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DECLARATION OF A LIST OF NATIONAL FOREST TYPES AS NATURAL FORESTS IN TERMS OF SECTION 7(3)(a) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998), AS AMENDED

By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 7(3)(a) of the National Forests Act, 1998, 1, Lindiwe Benedicta Hendricks, Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry hereby declare the natural forest types set out in schedule A below as natural forests.

The effect of this declaration is that in terms of section 7(1) of the National Forests Act, 1998, no person may cut, disturb, damage or destroy any indigenous tree in, or remove or receive any such tree from a natural forest except in terms of :-

- (a) a license issued under subsection (4) or section 23; or
- (b) an exemption from the provisions of subsection (4) published by the Minister in the Gazette.

SCHEDULE A

I: SOUTHERN AFROTEMPERATE FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz I)
I1: Western Cape Talus Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz I1) I2: Western Cape Afrot temperate Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz I2) I3: Southern Cape Afrot temperate Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz I3)
II: NORTHERN AFROTEMPERATE FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz II)
II1: Marekele Afromontane Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz II1) II2: Northern Highveld Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz II2) II3: Drakensberg Montane Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz II3) II4: Low Escarpment Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz II4)
III: SOUTHERN MISTBELT FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz III)
III1: Eastern Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz III1) III2: Transkei Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz III2) III3: Amatole Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz III4)
IV: NORTHERN MISTBELT FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz IV)
IV1: Northern Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz IV1) IV2: Mpumalanga Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz IV2)
V: SCARP FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz V)
V1: Eastern Scarp Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz V1) V2: Pondoland Scarp Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz V2) V3: Transkei Coastal Scarp Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz V3) (previously Transkei Coastal Forests)
VI: SOUTHERN COASTAL FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz VI)
VI1: Eastern Cape Dune Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VI1) VI2: Albany Coastal Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VI2) VI3: Western Cape Milkwood Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VI3)
VII: NORTHERN COASTAL FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz VII)
VII1: KwaZulu-Natal Coastal Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VII1) VII2: KwaZulu-Natal Dune Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VII2)
VIII: TROPICAL DRY FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz VIII)

VIII1: Licuati Sand Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VIII1)
VIII2: Nwambyia Sand Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VIII2) – New Forest Type
VIII3: Ironwood Dry Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VIII3) - New forest type

A: AZONAL FOREST TYPES

A1: Lowveld Riverine Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOa 1)
A2: Swamp Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOa 2)
A3: Mangrove Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOa 3)

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