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GOVERNMENT NOTICES • GOEWERMENTSKENNISGEWINGS

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**NO. 3273****12 April 2023****NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998)****INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED LIST OF PARTICULAR TREES AND PARTICULAR GROUPS OF TREES (CHAMPION TREES) UNDER SECTION 12(1) (A) AND (B) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998)**

I, Tshimangadzo Cyril Ndou, Director: Forest Resource Protection and in my capacity as the delegated authority hereby give notice of intention to declare a list of particular trees and a particular group of trees (Champion Trees) under section 12(1)(a)(b) of the National Forests Act, (Act No. 84 of 1998) as set out in the attached Schedule A for public comment.

The consequences of declaring a tree, species of trees or a particular group of trees or a particular woodland as protected, is set out in section 15(1) of the Act, which provides as follows:

No person may -

- (a) cut, disturb, damage, or destroy any protected tree; or
- (b) possess, collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree, or any forest product derived from a protected tree, except –
 - (i) under a licence granted by the Minister; or
 - (ii) in terms of an exemption from the provisions of this subsection published by the Minister in the Gazette on the advice of the Council."

In terms of Section 13 (1) (a) of the said Act, interested and affected parties are invited to submit written comments or objections on the proposed list within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

By post to:

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Comments or inputs received after the closing date may not be considered.



TSHIMANGADZO CYRIL NDOU

DIRECTOR: FOREST RESOURCE PROTECTION

2023/04/05

SCHEDULE A

Champion Tree Register Number	Tree Species	Common Name	General Description	Height (m)	Stem Diameter at Breast Height (m)	Crown Diameter (m)	Index Figure	Location
94	<i>Xanthocercis zambesiaca</i>	Nyala tree	This is the largest Nyala tree to be ever measured	25.1	3.92	31.52	279.11	Route S56 in Kruger National Park
95	<i>Eucalyptus regnans</i>	Mountain ash	This is a large eucalyptus tree found at Rustenburg Farm, winelands in the Western Cape	55.5	6.35	32.05	450.26	Rustenburg Farm, winelands, Western Cape
97	<i>Faidherbia albida</i>	Ana tree	Very large tree along the Limpopo River	34.2	3.5	36.6	387	Farm Stockpoort 1LQ. In Riverine Forest, Limpopo River
98	<i>Adansonia digitata</i>	Baobab	Very large landmark tree	23.7	6	35.5	345.6	Between marker M16 and M13, 200m west of road, Kruger National Park
99	<i>Afrocarpus falcatus</i>	Outeniqua yellowwood	Tallest Outeniqua yellowwood measured	44.2	2.4	23.6	355	Farm Prospect 361 (State Forest) Driefontein, Mpumalanga.
100	<i>Sequoia Sempervirens</i>	Redwood	Very tall landmark tree near Saasveld Campus	50	3.8	13	351	Groeneweide Forest (near Saasveld Campus) George, Western Cape
101	<i>Eucalyptus spp</i>	Mixed Eucalyptus stand	Groove of 16 very large Eucalyptus trees	46.3	17.3	27.05	320.64	Rietvallei Farm, Oudtshoorn, Western Cape

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