

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT****NOTICE 3440 OF 2025****OFFICIAL NOTICE 9 OF 2025****OPEN SEASON: ORDINARY GAME**

I, **Brenda Khethiwe Moeketsi**, Member of the Mpumalanga Executive Council for Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs, under section 7(1)(a) of the Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act, 1998 (Act No. 10 of 1998), hereby declare -

- (a) the periods mentioned in the first column of Schedule I to be open seasons during which time the category of persons referred to in that Schedule may, subject to the provisions of the said Act, hunt the species and sex of ordinary game referred to opposite each period in the second column of that Schedule, in the area defined opposite it in the third column of that Schedule.
- (b) the periods mentioned in the second column of Schedule II to be open seasons during which time the category of persons referred to in that Schedule may, subject to the provisions of the said Act, hunt the species of ordinary game referred to opposite each period in the first column of that Schedule, in the area defined opposite it in the second column of that Schedule; and
- (c) all magisterial districts in the Mpumalanga Province not mentioned in this Notice as a closed season for hunting.

## SCHEDULE I

PERSONS WHO HUNT ON LAND OF WHICH THEY ARE THE OWNERS		
Period	Species and sex of ordinary game	Area (Magisterial District)
1. 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Rock pigeon	In all magisterial districts
2. 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2027	Red-knobbed coot, yellow-billed duck, Egyptian goose, red-billed teal and spur-winged goose	In all magisterial districts: Excluding all magisterial districts in the Mpumalanga Province not mentioned in this Notice as a closed season for hunting.
3. (a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme (Amersfoort)
(b) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurfowl, Crested, Coqui, and Shelley's Francolin, Orange River Francolin	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
4. (a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	Dipaleseng (Balfour)
(b) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurfowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's and Orange River Francolin	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
5. (a) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Bushbuck and Impala	<b>Umjindi (Barberton)</b> Excluding the Township Marloth Park being Portion 49 of Portion 2 of the farm Tenbosch 162 JU and the area to the west and the south of the western boundaries of the farms Esperado Annex 222 JU, Louisville 325 JU, Louw's Creek 271 JU and Waaiehuwel JU.  Only on the following farms: Ammanxala 436 JU, Avonstond 427 JU, Biltong 434 JU, Castillhopolis 425 JU, Cooper's Dal 423 JU; Good Luck 418 JU; The Harp 422 JU, The Hippo's 192 JU, Inyoni 420 JU, Johan Theron 430 JU, Lang Piet 435 JU, Lebombo 186 JU, Leeubos 429 JU, Merribeeck 424 JU, Nico's Kamp 421 JU, Nil Desperandum 419 JU, Quagga 432 JU, Seeikoeigat 417 JU and Squamans 416 JU.  Excluding the area mentioned in paragraph (a) of Schedule II.
(b) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Grey Duiker	
(c) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Kudu	
(d) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurfowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(e) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
6. (a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	Emakhazeni (Belfast)
(b) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Grey duiker	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurfowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	

(d) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
7.(a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	Govan Mbeki (Bethal)
(b) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
8.(a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	Chief Albert Luthuli (Carolina)
(b) 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
9.(a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	Victor Khanye (Delmas)
(b) 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
10.(a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	Msukaligwa (Ermelo)
(b) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Grey duiker	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(d) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
11.(a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok and Springbok	Lekwa (Greylingstad)
(b) 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
12.(a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	Govan Mbeki (Highveld Ridge)
(b) 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	

13. (a) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Grey duiker	<b>Thaba Chweu (Lydenburg)</b> Excluding the following farms: Kalmoesfontein 267 JT; Krugerspost 550KT; Lydenburg 28 JT and Uitkyk 264 JT.  Excluding the farms mentioned in paragraph (a) of Schedule II.  Excluding the farms mentioned in paragraph (a) of Schedule II.
(b) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	
(c) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(d) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
14. (a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	<b>Steve Tshwete (Middelburg)</b>
(b) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Grey duiker	
(c) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(d) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
15. (a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok and Impala	<b>Mkhondo (Piet Retief)</b>
(b) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Grey duiker	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(d) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
16. (a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	<b>Lekwa (Standerton)</b>
(b) 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
17. (a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	<b>Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme (Volksrust)</b>
(b) 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
18. (a) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Grey duiker	<b>Dr Pixley Ka Isaka Seme (Wakkerstroom)</b>
(b) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	

(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrow, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(d) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
19. (a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	<b>Emakahazeni (Waterval-Boven)</b>
(b) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Grey duiker	
(c) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrow, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(d) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	
20. (a) 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027	Blesbok	<b>Emalahleni (Witbank)</b>
(b) 1 May 2026 to 31 July 2026	Guineafowl and Swaisons, Natal and Red-necked Spurrow, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's, and Orange River Francolin	
(c) 1 June 2026 to 31 August 2026	Redwing and Greywing Francolin	

## SCHEDULE II

PERSONS WHO ARE NOT OWNERS OF LAND ON WHICH THEY HUNT	
Species of ordinary game	Period and area
1. Rock pigeon, Egyptian Goose and Spurwing Goose	1 May 2026 to 30 April 2027 in all magisterial districts.
2. Red-knobbed coot, yellow billed duck and red-billed teal	1 May 2026 to 31 August 2026 in all magisterial districts: excluding all magisterial districts in the Mpumalanga Province not mentioned in this Notice as a closed season for hunting.
3. i) Guinea fowl; ii) Swallow's; Natal and Red-necked Spurfowl, Crested, Coqui, Shelley's and Orange River Francolin; iii) Redwing and Greywing Francolin.	(a) During the period referred to in Schedule I declared to be an open season during which the owner of the land may hunt these species of ordinary game: Provided that: i) shall not be hunted prior to 1 May 2026 and not later than 31 August 2026; ii) shall not be hunted prior to 1 May 2026 and not later than 31 August 2026; and iii) shall not be hunted prior to 1 June 2026 and not later than 31 August 2026; and (b) in the area where the owner of land may hunt these species of ordinary game as defined in Schedule I.
4. Blesbok, blue wildebeest, Burchell's zebra, bushbuck, grey duiker, kudu, impala, springbok, gemsbuck, red hartebeest and hares.	During the period referred to in Schedule I declared to be an open season. These species shall not be hunted prior to 1 May 2026 and not later than 31 August 2026.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AT MBOMBELA, THIS 22 DAY OF July TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FIVE

  
**Ms. B.K. Moeketsi**  
 Member of the Mpumalanga Executive Council for  
 Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and  
 Environmental Affairs