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**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES****NOTICE 482 OF 2017****INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED LIST OF PARTICULAR TREES AND PARTICULAR GROUPS OF TREES "CHAMPION TREES" UNDER SECTION 12(1) (A) AND (B) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998)**

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries intends to declare a list of particular trees "Champion Trees" as set out in the attached Schedule protected under Section 12 (1) (a) and (b) of the National Forests Act, 1998. The list in Schedule A is new nominations that will form part of the existing list of declared Champion Trees.

In terms of Section 13 (1) (a) of the said Act, interested and affected parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposed list within 60 days of the publication of this notice.

The Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries also intends to delist some already declared particular trees "Champion Trees" as set out below the attached Schedule due to stated reasons.

Comments must be submitted to-

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**SCHEDULE A**

| CHAMPION<br>TREE<br>REGISTER<br>NUMBER | Tree Species /<br>Tree Name  | Other common<br>names     | General Description  | Location   |
|--|--|---------------------------|--|--|
| 83                                     | <i>Sequoia sempervirens</i><br>(Californian redwood)<br>The Harkerville Giants | Kaliforniese rooihout (A) | Tall, scenic redwoods planted in 1925, offering a resting place along a popular cycle track. | Harkerville State Forest, Garden Route National Park, Western Cape |
| 84                                     | <i>Ficus elastic</i><br>(rubber tree)<br>The Company's Garden Giant            | Rubberboom (A)            | Large tree forming a focal point to the entry to the Company's Gardens                       | Company's Gardens, Cape Town, Western Cape                         |
| 85                                     | <i>Ficus sur</i><br>(broom cluster fig)<br>The Sabie River Giant               | Besemtrosvy (A)           | Very large tree along the Sabie River.   | Sabie Park Nature Reserve, Limpopo                                 |
| 86                                     | <i>Ficus burkeii</i><br>(common wild fig)<br>The Whisper Tree                  | Gewone wildevy (A)        | Very large tree in the grounds of a guest house,   | Voëlroepersfontein Guest House, Albertinia, Western Cape           |

The following trees are delisted as Champion Trees for reasons stated:

1. The Sophiatown Oak, 8 Berthastreet, Sophiatown, Johannesburg, Gauteng  
This tree died.
2. The Platland Baobab, Sunland Farm, Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo  
This tree collapsed.
3. The Glencoe Baobab, Glencoe Farm, Hoedspruit, Limpopo.  
This tree collapsed.