DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)

CONSULTATION ON THE INTENTION TO DECLARE CERTAIN PRIVATELY OWNED AREAS AS TANKWA PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT; ASSIGN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPOSED PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT TO THE BRAKFONTEIN TRUST; AND RESTRICT OR REGULATE DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE TANKWA PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)

I, David Maynier, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby, in terms of sections 28(1)(a)(i) and (b), read with sections 31 and 33 of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003) (the Act), give notice of my intention to—

(a) declare privately owned areas situated in the Northern Cape Province as the Tankwa Protected Environment, as set out in the Schedule hereto;
(b) assign the management of the Tankwa Protected Environment to the Brakfontein Trust in terms of section 38(1)(b) of the Act; and
(c) restrict or regulate, in the Tankwa Protected Environment, development that may be inappropriate for the area, given the purpose for which the area was declared and the carrying out of other activities that may impede such purpose under section 51 of the Act.

Members of the public are hereby invited to submit, **within sixty (60) days** from the date of publication of this Notice in the Government *Gazette*, or in the newspaper, whichever date is the last date, written representations or objections to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General
Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
Attention: Mr. Sydney Nkosi
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By hand to: Environment House , 473 Steve Biko Road, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083

By mail to: smampe@dffe.gov.za

Any enquiries in connection with the notice can be directed to Ms Sibongile Mampe on 012 399 9557, or by email: smampe@dffe.gov.za.

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.



DAVID MAYNIER
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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SCHEDULE

1. THE FOLLOWING PRIVATELY OWNED AREAS SITUATED IN THE CALVINIA REGISTRATION DIVISION, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE CONSTITUTE THE TANKWA PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

Tittle No	Description of Properties: farm, portion	Ownership	Disctrict	Extent (ha)
T3439/1998	The lettered area A B C Q2 P2 P excluding the figures Q B R S T U V W X Y and Z A1 B1 C1 measuring in extent 4710.8 hectares on SG Diagram No. 267/2021 annexed hereto at Appendix '1', and relating to the immovable property described as: Remainder of the Farm Elandsvlei No. 1116, Registration Division Calvinia, Northern Cape Province, measuring in extent 5660.6966 hectares	The Brakfontein Trust	Calvinia	4710.8
T3439/1998	The lettered area Q2 C D E excluding the figure C1 B1 D1 E1 F1 G1 measuring in extent 666.2 hectares on SG Diagram No. 267/2021 annexed hereto at Appendix '1', and relating to the immovable property described as: Remainder of the Farm Witkop No. 1117, Registration Division Calvinia, Northern Cape Province, in extent 788.6411	The Brakfontein Trust	Calvinia	666.2
T3439/1998	The lettered area P2 Q2 E R2 S2 G H excluding the figures T S H1 J1 K1 L1 M1 N1 P1 and Q1 R1 S1 T1 U1 V1 W1 X1 Y1 measuring in extent 2309.8 hectares on SG Diagram No. 267/2021 annexed hereto at Appendix '1', and relating to the immovable property described as: The Farm Brakfontein Extension No. 1121, Registration Division Calvinia, Northern Cape Province, in extent 2415.7971 hectares	The Brakfontein Trust	Calvinia	2309.8
T3439/1998	The lettered area S2 R2 E F G excluding the figure N1 M1 Z1 A2 B2 C2 D2 E2 F2 G2 H2 measuring in extent 373.9 hectares on SG Diagram No. 267/2021 annexed hereto at Appendix '1', and relating to the immovable property described as: The Farm Brakkenfontein No. 1120, Registration Division Calvinia, Northern Cape Province, in extent 425.7578 hectares	The Brakfontein Trust	Calvinia	373.9
T3439/1998	Farm Os Vley No. 1122	The Brakfontein Trust	Calvinia	1335.9101

T3439/1998	Remainder of Farm Voetpad No.1113	The Trust Brakfontein	Calvinia	735.4166

2. ASSIGNMENT OF A MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

2.1 The management of the Tankwa Protected Environment is assigned in terms of section 38(1)(b) of the Act to The Brakfontein Trust.

2.2 The management authority of the Tankwa Protected Environment is required to manage the protected environment in terms of section 40(1) of the Act.

3. PURPOSE OF DECLARATION OF TANKWA PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

3.1 The purpose for which the Tankwa Protected Environment is declared, is to—

(a) serve as a buffer zone for the conservation and protection of the Tankwa-Karoo National Park;
(b) enable the owner of the land to take action to conserve biodiversity and to provide legal recognition for the Protected Environment; and
(c) protect the Tankwa-Karoo National Park by restricting development and activities within the Tankwa Protected Environment.

4. RESTRICTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE TANKWA PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

4.1. APPLICATION

4.1.1 Development and other activities in the Tankwa Protected Environment that may be inappropriate for the area and may impede the purpose for which this protected environment was declared, are restricted according to–

(a) The Zonation Map set out in **Appendix '2'** and depicted in the management plan which can be accessed at (https://wildernessfoundation.co.za/spaces/);
(b) The Zonation Table set out in **Appendix '3'** and depicted in the management plan which can be accessed at (https://wildernessfoundation.co.za/spaces/); and
(c) The '*Tankwa Karoo to Cederberg Wilderness Corridor Ecological Management Guidelines 2021*' (Wilderness Foundation Africa, 2021) document, which can be accessed at (https://wildernessfoundation.co.za/spaces/).

4.2. RESTRICTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CONSERVATION ZONE

4.2.1 Insofar as development and other activities in the Conservation Zone are restricted, activities or developments conducted therein must be undertaken in line with the management plan and may not result in a transition away from conservation, agricultural and/or ecotourism land uses.

4.2.2. Development or activities within the Conservation Zone, in accordance with **Appendix '2' and '3'**, are limited to:

(a) Grazing by livestock and game at recommended stocking rates as set out in section 6.2.5 of the TPE Strategic Management Plan and '*TKCWC Ecological Guidelines 2021*' document provided;
(b) Ecotourism activities and hunting of game for management purposes; and

(c) Development of small-scale infrastructure necessary for the management and sustainable utilisation of the TPE such as access roads, fences, boreholes, pipelines and associated infrastructure.

4.3. RESTRICTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE HIGH IMPACT ZONE

4.3.1. Insofar as development and other activities in the High Impact Zone are restricted, activities or developments conducted therein must be undertaken in line with the management plan and may not result in a transition away from agricultural and/or ecotourism land uses.

4.3.2. Developments or activities within the High Impact Zone, in accordance with **Appendix '2' and '3'**, are limited to:

(a) High impact agricultural activities such as irrigation and ploughing of land;
(b) Development of largescale infrastructure including staff housing, administrative buildings, storage facilities, intensive feeding lots/kraals, main roads, dams and tourism accommodation facilities; and
(c) Any activity which is allowed in the Conservation zone.

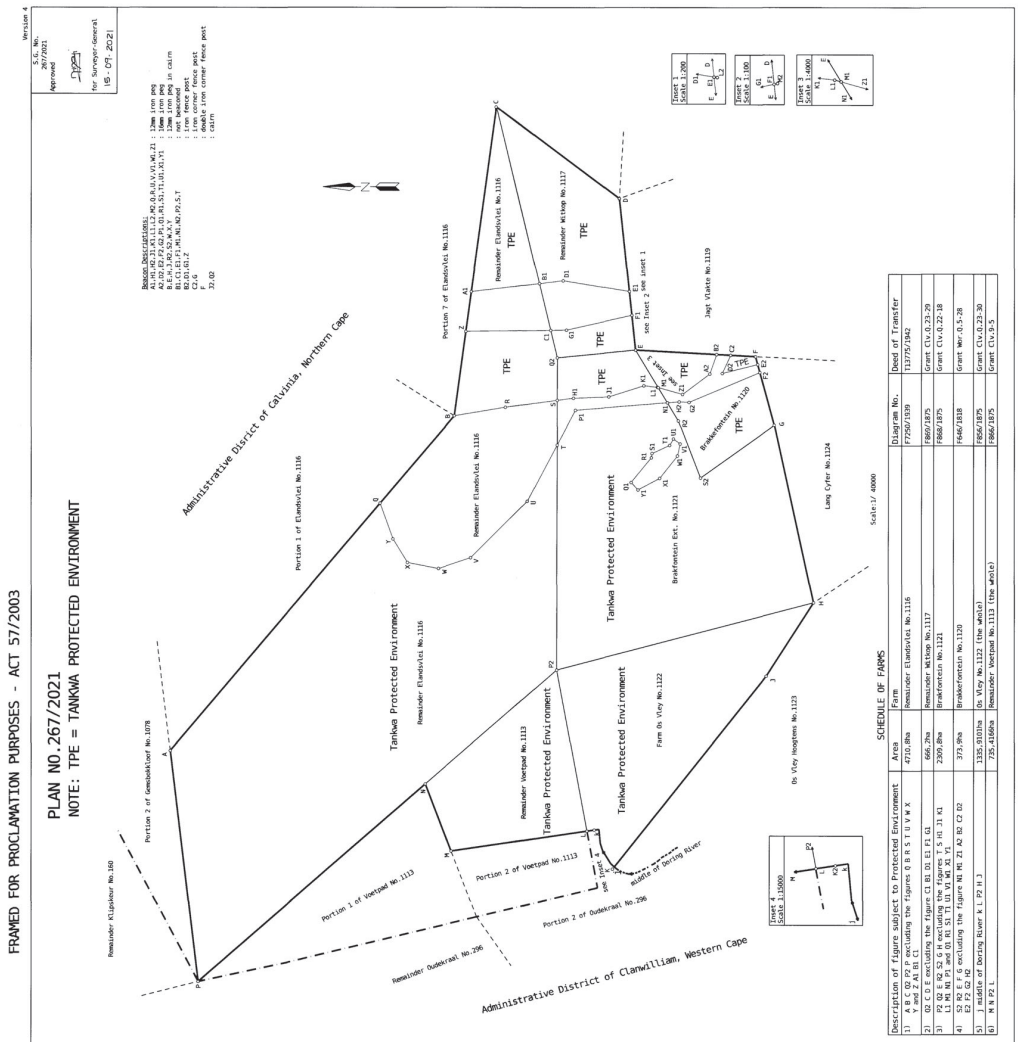
4.4. RESTRICTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE HERITAGE FEATURES ZONE

