

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 18 OF 1998)NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ESTABLISH THE CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY FORUM FOR MARINE
LIVING RESOURCES IN TERMS OF SECTION 5 OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998
(ACT NO. 18 OF 1998) AND INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS OF MEMBERS OF THIS FORUM

I, Dion Travers George, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, published a notice in Government Notice No. 5536 in *Government Gazette* No. 51538 on 12 November 2024 indicating my intention to establish a new Consultative Advisory Forum for Marine Living Resources (CAFMLR) in terms of section 5 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) (MLRA) and calling for nominations of members to serve on the CAFMLR. While nominations were received, there was an insufficient pool of nominees from which to appoint a CAFMLR. I am therefore, in terms of section 7(3) of the MLRA, providing a further opportunity for interested parties to submit nominations of persons qualified to make a substantial contribution towards the proper functioning of the CAFMLR to serve as members on the CAFMLR.

Functions of the CAFMLR

The functions of the CAFMLR, as specified in section 6 of the MLRA, include to advise the Minister on matters referred to it, particularly in relation to:

- (i) the management and development of the fishing industry, including issues relating to the total allowable catch;
- (ii) marine living resources management and related legislation;
- (iii) the establishment and amendment of operational management procedures, including management plans;
- (iv) recommendations and directives on areas of research, including multi-disciplinary research; and
- (v) the allocation of money from the Fund.

The CAFMLR must also advise the Minister in respect of the objectives and principles referred to in section 2 of the MLRA that in the opinion of the CAFMLR should be brought to the attention of the Minister.

In addition to the above, the CAFMLR must give consideration to information submitted to it by industrial bodies and interest groups recognised in terms of section 8(1) of the MLRA.

Furthermore, the CAFMLR functions as an important consultative forum to the Minister in respect of certain aspects including the following:

- the promulgation of certain regulations pertaining to commercial fishing as set out in section 21 of the MLRA; and
- the reduction portions of the total allowable catch, the total applied effort, or a combination thereof, allocated in any year to small-scale, local commercial and foreign fishing, and rights granted in respect thereof, in respect of any fishery in terms of section 24 of the MLRA.

The scope of work and activities, the size, composition and complexities of the CAFMLR will require a minimum of eight meetings per annum (two meetings per quarter) to effectively advise the Minister on issues.

Composition and size of the CAFMLR

The CAFMLR must, according to section 7 of the MLRA, consist of at least five members, including a chairperson, appointed by the Minister for the period determined by him, but not exceeding three years at a time. The CAFMLR will therefore consist of a minimum of five and a maximum of eight members (including the Chairperson).

The CAFMLR must be broadly representative and multidisciplinary, with members qualified to make a substantial contribution towards the proper functioning of the CAFMLR. Therefore, nominees must have an academic qualification (a Master's degree or similar qualification is preferable) and sufficient expertise, experience and knowledge in one or more of the following areas of science, industry or management:

- Marine
- Ocean
- Agricultural
- Aquaculture
- Fisheries
- Agribusiness
- Social
- Financial
- Legal
- Other expertise related to the above listed functions

To develop an accountable, credible, transparent, fair, defensible and objective process which the public and fishing industry will be satisfied with, it is required that the nominations submitted disclose any conflict, which might arise from association with the fishing industry, with the potential to impact on the functioning and work of the CAFMLR. Nominees should either be free of conflict or disclose such conflicts to allow for the effective management of such conflicts so as not to undermine the work of the CAFMLR.

Remuneration of CAFMLR members

Remuneration of members has been determined at Category B, sub-category B2, of the National Treasury, published remuneration levels: Service benefit packages for office-bearers of certain statutory and other institutions, as follows:

Category, sub-category and official designation			
Category B, Sub-category B2		2022/23 Remuneration (Part-time)	
Designation	Comparative full-time	Meeting fee	
	Per annum	Per day	Per hour
Chairperson	R1 009 173	R4 005	R501
Vice-chairperson	R710 685	R2 820	R353
Members	R618 297	R2 454	R307

Interested persons are invited to submit nominations by completing the attached nomination form and delivering it to the Department at any of the addresses specified below within 30 days from the date of the publication of this Notice in the Government *Gazette* or the newspaper, whichever is the later date. These nominations should include a full curriculum vitae and certified copies of supporting documentation where applicable.

Please note that nominations received after the closing date may be disregarded.

