hattie.ns.cloudflare.com, nolan.ns.cloudflare.com
SSL issuer	WE1
SSL expiry	2026-10-13
Domain age	15.96 years (continuous registration)
Domain expiry	2026-08-30
Archive first seen	Not available
Archive snapshots	0

About this assessment

A trust score summarises the evidence TrustSniffer could collect about maroelamedia.co.za at assessment time. It is a starting point for your own judgement, not a guarantee: a high score means the signals were consistent with a legitimately operated site, a low or critical score means several risk patterns were present.

TrustSniffer assesses a website from the evidence it can collect at a point in time: domain registration and age, hosting and certificate, the content the site served, and third-party reputation feeds. A score is a summary of that evidence, not a guarantee and not a legal finding. There is no human rating and no user review in it. A site can change after it is assessed.

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