4.4.1. Insofar as development and other activities in the Heritage Features Zone are restricted, activities or developments conducted therein must be undertaken in line with the management plan and may not result in a transition away from agricultural and/or ecotourism land uses.

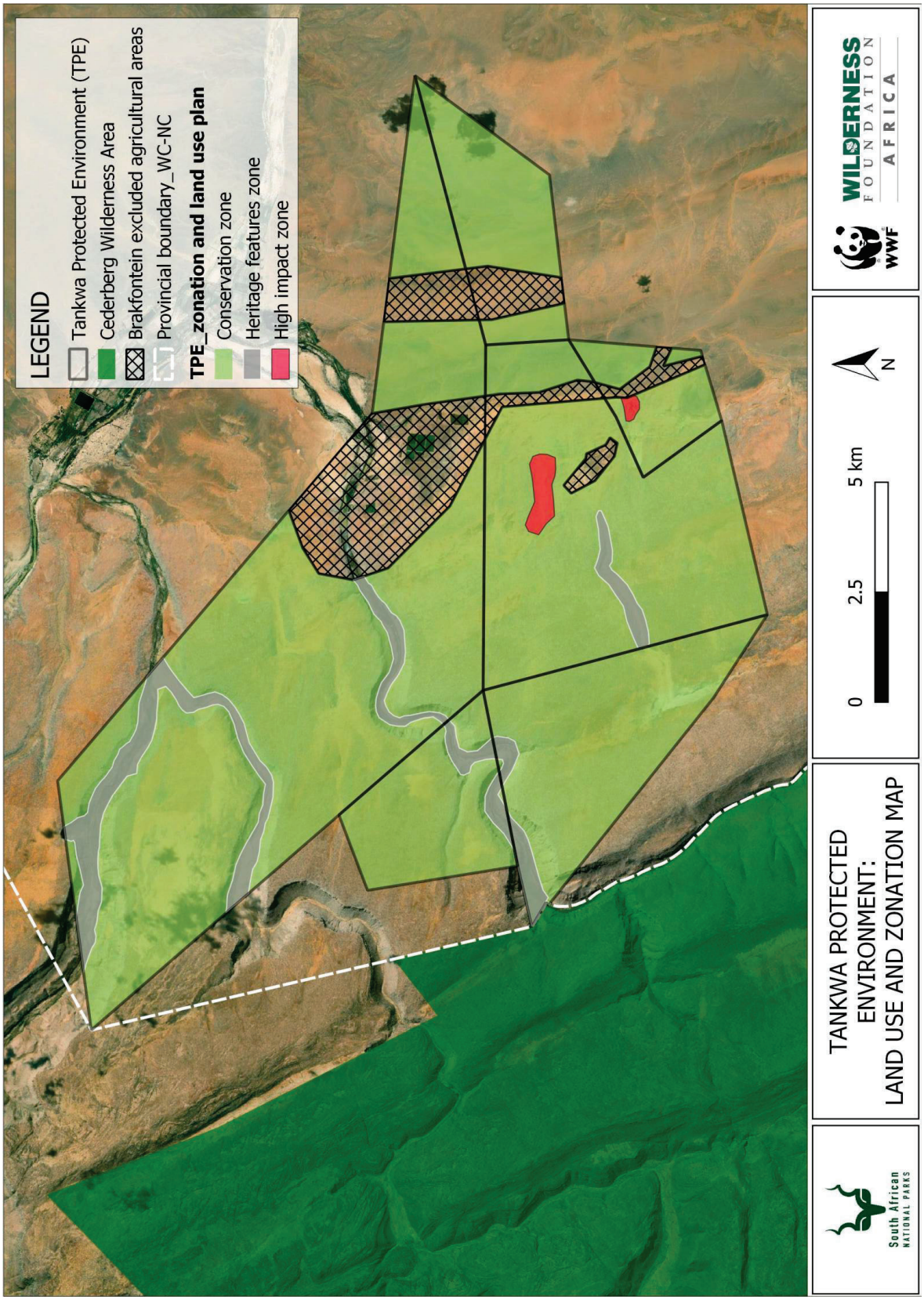
4.4.2. Developments or activities within the Heritage Features Zone, in accordance with **Appendix '2' and '3'**, are limited to:

