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MOMENTUM BUILDS UP WELL FOR SANParks TCMF REVIEW PROCESS

Following the announcement of commencement of a stakeholder and public engagement process for the review of the Tokai Cecilia Management Framework (TCMF), South African National Parks (SANParks) says it has received an overwhelming response from various groups and individuals wishing to participate in the review process.

This according to SANParks Table Mountain National Park (TMNP) manager, Frans van Rooyen, who reported that over 135 user groups and individuals have already registered to participate in the review process. The registration period remains open until November 2021.

SANParks was formally assigned management of the State owned Tokai and Cecilia plantations as part of the TMNP on 11 February 2005 by the then Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry. According to van Rooyen, “As vital management sections of TMNP, a consultative management framework is required to find realistic and viable options and scenarios for the future of Tokai and Cecilia areas.”

To launch the engagement and to familiarise stakeholders with the review process, SANParks will hold a hybrid in-person and online meeting on Tuesday 25 May 2021 at Kirstenbosch Gardens. Due to covid regulations, registration is required for in-person attendance. Van Rooyen emphasized that, “It is important for the public to distinguish registration for this particular in-person meeting from registration as a stakeholder. The call for stakeholder registration remains open for the next 6 months.”

He said all who register for the meeting will automatically be registered as stakeholders for future communications and meetings notifications.

“We encourage everyone to take an interest in management of the Tokai Cecilia areas and to become part of setting the context for managing these areas over the next 20 years. They are beautiful and invaluable nature spaces, and we’re encouraged to see and share the great care our stakeholders have for them,” van Rooyen concluded.

Interested parties can email TCMF@sanparks.org.za or visit https://www.sanparks.org/parks/table_mountain/about/tokai-cecilia.php for more information.

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