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By hand: 4th Floor Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town

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NOMINATION FORM
CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY FORUM FOR MARINE LIVING RESOURCES (CAFMLR)

Nominator's details (your details):

Full Name/s:	
Surname:	
ID Number:	
Postal address:	
Telephone:	
Cell phone:	
E-mail:	

Do you currently serve on any Board/s / Committee/s?	YES		NO	
If yes, please specify the name/s of the Board/s you serve on, duration on the Board/s and your role/s?				

Are you a Director/Owner of a Company/Business?	YES		NO	
If yes, please specify the name/s of the Company/ies / Business/s and your role/s therein?				

Will you benefit in any way from the appointment of your nominee to the CAFMLR?	YES		NO	
If yes, please specify the benefit you stand to gain?				

What is your role/s in the fishing industry?

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What is your relationship with the nominee?

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Nominee's details (person you are nominating):

Full Name/s:	
Surname:	
ID Number:	
Postal address:	
Telephone:	
Cell phone:	
E-mail:	

Membership of the CAFMLR is selected based on qualifications, knowledge and expertise from the various areas as stated below. Selection is not based on representation of any community group or constituency.

<i>Tick the appropriate box to identify the areas relevant to the nominee (person being nominated).</i>		
Area (science, industry or management)	Qualification/s	Knowledge and Expertise
Marine		
Ocean		
Agricultural		
Aquaculture		
Fisheries		
Agribusiness		
Social		
Finance		
Trade		
Legal		
Other (please specify)		

State your reasons for nominating the person above to serve on the CAFMLR?

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Is the nominee in any manner associated with, or playing a role/s in the fishing industry? Please provide details of any potential conflict of interest and manners in which this can be avoided/mitigated.

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What particular skills will the nominee (person being nominated) bring to the CAFMLR?

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Briefly outline the knowledge and expertise the nominee (person being nominated) will bring to the CAFMLR?
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Which groups (community and other) and organisations is the nominee affiliated and linked to?
Please list all below.

What current research and natural resource management programmes is the nominee affiliated and linked to? Please list all below.

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Please outline how the nominee has demonstrated high value to the fishing industry in South Africa?

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Please attach certified copies (not older than 3 months) of the following with your completed nomination form, where possible:

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| 1. Acceptance letter of the nominee (Annexure A attached) |
| 2. Nominee's complete Curriculum Vitae (CV) |
| 3. Nominee's certified copy of Identification document |
| 4. Nominee's certified copies of all academic qualifications (if foreign, please ensure SAQA evaluation) |
| 5. 3 contactable references |
| 6. Any other relevant documentation |

I _____ (nominator) hereby confirm that the above information is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false information supplied will lead to the disqualification of my nomination.

Name: Nominator

Signature: Nominator

Date:

Please note: all nominations must be signed in ink. No nomination will be considered complete without a signature.

ANNEXURE A

CONSULTATIVE ADVISORY FORUM FOR MARINE LIVING RESOURCES (CAFMLR)

Nominee acceptance letter

I _____ (nominee) hereby accept my nomination to the Consultative Advisory Forum for Marine Living Resources.

I confirm that I am not an employee of the State / Government, agent of a foreign principal (Government, institution, company or other) and hold no vested interest in serving on the Consultative Advisory Forum for Marine Living Resources. I further confirm that I have never been declared insolvent, of unsound mind and I have never been convicted of an offence and sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine.

Name: Nominee

Signature: Nominee

Date:

Please note: all acceptance letters must be signed in ink. No acceptance letter will be considered complete without a signature.

Selected candidates shall be required to undergo a full security clearance and vetting process and shall be required to disclose memberships of Boards and Directorships that they may be associated with. You will be required to annually disclose all of your financial interests.

Membership to the CAFMLR shall be remunerated in accordance with a determination to be made by the Minister with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance. Remuneration shall include sitting fees, preparation, research and traveling time to committee meetings as well as travel and subsistence allowances.

CAFMLR members are appointed for a period not exceeding three years and shall meet at least twice per quarter, unless otherwise determined by the Minister.

A member of the Forum shall vacate his or her office if he or she becomes insolvent, becomes of unsound mind, is convicted of an offence and is sentenced to imprisonment without the option of a fine, is absent from three consecutive meetings of the Forum without leave of the chairperson, resigns by written notice to the Minister or is removed from office by the Minister if there are sufficient reasons in the opinion of the Minister for doing so.