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GOVERNMENT NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

No. 1180

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INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED LIST OF PARTICULAR TREES AND PARTICULAR GROUP OF TREES UNDER SECTION 12(1)(a) AND (b) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998)

The Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry intends to declare particular trees and particular group of trees "Champion Trees" set out in the attached Schedule protected under Section 12(1)(a) and (b) of the National Forests Act, 1998.

In terms of Section 13(1)(a) of the said Act, interested and affected parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposed list by 31 January 2006.

Comments must be submitted to-

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SCHEDULE A / BYLAE A

CHAMPION TREE NOMINATION REGISTER NUMBER	Tree Species / Tree Name	Other Common Names: Afrikaans (A), Sepedi (Sep), Tshivenda (T), Setswana (Set), Sesotho (Ses), isiXhosa (X), isiZulu (Z)	General Description	Location (Province, district, farm/town, suburb, street)
1	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab) "Sagole Tree"		Largest tree of South Africa	Sagole, Limpopo Province
2	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab)	Kremetart (A) / Seboi (Sep) / Mowana (Set)	Second largest tree of South Africa	Glencoe farm, Hoedspruit, Mpumalanga

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3	<i>Ficus salicifolia</i> (Wonderboom fig) "Wonderboom fig of Pretoria"		Largest Wonderboom fig. Old (about 1000 years) and historic – Ox wagon outspan area in earlier years, and legend that a Matebele chief was buried under the tree.	Wonderboom Poort, Pretoria (Tshwane metropolitan area), Gauteng
4	<i>Breonadia salicina</i> (Matumi)	Mingerhout (A) / Mohlomê (Sep) / Mutu-lume (T) / Umfomfo	Largest Matumi tree in South Africa	Amorentia Estate, Bergendal, Letaba District, Limpopo Province
5	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab) "Platland Tree"		Very large baobab and well-known tourist attraction	Platland, Duiwelskloof, Limpopo Province
7	<i>Ficus sycomorus</i> (Common cluster fig)		Largest cluster fig in SA	Carthage, Letaba District
8	<i>Ficus sycomorus</i> (Common cluster fig)		Second largest cluster fig in SA	Excellence, Mica, Limpopo Province
9	<i>Acacia galpinii</i> (Monkey thorn)		Largest monkey thorn in SA	Rust de Winter, Gauteng
10	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood)	Outniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	Largest accessible Outeniqua yellowwood in SA	Diepwalle, Knysna, Western Cape
12	<i>Faidherbia albida</i> (Ana tree)		Largest Ana tree in SA	Kruispad, Ellisras, Limpopo Province
13	<i>Ficus burkei</i> (Common wild fig)		Largest common wild fig in SA	Eden Park, Umtentweni, KwaZulu-Natal
15	<i>Breonadia salicina</i> (Matumi)	Mingerhout (A) / Mohlomê (Sep) / Mutu-lume (T) / Umfomfo (Z)	Second largest Matumi tree in SA	Amorentia Estate, Duiwelskloof, Limpopo Province
29	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (The 'O'Connor trees & tallest tree in SA & Africa)		Tallest tree in Africa – one of a stand of <i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> trees planted in 1906 by forestry pioneer AJ O'Connor.	Woodbush Plantation, Haenertsburg, Limpopo Province
31	<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i> (milkwood), Stilbaai	Wit melkhout (A) / Ximafana (X) / Umakhwelafingqane (Z)	Largest milkwood in SA, estimated to be about 1000 years old	Langbos farm 8 km northwest of Stilbaai, Western Cape

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32.	<i>Sideroxylon inermis</i> (milkwood) Mossel Bay "Post office tree"	Wit melkhout (A) / Ximafana (X) / Umakhwelafingqane (Z)	Historic tree believed to have been the tree in which an old shoe was placed for exchange of messages by Portuguese seafarers in the 16 th century	Mossel Bay, Western Cape
33.	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> (Camphor tree) "The Vergelegen trees"		Historic trees planted more than 3 centuries ago by Governor WA van der Stel – very large trees with large landscape impact	Vergelegen Estate, Somerset West, Western Cape
49.	<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> (Norfolk Island Pine)		Tallest recorded Araucaria in SA. Tree was planted in 1826 by wife of last landroost of Stellenbosch.	Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch Western Cape
50.	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (River red gum)		Planted in 1880. Prominent tree providing shade for an entire informal market.	Bergzicht market square, Stellenbosch Western Cape
51.	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak)		Planted in 1812. One of only 5 oak trees remaining from the previous generation of planted oak trees.	Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch Western Cape
60.	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak)		One of the biggest oaks in the district. Estimated to be planted shortly after 1690.	Zandvliet Delta Farm, Stellenbosch Western Cape
61.	<i>Populus nigra</i> (Lombardy poplar)		The tree stands at the site where Ruth Fischer, daughter of Braam Fischer a prominent founder member of the SA Communist Party, ran a safe house for fugitives from the Apartheid security forces. The tree served as landmark for those seeking this safe house.	C/o Lothbury & Fawley Street, Johannesburg, Gauteng
82.	<i>Podocarpus falacatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) Tsitsikamma Big Tree	Outniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	One of the most accessible and famous big trees in Tsitsikamma forest. Visited by more than 80 000 tourists each year.	Grootbosch State forest, Eastern Cape

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83.	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) Woodville Big Tree	Outniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	One of the largest yellowwoods in the Knysna forests, receiving substantial numbers of visitors.	Bergplaas State forest, Western Cape
84.	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) Eastern Monarch	Outniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	One of the largest trees in Eastern Cape, known as Eastern monarch.	Auckland Nature Reserve (Hogsback State forest), Eastern Cape
88.	<i>Quercus ilex</i> (Holly oak)		Very large tree planted in 1850 by Charles Scanlen.	101 Curch Street, Cradock Eastern Cape
89.	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) "Slave tree"		Very large oak tree planted in 1811 – one of the biggest in the southern hemisphere.	Library, York Street, George' Western Cape
95	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) "Sophtiatown Oak"		The first individual tree proclaimed as protected under the National Forests Act. Tree was part of the history of Sophtiatown and the struggle against the forced removal of the community in the 1950s.	8 Bertha Street, Sophtiatown

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