(a) Research;
(b) Controlled visitor access; and
(c) Grazing by livestock and game at recommended stocking rates as set out in section 6.2.5 of the TPE Strategic Management Plan and '*Tankwa Karoo to Cederberg Wilderness Corridor Ecological Management Guidelines 2021*' (Wilderness Foundation Africa, 2021) document provided.

Appendix 1: SG Diagram 267/2021



Appendix 2: Tankwa PE Zonation Plan (Map) extracted from the TPE MP.



Appendix 3: Tankwa PE Zonation Plan (Table) extracted from the TPE MP.

USE ZONE	ZONE DESCRIPTION	MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES	ALLOWED ACTIVITIES
CONSERVATION ZONE	This zone predominantly covers the rangelands on the property. The main goal is to maintain the area in as near natural state as possible with controlled visitor interaction and management interventions. Commercial livestock grazing is implemented on a seasonal basis using the recommended stocking rates as set out in section 6.2.5 of the TPE Strategic Management Plan and '*TKCWC Ecological Guidelines 2021'* document provided. Basic agricultural infrastructure is also located within this zone including water troughs, fences and roads.	a) Maintain area in as near natural state as possible, with limited interference of, and impact on, biological and ecological patterns and processes. b) To provide and maintain natural forage for commercial grazing purposes, implemented at recommended stocking rates (*TKCWC Ecological Guidelines, 2021*). c) Water provision for livestock purposes. c) General maintenance of management infrastructure. d) Ensure ecosystem integrity and functionality. e) Rehabilitation of degraded sites to counter the effects of erosion and alien and invasive species.	**1) The following activities are allowed in the Conservation zone:** a) Grazing by livestock and game at recommended stocking rates as set out in section 6.2.5 of the TPE Strategic Management Plan and '*TKCWC Ecological Guidelines 2021*' document provided; b) Ecotourism activities and hunting of game for management purposes; and c) Development of small-scale infrastructure necessary for the management and sustainable utilisation of the TPE such as access roads, fences, boreholes, pipelines and associated infrastructure. **2) No person may:** a) Plough or transform virgin land without the required authorisation and prior consultation; b) Develop large-scale infrastructure; and a) Undertake any activity which is not in line with the management philosophy and objectives of the TPE. Activities implemented in this zone should be agriculture, conservation and/or ecotourism orientated.
HIGH IMPACT ZONE	The High impact zone includes infrastructure associated with the administration, maintenance, management, tourism and other Management Authority related purposes of the TPE. Future high impact infrastructure development will be located within this zone.	a) Provision and maintenance of infrastructure necessary for the management and sustainable utilisation of the TPE. b) Provision of space for potential future high impact developments.	**1) The following activities are allowed in the High impact zone, if compliant with the relevant legal requirements and authorizations:** a) High impact agricultural activities such as irrigation and ploughing of land; b) Development of largescale infrastructure including staff housing, administrative buildings, storage facilities, intensive feeding lots/kraals, main roads, dams and tourism accommodation facilities; and c) Any activity which is allowed in the Conservation zone. **2) No person may undertake any activity that is not in line with the management philosophy and objectives of the TPE. Activities implemented in this zone should be agriculture, conservation and/or ecotourism orientated.**

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HERITAGE FEATURES ZONE	Areas which contain, or are likely to contain, Middle Stone Age San and other cultural heritage artifacts and features.	a.) Protection of areas which contain cultural heritage features.	**1) The following activities are allowed in the Heritage features zone:** a) Research; b) Controlled visitor access; and c) Grazing by livestock and game at recommended stocking rates as set out in section 6.2.5 of the TPE Strategic Management Plan and *'TKCWC Ecological Guidelines 2021'* document provided. **2) No heritage features and/or artifacts may be removed, damaged, destroyed or contaminated in any way.**