

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. 2274

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 107 OF 1998)****CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO AMEND THE PROCEDURES FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND MINIMUM CRITERIA FOR REPORTING ON IDENTIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES IN TERMS OF SECTIONS 24(5)(a) AND (h) AND 44 OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998, WHEN APPLYING FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AUTHORISATION**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby consult on the intention to, under sections 24(5)(a) and (h) and 44 of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998), amend the protocol for the specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental impacts on terrestrial animal species, published under Government Notice No. 1150 in *Government Gazette* No. 43855 on 30 October 2020, by removing the reference to "terrestrial" where it occurs in the protocol, as set out in the Schedule.

This amendment would allow the protocol to apply to freshwater and terrestrial animal species.

The requirements of this protocol will apply to assessments on all animal species from the date of publication, except where the applicant provides proof to the competent authority that the specialist assessment affected by this protocol had been commissioned by the date of publication of the protocol in the *Government Gazette*, in which case Appendix 6 of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2014, as amended, will apply to such applications.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments or inputs, within 30 days after the publication of this Notice in the *Gazette*, to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General
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Any inquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Dr Dee Fischer at dfischer@dffe.gov.za or (012)399 8843.

Comments or inputs received after the closing date may not be considered.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

SCHEDULE

1. The protocol for specialist assessment and minimum report content requirements for environmental impacts on terrestrial animal species, published under Government Notice No. 1150 in *Government Gazette* No. 43855 on 30 October 2020, is hereby amended by the substitution for–

- (a) “terrestrial animal species” of “animal species”;
- (b) “Terrestrial Animal Species Specialist Assessment” of “Animal Species Specialist Assessment”;
- (c) “Terrestrial Animal Species Specialist Assessment Report” of “Animal Species Specialist Assessment Report”; and
- (d) “Terrestrial Animal Species Compliance Statement” of “Animal Species Compliance Statement”;

wherever these expressions occur.