

**NOTICE 1017 OF 2012****INKOMATI CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY****GOVERNMENT NOTICE****PROPOSED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: INKOMATI WATER MANAGEMENT AREA:  
INVITATION FOR WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Inkomati Catchment Management Agency (ICMA) was established in terms of section 78(1) of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 by the then Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry, Mr Ronald Kasrils under Government Notice No. 397 of 26 March 2004 in Government Gazette No. 26185.

According to the above Government Notice the area of operation of the ICMA included all the properties in respect of which any person was entitled to use water by virtue of entitlements in terms of section 22(1) of the National Water Act from –

- (i) the Sabie-Sand-, Crocodile (East)-, Komati River-, Nwaswitsontso- and Nwanedzi Catchments (Primary drainage region X); and
- (ii) any other water resource situated outside the area described in paragraph (i) above, which water resource and accompanying area the Department of Water Affairs or the responsible authority may require the ICMA to control,

and which was situated in the Water Management Area number 5 in the Province of Mpumalanga, southern part of the Limpopo Province and the northern part of the Kingdom of Swaziland.

With the municipal elections in March 2006, the provincial and municipal boundaries were re-demarcated. With this process that part of the area of the ICMA that was within the southern part of Limpopo became part of Mpumalanga.

In terms of section 8 of the National Water Act 36 of 1998 the catchment management agency must, by notice in the Government Gazette, establish a catchment management strategy for the protection, use, development, conservation, management and control of water resources within its water management area. This establishment must be done with the written consent of the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, which was obtained.

As part of the process to establish the catchment management strategy, a summary of the proposed catchment management strategy as set out in the Schedule below is published in terms of section 8(5) of the National Water Act, inviting written comments on the proposed catchment management strategy of which copies can be obtained for inspection at the following venues:

- Umjindi Municipal Library in Barberton
- Mbombela Municipal Libraries in White River and Hazyview
- Mbombela Civic Centre in Nelspruit
- Emakhazeni Municipal Libraries in Belfast and Waterval Boven
- Bushbuckridge Civic Centre in Bushbuckridge

- Acornhoek Municipal Regional Office of Bushbuckridge Local Municipality
- Thaba Chweu Municipal Library in Sabie
- Nkomazi Municipal Libraries in Malalane and Mzinti
- Chief Albert Luthuli Municipal Libraries in Carolina and Badplaas

The proposed catchment management strategy can also be viewed and downloaded from the ICMA internet website at the following address:

<http://www.inkomaticma.co.za>

(Please note that the CMS documents comprise of the main content, appendices and executive summary)

Any person who has a desire to submit comments on the proposed catchment management strategy, may do so in writing to the Chief Executive Officer, Inkomati Catchment Management Agency, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Maxsa Building, corner of Streak and Ferreira Streets, Private Bag X11214, Nelspruit, 1200 by not later than 15 April 2013.

Enquiries can be directed to Marius Kolesky at telephone number 013 753 9000 or email address [koleskym@inkomaticma.co.za](mailto:koleskym@inkomaticma.co.za).

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## **SCHEDULE**

### **SUMMARY OF THE ICMA CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (CMS)**

The CMS lays out medium to long term strategic action programmes to achieve water use that is sustainable, equitable and efficient. The Strategy sets out principles for allocating water to users and takes into account all matters relevant to the protection, use, development, conservation, management and control of water resources.

The CMS consists of four parts. Part A consists of the Foundation Information that provides an understanding of the type and current state of water resources in the Inkomati Catchment. It provides stakeholders with the basis for collectively deciding what the water resources should be like in the future.

Parts B to D explain how the Inkomati Catchment Management Agency (ICMA), in collaboration with all stakeholders, will go about achieving this shared desired future. Part B presents sub-strategies that deal directly with managing the water resource (e.g. water use registration and licencing; pollution control; water pricing; Reserve implementation; water quality objectives; compliance, monitoring and enforcement and principles for allocating water).

Parts C and D provide the sub-strategies that facilitate information management and monitoring; finances; programmes for stakeholder engagement and empowerment and those for practising co-operative governance with partner institutions.

The format of the CMS is as follows:

PART A: Background Information and Situation Assessment

Chapter 1 Introduction  
Chapter 2 Catchment Description  
Chapter 3 Water Resources and Use  
Chapter 4 Catchment Assessment  
Chapter 5 Visioning

PART B: Water Resource Management Sub-Strategies

Chapter 6 Water Resource Protection  
Chapter 7 Regulating Water Use

PART C: Facilitating Strategies

Chapter 8 Public Engagement  
Chapter 9 Monitoring and Information Management  
Chapter 10 Funding Integrated Water Resources Management

PART D: Integration Strategy

Chapter 11 Co-operative Relationships

The CMS must not be in conflict with the National Water Resource Strategy, be reviewed from time to time (not exceeding five years) and include a water allocation plan which includes a set of principles for allocating water to existing and prospective users, taking into account all matters relevant to the protection, use, development, conservation, management and control of water resources inside the ICMA's water management area.