
GOVERNMENT NOTICE GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWING

DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEPARTEMENT VAN WETENSKAP EN TEGNOLOGIE

No. 669

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE THE SUTHERLAND CENTRAL ASTRONOMY ADVANTAGE AREA IN TERMS OF THE ASTRONOMY GEOGRAPHIC ADVANTAGE ACT, 2007.

In terms of sections 9(1) and (2) of the Astronomy Geographic Advantage Act, 2007 (Act No. 21 of 2007) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), I, Derek Hanekom, Minister of Science and Technology, hereby give notice of my intention to declare the area described in the schedule as the Sutherland Central Astronomy Advantage Area (AAA).

Interested or affected persons are hereby afforded a further opportunity to submit written representations on or objections to the Schedule within sixty (60) days from the publication of this notice ("the closing date") to:

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The Schedule to this notice is identical to the schedule to Notice 471 published in Government Gazette No. 36453 on 10 May 2013. All written representations which were submitted in response to Notice 471 will be duly considered. However, any person who has already made written representations thereon may submit additional written representations in response to this notice.

Please note that any written representations which are received after the closing date may be disregarded.

Any person submitting written representations who wishes to make an oral representation at a forthcoming public hearing (the details of which will be published in due course), must indicate this in their written representations.

Attention is drawn to Notice 649 of 2010 published in Government Gazette No. 33328 on 2 July 2010 in which interested and affected parties in the proposed core, central and co-ordinated astronomy advantage areas as indicated in the schedule to that notice, are invited to register their details with the Department.

Attention is also drawn to the fact that once an area has been declared a central astronomy advantage area, the Minister may –

- declare that no person may, within a central astronomy advantage area, conduct certain activities (for details, see s23 of the Act, which is available on the Department of Science and Technology website www.dst.gov.za/ in the navigation panel under "LEGISLATION" (click on it) and then under "Acts" (click on Acts) – page 2 of 2 – Item no. 7 in the opened window;
- prescribe regulations to apply in core and central astronomy advantage areas on national standards or measures for the control or minimisation of light pollution or any other activity (for details, see s37 of the Act); and
- make regulations concerning a range of issues (for details, see s50 of the Act).



DEREK HANEKOM
MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

SCHEDULE

1. Definitions

In this notice any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall have the meaning so assigned and, unless the context indicates otherwise:

"Annulus" means a space contained between the circumferences of two circles, one within the other.

2. Scope of the declarations

This declaration applies to the central astronomy advantage area surrounding the Sutherland Core Astronomy Advantage Area of the Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) that will be used for the purposes of optical astronomy and related scientific endeavours.

3. Description of the Sutherland Central Astronomy Advantage Area

The Sutherland Central Astronomy Advantage Area (Figure 1) consists of all land in the Northern Cape Province within an annulus of inner radius 3 kilometres and outer radius 75 kilometres centred on the dome of the Southern African Large Telescope (SALT) located at 32° 22' 33"S and 20° 48' 38"E.

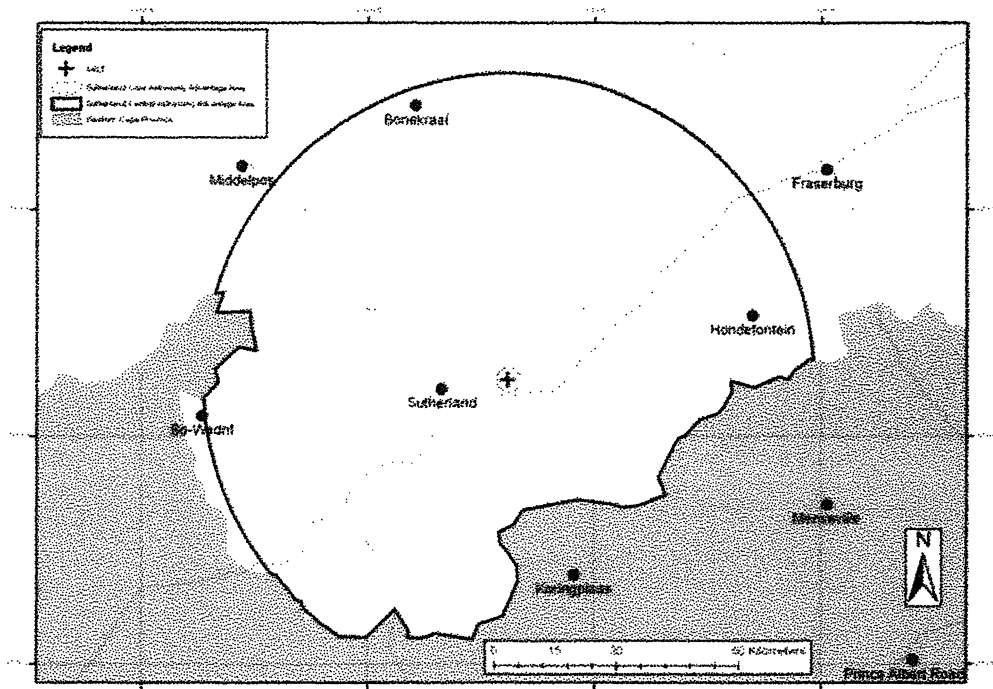


Figure 1: Sutherland Central Astronomy Advantage Area