

Environmental Legislation Update

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1. NATIONAL LEGISLATION

1.1. **ACTS**

National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Amendment Act 21 of 2014 (GN445, GG37710, 2 June 2014, pg 1)

National Environmental Management Laws Amendment Act 25 of 2014 (GN448, GG37713, 2 June 2014, pg 1)

National Environmental Management Waste Amendment Act 26 of 2014 (GN449, GG37714, 2 June 2014, pg 1)

National Water Amendment Act 27 of 2014 (GN450, GG37715, 2 June 2014, pg 1)

1.2. **BILLS, WHITE PAPERS**

National Environmental Management of the Ocean White Paper (GenN 386, GG37682, 30 May 2014, pg 49)

National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Amendment Bill, 2013 (B8E -2013 & B8F - 2013)

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1.3. **GENERAL / BOARD NOTICES**

National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004

- Trade in listed Threatened or Protected Species (Gen N431, GG37736, 13 June 2014, pg 2)
- Trade in listed threatened or protected species: Notice regarding international trade in rhinoceros (white rhino) – Ceratotherium simum and black rhino – Diceros bicornis) (GenN431, GG37736, 13 June 2014, pg 2)

National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act 24 of 2008

Notice of draft National Coastal Management Programme (GenN 383, GG37682, 30 May 2014, pg 47)

1.4. RULES, REGULATIONS, GUIDELINES & POLICIES

National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act 24 of 2008

- Control of use of vehicles in the Coastal Area (Gov NR496, GG37761, 27 June 2014, pg 3)
- Management of Public Launch Sites in the Coastal Zone (Gov NR497, GG37761, 27 June 2014, pg 20)

1.5. **LEGISLATION FOR COMMENT**

Department of Environmental Affairs

Draft National Greenhouse Gas Inventory for the Republic of South Africa (Gen N391, GG37701, 6 June 2014, pg 44)

2. **PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION**

2.1 **EASTERN CAPE**

National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004

Invitation to comment on the Draft Bioregional Plan (PN30, PG3191, 3 June 2014, pg 3)

Disaster Management Act 57 of 2002

Directions issued regarding the declared provincial state of disaster (GN187, PG2304, 23 May 2014, pg 3)

2.2 **FREE STATE**

National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998

Environment Implementation Plan, 2014 (GN17, PG1158, 10 June 2014, pg 10)

2.3 **GAUTENG**

National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003

- Declaration of an area as the Colbyn Wetland Nature Reserve (GN1972, PG166, 25 June 2014, pg 126)
- Declaration of an area as the Faerie Glen Nature Reserve (GN1973, PG166, 25 June 2014, pg 127)
- Amendment of Boundaries of Marievale Nature Reserve (GN1974, PG166, 25 June 2014, pg 129)
- Declaration of an area as the Alice Glockner Nature Reserve (GN1975,. PG166, 25 June 2014, pg 131)
- Declaration of an area as the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve (GN1976. PG166, 25 June 2014, pg 132)

2.4 **KWAZULU-NATAL**

National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003

- Intention to declare nature reserves as protected areas (PN117, PG1154, 5 June 2014, pg 9)
- Declaration of Nature Reserves and assign Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife as a Management Authority (MN42, PG1157, 12 June 2014, pg 10)

2.5 **MPUMALANGA**

Mpumalanga Nature Conservation Act 10 of 1998

Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency: Amendment of Notice 185 of 2014 published in Gazette No. 2302 of 22 May 2014 (GN206, PG2319, 11 June 2014, pg 2)

3. **LOCAL LEGISLATION**

3.1 **GAUTENG**

City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality

Problem Properties By-law (LAN839, PG167, 20 June 2014, pg 3)

3.2 **KWAZULU-NATAL**

Msunduzi Local Municipality

- Fire Prevention and Flammable Liquids and Substances By-law (MN55, PG1163, 24 June 2014, pg 6)
- Public Open Spaces By-law (MN57, PG1163, 24 June 2014, pg 96)
- Water Services BY-law (MN58, PG1163, 24 June 2014, pg 119)



3.3 **LIMPOPO**

Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality

Waste Management By-law (LAN91, PG2375, 24 June 2014, pg 65)

3.4 **WESTERN CAPE**

Cape Agulhas Municipality:

Land Use Planning Ordinance 15 of 1985: Repeal and Replacement of Zoning Scheme Regulations in the Cape Agulhas Municipal Area (PN163, PG7280, 27 June 2014, pg2)

Stellenbosch Municipality

Proposed adoption of Municipal Land Use Planning By-law (LAN, PG7279, 20 June 2014, pg1019)

Langeberg Municipality

Proposed adoption of Municipal Land Use Planning By-law (LAN, PG7273, 6 June 2014, pg 957)

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