

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING ACT, 2018 (ACT NO. 16 OF 2018)

THE PUBLICATION OF DRAFT MARINE SECTOR PLANS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby in terms of sections 7(1)(c) and 8 of the Marine Spatial Planning Act, 2018 (Act No. 16 of 2018) invite the public to comment on ten (10) draft Marine Sector Plans.

The draft Marine Sector Plans have been prepared by sector national government departments to support the development of Marine Area Plans as part of the Marine Spatial Planning process. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, supported by the National Working Group on Marine Spatial Planning, will lead and guide the public participation process for Marine Sector Plans development as envisaged in the Marine Spatial Planning Act.

Marine Sector Plans specify the overall developmental objectives and priorities of each sector from a national point of view and the extent of its spatial presence and interests. They specify and outline the spatial claims and interests of each sector in the South African marine environment.

The published draft Marine Sector Plans are therefore not the integrated Marine Area Plans but are critical inputs for the next step of developing integrated cross-sectoral Marine Area Plans and as such, they serve as the sectors' proposals that will need to be considered during the development of Marine Area Plans.

The following draft Marine Sector Plans are being released for public comment:

- 1) Marine Biodiversity Sector Plan
- 2) Coastal and Marine Tourism Sector Plan
- 3) Marine Transport and Ports Sector Plan
- 4) Maritime and Underwater Cultural Heritage Sector Plan
- 5) Marine Defence (Navy) Sector Plan
- 6) Marine Science and Innovation Sector Plan
- 7) Marine Aquaculture Sector Plan
- 8) Marine offshore Oil and Gas Sector Plan
- 9) Marine Underwater Infrastructure Sector Plan
- 10) Wild Fisheries Sector Plan

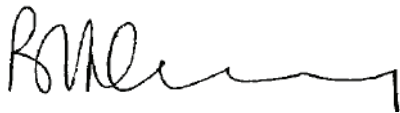
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All representations must be submitted in writing. Representations received after the closing date may be disregarded.



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