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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

NO. 1145

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003  
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****DRAFT NOTICE DECLARING THE TSITSIKAMMA NATIONAL PARK MARINE  
PROTECTED AREA UNDER SECTION 22A OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)**

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs, hereby publish for public comment, in terms of section 22B of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), the intention to withdraw the existing Tsitsikamma Marine Protected Area declared in stipulation 2(19) of *Government Gazette* 21948, Notice No. 1429 of 29 December 2000, and to declare under section 22A of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), the Tsitsikamma National Park Marine Protected Area as set out in the Schedule hereto.

Any person who wishes to submit representations or comments in connection with the proposed declaration is invited to do so by no later than 16h00 on **MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016**. Comments received after this time may not be considered. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs, Branch Oceans and Coasts:

**By post to:**                    **The Deputy Director-General  
Environmental Affairs  
Oceans and Coasts  
Attention: Xola Mkefe  
P.O Box 52126  
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**By hand:**                    **East Pier Building 2, East Pier Road, V&A Waterfront,  
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**BOMO EDITH EDNA MOLEWA  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

## SCHEDULE

All geographic co-ordinates are determined in accordance with the WGS 84 datum, and all bearings are true bearings as set out in Annexure 1 hereto.

### Boundaries of the Marine Protected Area

The Tsitsikamma National Park Marine Protected Area straddles the Eastern Cape and Western Cape Provinces. It comprises the area from the western bank of the mouth of the Groot River (in the Eastern Cape) westwards along the high water mark to Die Punt, Nature's Valley (in the Western Cape) and extends seawards to a distance approximately 3 nautical miles offshore (with a depth range 0-100m). The Marine Protected Area is adjacent to and lies south of the Tsitsikamma National Park. The Marine Protected Area comprises the area bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following five coordinates: (A) 34° 3' 36.00" S, 24° 11' 39.90" E; (E) 34° 6' 36.00" S, 24° 11' 39.90" E; (D) 34° 1' 49.02" S, 23° 38' 51.42" E; (C) 34° 2' 0.00" S, 23° 34' 33.66" E; and (B) 33° 59' 0.00" S, 23° 34' 33.66" E; and then by a line running along the high-water mark back to co-ordinate A (Figure 1 in Annexure 1). The Marine Protected Area includes the sea bed, water column and subsoil within these boundaries.

### Purpose

The purpose for declaring this Marine Protected Area is:

- (a) To contribute to a national and global representative system of marine protected areas by providing protection to the coastal and offshore benthic and pelagic ecosystems of the Agulhas Inshore Bioregion;
- (b) to conserve and protect threatened ecosystems;
- (c) to conserve and protect the biodiversity and ecological processes associated with these ecosystems;
- (d) to protect and regulate access to a scenic area which contributes to eco-tourism;
- (e) to protect the cultural heritage of the coastline;
- (f) to facilitate species management by protecting spawning stock and nursery areas for fish species and allowing stock recovery and enhancing intertidal and subtidal resource abundance in adjacent areas;
- (g) to protect and provide an appropriate reference environment for research and monitoring. This includes research to assess biodiversity status, the impact of limited recreational fishing access in controlled areas, and resource recovery in areas where there is no access to resources; and
- (h) to restrict or prohibit activities that may have an adverse effect on species, ecosystems and ecological processes.

**Annexure 1:**  
**Fig. 1. The proposed boundaries for the Tsitsikamma National Park Marine Protected Area.**



**Table 1. The exact geographic coordinates (WGS 84) of points A, E, D, C, B in Fig 1.**

<b>Point</b>	<b>Degrees Minutes Seconds</b>		<b>Decimal Degrees</b>		<b>Degrees Minutes</b>	
	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>	<b>Latitude</b>
A	24° 11' 39.90" E	34° 3' 36.00" S	24.19442	-34.06000	24°11.6652' E	34°0.0036' S
B	23° 34' 33.66" E	33° 59' 0.00" S	23.57602	-33.98333	23°34.5612' E	33°58.9998' S
C	23° 34' 33.66" E	34° 2' 0.00" S	23.57602	-34.03333	23°34.5612' E	34°1.9998' S
D	23° 38' 51.42" E	34° 1' 49.02" S	23.64762	-34.03028	23°38.8572' E	34°1.8168' S
E	24° 11' 39.90" E	34° 6' 36.00" S	24.19442	-34.11000	24°11.6652' E	34°0.0066' S