
GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**NOTICE 553 OF 2019****NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF PARTICULAR GROUPS OF TREES “CHAMPION TREES” UNDER THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998), AS AMENDED.**

By virtue of powers vested in me under Section 12(1)(a) and (b) of the National Forests Act, 1998, I, Barbara Creecy, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries hereby declare all particular trees and particular groups of trees set out in the schedule below as protected trees.

The effect of this declaration is that in terms of Section 15(1) of the National Forests Act, 1998, no person may cut, disturb, damage or destroy any protected tree or possess, collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree or any forest product derived from a protected tree, except under a licence granted by the Minister or in terms of an exemption from the provisions of this subsection published by the Minister in the Gazette.

Contravention of this declaration is regarded as a first category offence that may result in a person who is found guilty of being sentenced to a fine or imprisonment for a period up to three years, or both a fine and imprisonment.

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SCHEDULE A

CHAMPION TREE REGISTER NUMBER	Tree Species / Tree Name	Other common names	General Description	Location
83	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> (Californian redwood) 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 elastica</i> (rubber tree) 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> (broom cluster fig) The Sabie River Giant	Trosvy (A), Mogo-tshetlo (Sep), Umkhiwane (X), Umkhiwane (Z)	Very large tree along the Sabie River.	Erf 312, Sabie Park Mpumalanga
86	<i>Ficus burkeii</i> (common wild fig) The Whisper Tree	Gewone wildevy (A)	Very large tree in the grounds of a guest house. Estimated to be more than 150 years old.	Voëlroepers-fontein Guest House, Albertinia, Western Cape
87	<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i> (manna gum tree) The Frankfort Big Trees	Mannaboom (A)	Two very large landmark trees on a farm near the Vaal Dam.	The farm Brakwal /Grootdam-Alma 1440, Frankfort, Free State
88	<i>Eucalyptis saligna</i> (Saligna gum) The Dwarsrivierkloof Lane	Saligna bloekom (A)	A lane of very large landmark trees on a farm, planted more than 150 years ago.	The farm Dwarsrivierkloof, Winelands District Municipality, Western Cape
89	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (baobab) The Honnet Giant	Kremetart (A), Seboi (Sepedi), Muwana (Setswana), Muvhuyu (Venda)	The tree with the second thickest trunk diameter in South Africa.	Honnet Nature Reserve, Tshipise, Limpopo
90	<i>Corymbia ficifolia</i> (Red flowering gum) The Wolfskloof Tree	Rooibloem bloekom (A)	Very large landmark tree, 170 years old, on a farm.	Wolfkloof Farm, Robertson District, Western Cape
91	<i>Ficus anulata</i> (Anulata fig) The Durban Big Tree	No local names	Very large and rare landmark tree in botanical garden.	Durban Botanical Gardens, Ethekewini Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal
92	<i>Ficus benghalensis</i> (Banyan tree) The Durban Banyan Tree	Banyanboom (A)	Very large landmark tree in botanical garden.	Durban Botanical Gardens, Ethekewini Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal
93	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (River red gum) The Plesir de Merle Trees	Roorivier bloekom (A)	Grove of very large trees.	Plesir de Merle, Simondium, Western Cape