

## DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT  
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## THE DRAFT NATIONAL COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME 2025

I, Dr Dion Travers George, the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby invite the public to comment on the revised draft National Coastal Management Programme (NCMP) in terms of section 44(2) of the National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 2008 (Act No. 24 of 2008) (ICM Act). A copy of the draft NCMP can be downloaded from the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment's website: [www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted\\_notices](http://www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted_notices) or can be obtained electronically upon request by email to [mmnwana@dffe.gov.za](mailto:mmnwana@dffe.gov.za). A hard copy can also be obtained from the Department's offices at the address indicated below by prior arrangement with the person indicated for enquiries.

The first NCMP was adopted and implemented from 2015. The NCMP is a statutory instrument required by the ICM Act. The primary purpose of the NCMP is to provide an integrated, co-ordinated and uniform approach to coastal management in the Republic by organs of state in all spheres of government, non-governmental organisations, the private sector and local communities. It is one of the most powerful integration tools provided by the ICM Act and represents the national government's commitment to a suite of priorities, management objectives and actions with tangible outcomes contributing to the steady achievement of the national vision for coastal management.

Some of the revisions to the NCMP include:

- update of the Implementation Plan: 2025-2030
- streamlining of priorities and actions for coastal management in South Africa
- the inclusion of State of the Coast Indicators for future reporting; and
- enhanced guidance to coastal provinces and municipalities for alignment and consistency between the municipal, provincial and national programmes.

Members of the public are invited to submit written representations on or objections to the draft programme within 30 days after the publication of this notice in the Gazette or advertisement in the newspaper, whichever is the later date. Written representations received after this may be disregarded.

All representations must be submitted in writing to the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, Branch: Oceans and Coasts.

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The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment complies with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (Act No. 4 of 2013). Comments received and responses to those comments are collated into a comments and response report which will be made available to the public as part of the consultation process. If you have any objection to your name being made publicly available in the comments and responses report, that objection should be highlighted in bold as part of the comments submitted.



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