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 A CERTAIN PRIVATELY OWNED AREA AS CEDAR ROCK VOETPAD PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT; ASSIGN THE MANAGEMENT OF THE PROPOSED PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT TO THE ZUURFONTEIN RESERVE TRUST; AND RESTRICT OR REGULATE DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CEDAR ROCK VOETPAD 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 a certain privately owned area situated in the Northern Cape Province as the Cedar Rock Voetpad Protected Environment, as set out in the Schedule hereto;
(b) assign the management of the Cedar Rock Voetpad Protected Environment to the Zuurfontein Reserve Trust in terms of section 38(1)(b) of the Act; and
(c) restrict or regulate, in the Cedar Rock Voetpad 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
Private Bag X447
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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

SCHEDULE

1. THE FOLLOWING PRIVATELY OWNED AREA SITUATED IN THE CALVINIA REGISTRATION DIVISION, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE, CONSTITUTE THE CEDAR ROCK VOETPAD PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

1.1

Title Deed No.	Description of Property: farm, portion	Ownership	District	Extent (ha)
T30133/2003	Portion 2 of the Farm Voetpad No. 1113	Zuurfontein Reserve Trust	Calvinia	362.4193

2. ASSIGNMENT OF A MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

2.1 The management of the Cedar Rock Voetpad Protected Environment is assigned in terms of section 38(1)(b) of the Act to the Zuurfontein Reserve Trust.

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

3. PURPOSE OF DECLARATION OF CEDAR ROCK VOETPAD PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

3.1 The purpose for which the Cedar Rock Voetpad 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 Cedar Rock Voetpad Protected Environment.

4. RESTRICTION OF DEVELOPMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES IN THE CEDAR ROCK VOETPAD PROTECTED ENVIRONMENT

4.1. APPLICATION

4.1.1 Development and other activities in the Cedar Rock Voetpad 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 '1'** and depicted in the management plan which can be accessed at (https://wildernessfoundation.co.za/spaces/);
(b) The Zonation Table set out in **Appendix '2'** 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 are, in accordance with **Appendix '1' and '2'**, limited to:

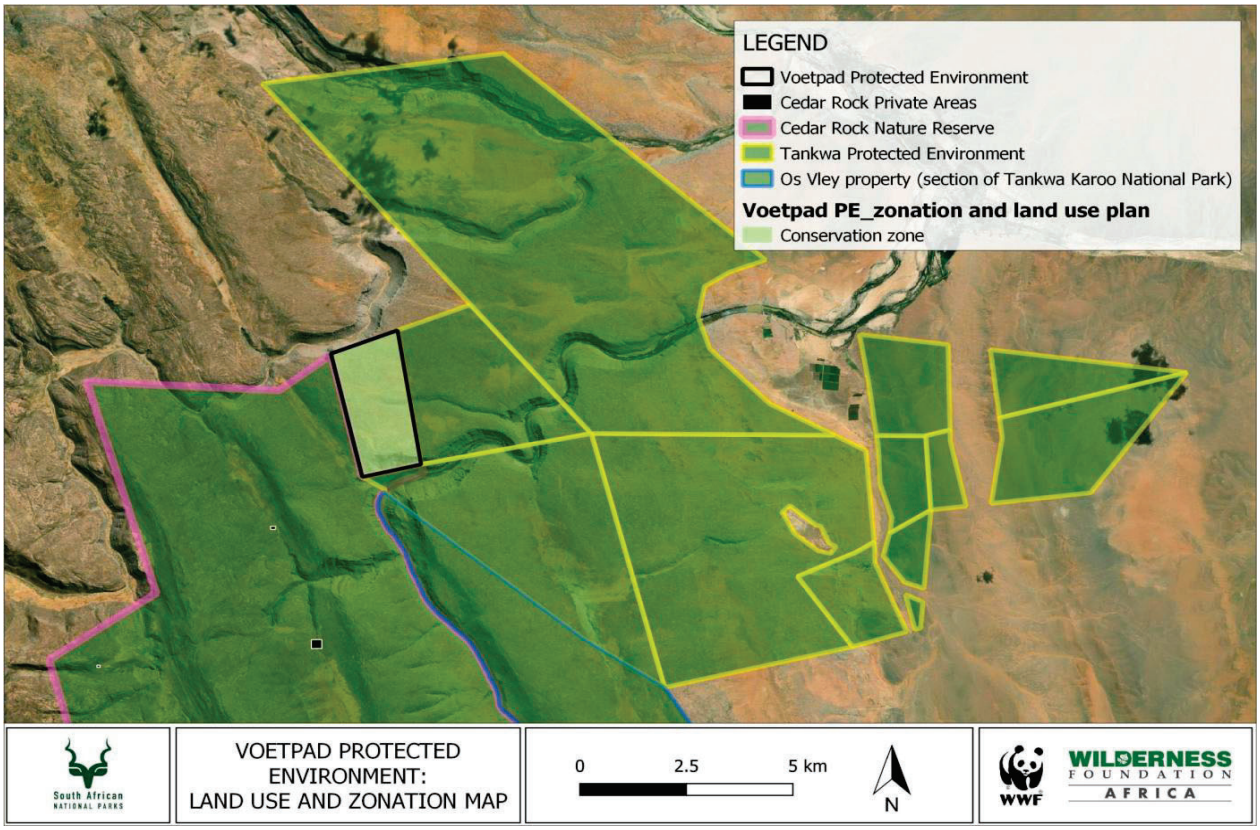
(a) Visitor access:
- i. Guided or unguided nature observation;
- ii. Primarily intended for hiking or walking access;
- iii. Only allows for 4x4 routes; and
- iv. Only allows for non-hiking accommodation node if specifically considered and noted.

