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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 92 OF 2011

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 10 OF 2004)

PROPOSED PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES INVOLVING SPECIMENS OF CERTAIN ENCEPHALARTOS **SPECIES**

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby, in terms of section 57(2) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No.10 of 2004) (NEMBA) and read with section 100 of the Act, publish for public comment a proposed prohibition on certain restricted activities involving specimens of certain Encephalartos species within South Africa, namely:

- Trade in specimens of Encephalartos species, listed as critically endangered with a stem diameter a) of more than 15 cm, except for Encephalartos cerinus, which cannot be traded with if the stem diameter is more than 7 cm, for a period of 5 years; and
- b) Sale or export (including re-export) of specimens of Encephalartos species listed as endangered with a stem diameter of more than 15 cm, except for Encephalartos cupidus, which cannot be sold or exported (including re-exported) if the stem diameter is more than 7 cm, for a period of 5 years, unless the specimens are appropriately marked by the Issuing Authority by means of microchips, at the expense of the person applying to sell or export (including re-export) specimens.

Any person who wishes to submit representations on or objections to the proposed prohibition of certain restricted activities involving specimens of certain Encephalartos species is invited to do so within 30 days of the date publication of this notice. All such representations or objections must be submitted to the Minister in the following manner:

The Director-General: (a) By post to:

Department of Environmental Affairs

Attention: Ms Amanda Dana

Private Bag X447 Pretoria, 0001

The Department of Environmental Affairs (b) Delivered to:

Attention: Ms Amanda Dana

Fedsure Building 315 Pretorius Street

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(c) By fax to:

(012) 320 7026, and by e-mail to adana@environment.gov.za

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.

BOMO EDITH EDNA MOLEWA

MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS