

PUBLIC NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)

CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO ADOPT THE GENERIC ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK AS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT INSTRUMENT AND TO EXCLUDE IDENTIFIED ACTIVITIES FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN AN ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION

The Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment is consulting on the Minister's intention to adopt the Generic Environmental Management Programme for the Kruger National Park 2025, revision 0 (GEMPr) as an environmental management instrument and based on compliance with this instrument, to exclude the South African National Parks, from the requirement to obtain environmental authorisation for identified activities, based on certain conditions and thresholds.

This Notice contains a revised version of the Exclusion Notice and GEMPr published in terms of Government Notice No. 5234 in *Government Gazette* No. 51307 of 27 September 2024, for public comment, and reflects the incorporation of amendments made based on the second call for public comment.

The main amendments made as a result of the comments received are as follows:

- The identified activities to be excluded have been included in an Appendix to the Notice, which Notice now provides the activity numbers and project types to be excluded;
- The specific identification of activities that will not fall within the scope of the exclusion has been removed as the Notice now comprehensively details the specific identified activities and project types that will fall within the scope of the exclusion from the requirement to obtain environmental authorisation; and
- A footnote has been added to identify where documents used in the preparation of the GEMPr can be accessed.

Comments can be submitted within 30 days from the date of publication of the Government Notice in the *Government Gazette*, or the date of this notice, whichever occurs last, by e-mail to smoganetsi@dffe.gov.za or delivered to Environment House, 473 Steve Biko Road, Pretoria. Comments received after the specified timeframe may not be considered.

Documents, including the comments and responses report can be accessed at: https://www.dffe.gov.za/projectsprogrammes/environmental_management_instruments and https://www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted_notices.

Any enquiries in connection with the Notice or requests for a hard copy of the Notice can be directed to Mr Simon Moganetsi at the following email address: smoganetsi@dffe.gov.za

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The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act. Comments received and responses thereto will be included in the comments and responses report which will be made available to the public. If a commenting party has any objection to his or her name, or the name of the represented company/ organisation being made publicly available in the comments and responses report, such objection should be indicated as part of the comments submitted.