

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****NOTICE DECLARING THE DWESA CWEBE 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, in terms of section 22B of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), withdraw the existing Dwesa-Cwebe Marine Protected Area declared in stipulation 2(7) of *Government Gazette* 21948, Notice No. 1429 of 29 December 2000, and declare under section 22A of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), the Dwesa-Cwebe Marine Protected Area as set out in the Schedule hereto.



**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 detailed in Annexure 1.

Boundaries of the marine protected area

The Dwesa-Cwebe Marine Protected Area in the Eastern Cape is bounded by the sea area between the high-water mark, and a distance of eight nautical miles seaward, and between, as a south-western boundary, a line drawn 135° from Human's Rock (point A6), and, as a north-eastern boundary, a line drawn 135° from the Ntlonyane River mouth (point A1). The south-eastern offshore boundary is a straight line joining the southern corner (point B2) and the eastern corner (point B1) of the area. The Marine Protected Area includes all estuaries between points A1 and A6, including the Mbashe Estuary but only the tidal portion of the Mbashe Estuary upstream as far as a line drawn from the point where the north-western boundary of the Dwesa Forest Reserve reaches the high-water mark of the Mbashe River (point D1), to the point where the south-western boundary of the Cwebe Forest Reserve reaches the high-water mark of the Mbashe River (point D2). The map and table of reference points are contained in Annexure 1 hereto, which also include additional reference points referred to in the Regulations for the Management of the Dwesa-Cwebe Marine Protected Area. The 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 for species, habitats and ecosystem processes in a biodiversity hotspot;
- (b) to facilitate fisheries management by protecting spawning stock, allowing stock recovery, enhancing stock abundance in adjacent areas, whilst accommodating appropriate small-scale fisher and recreational access to marine resources within certain zones in the Marine Protected Area;
- (c) to protect the biodiversity and nursery function of the Mbashe Estuary and adjacent estuaries and the recruitment of estuarine-dependent fish into marine fisheries;
- (d) for the protection and conservation of a particular species or a specific population and its habitat, including the White Steenbras; and
- (e) to prohibit or restrict other activities in the Marine Protected Area which may have an adverse effect on the environment.

Withdrawal and repeal of existing marine protected area

The declaration of the Dwesa-Cwebe Marine Protected Area as contained in stipulation 2(7) of the declaration notice named Declaration of Areas as Marine Protected Areas in *Government Gazette* 21948, Notice No. 1429 of 29 December 2000, is hereby withdrawn and repealed.

Commencement of Notice

This withdrawal and declaration Notice commences and takes effect on 1 December 2015.

Annexure 1

Code	Long. deg. E	Lat. deg. S
B2	28.927889	-32.417491
A6	28.825605	-32.315705
A5	28.844888	-32.300685
A3	28.876499	-32.281558
A4	28.857563	-32.295541
A2	28.913639	-32.244141
A1	28.956906	-32.194139
B1	29.060997	-32.29691
D1	28.884759	-32.237547
D2	28.879507	-32.227093
C1	28.94966	-32.210149
C2	28.927814	-32.227707

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