(b) Visitor Management:
- i. Restrict numbers of visitors and allow for no-use rest periods if required;
- ii. All facilities to be small, basic, self-catering and distributed to avoid contact between users;
- iii. There should be limited if any interaction between groups;
- iv. Since visitor use usually cannot be intensively managed, re-route trails away from any areas with sensitive local habitats or plant and animal species;
- v. Trail layout, design and construction must reduce maintenance requirements; and
- vi. Visible & audible human impacts from adjacent zones should be mitigated.

(c) Conservation Management:
- i. Manage ecological fires;
- ii. Prevent or restore visible trampling or any other visitor impact; and
- iii. Rehabilitate non-useful roads to natural vegetation.

(d) Consumptive Use:
- i. Sustainable use can be appropriate under controlled circumstances subject to a formal assessment and application in accordance with SANParks policies where applicable.

Appendix 1: Cedar Rock Voetpad PE Zonation Plan (Map) extracted from the CRVPE MP.



ZONE	ZONE DESCRIPTION	MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES	ALLOWED ACTIVITIES
CONSERVATION ZONE	Intrinsically wild appearance and character. Areas where users will seldom encounter other human groups or presence. Any visible human impact or infrastructure inside the zone is unobtrusive. Human activities outside zone may be audible or visible in places. Include extensive areas of sensitive or threatened habitats & species in this low use zone when sites do not meet the criteria for wilderness. *Infrastructure*: Deviation from the natural and/or pristine state to be minimised. No visible infrastructure in Wilderness view sheds. May provide isolated, small, unobtrusive accommodation facilities for up to 16 guests on restricted footprints, particularly for overnight hiking trails. May have defined or beaconed hiking routes, management access roads, tracks, and firebreaks. Roads for visitors use may only be existing roads or new routes that also allow access for essential management needs. All roads, tracks or trails located and constructed to reduce maintenance, visibility, and erosion.	a) To limit visitor use, numbers, and infrastructure to minimise impact in sensitive environments. b) To reduce need for management of users and visitor impacts.Manage to conserve natural and cultural resources, ecological processes, and wild appearance & character. c) Allows for minimal or more intensive biodiversity management intervention. d) Users: To provide an experience of solitude in natural landscapes with little nearby evidence of human presence. e) Habitats with lower or higher management requirements. (May be natural burning zones.)	**1) The following activities are allowed in the Conservation zone:** *Visitor access:* a) Guided or unguided nature observation; b) Primarily intended for hiking or walking access; c) Only allows for 4x4 routes; and d) Only allows for non-hiking accommodation node if specifically considered and noted. *Visitor Management:* *a)* Restrict numbers of visitors and allow for no-use rest periods if required; *b)* All facilities to be small, basic, self-catering and distributed to avoid contact between users; *c)* There should be limited if any interaction between groups; *d)* Since visitor use usually cannot be intensively managed, re-route trails away from any areas with sensitive local habitats or plant and animal species; *e)* Trail layout, design and construction must reduce maintenance requirements; and *f)* Visible & audible human impacts from adjacent zones should be mitigated. *Conservation Management:* a) Manage ecological fires; b) Prevent or restore visible trampling or any other visitor impact; and c) Rehabilitate non-useful roads to natural vegetation. *Consumptive Use:* a) Sustainable use can be appropriate under controlled circumstances subject to a formal assessment and application in accordance with SANParks policies where applicable.

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			2) No person may: Undertake any activity which is not in line with the management philosophy and objectives of the Voetpad Protected Environment. Activities implemented in this zone should be conservation and/or eco tourism orientated.

Appendix 2: Cedar Rock Voetpad PE Zonation Plan (Table) extracted from the CRVPE MP.

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