

Environmental Legislation Update

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1. NATIONAL LEGISLATION

1.1. **ACTS / AMENDMENT ACTS**

No new items of relevance during this time period.

1.2. **NOTICES / REGULATIONS**

National Environmental Management: Air Quality Act 39 of 2004

- National Atmospheric Emission Reporting Regulations, 2015.
 (Gov NR283, GG38633, 2 April 2015, pg 4)
- Amendments to the Regulations Prescribing the Format of the Atmospheric Impact Report. (Gov NR284, GG38633, 2 April 2015, pg 12)

National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998

 Regulations relating to the procedure to be followed when oral requests are made in terms of section 30A.
 (Gov NR310, GG38684, 10 April 2015, pg 3)

1.3 **RULES, GUIDELINES & POLICIES**

No new items of relevance during this time period.

1.4 **DRAFT LEGISLATION FOR COMMENT**

Biodiversity

• Biodiversity Management Plan for African Lion (Panthera Leo) (Gen N351, GG38706, 17 April 2015, pg 3). *Deadline for comment: 18 May 2015*.

Air Quality

- Proposed declaration of small-scale char and small scale charcoal plants as controlled emitters. (Gen N286, GG38632, 2 April 2015, pg 53). *Deadline for comment: 4 May 2015*.
- Waterberg Bojanala Priority Area Air Quality Management Plan: Draft (Gen N364, GG38743, 24 April 2015, pg 85). Deadline for comment: 25 May 2015.

Marine Living Resources

Proposed Regulations Relating to Small-Scale Fishing.
 (Gov N361, GG38707, 28 April 2015, pg 3). Deadline for comment: 28 May 2015.

2. **PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION**

2.1 **WESTERN CAPE**

National Heritage Resources Act; Heritage Western Cape 25 of 1999

Amendment of Regulations.
 (PN114, PG7378, 17 April 2015, pg 7).

3. **LOCAL LEGISLATION**

MPUMALANGA

Umjindi Local Municipality

Waste Management By-laws.
 (LAN33, PG2453, 24 April 2015, pg 3).

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