

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**NO. 707**

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)**

**DRAFT NOTICE DECLARING THE GOUKAMMA MARINE PROTECTED AREA UNDER SECTION 22A OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)**

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Environmental Affairs, hereby publish for public comment, the intention to withdraw the existing Goukamma Marine Protected Area under section 22B and to declare under section 22A of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), the Goukamma Marine Protected Area as set out in the Schedule hereto.


Any person who wishes to submit representations or comments in connection with the proposed declaration is invited to do so within 60 days from the date of publication in the *Government Gazette* and by no later than 16h00 on the last day. Comments received after this time may not be considered. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Deputy Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs, Branch Oceans and Coasts:

Hand deliver to:       The Deputy Director-General  
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**BOMO EDITH EDNA MOLEWA  
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

## SCHEDULE

All geographic co-ordinates are determined in accordance with the *WGS 84* datum, and all bearings are true bearings.

### Boundaries of the Marine Protected Area

The Goukamma Marine Protected Area in the Western Cape Province comprises the area bounded by a line running from Buffalo Bay at position 34° 04.440'S; 22° 59.227'E due south (180° true bearing) to position 34° 6.100'S; 22° 59.227'E, due west (270° true bearing) to a position 34° 6.100'S; 22° 59.227'E, due north (0° true bearing) to a position 34° 2.781'S; 22° 50.136'E at Platbank, and along the high water mark to the point of beginning in Buffalo Bay and includes the Goukamma Estuary from the mouth up to a position 34° 0.490'S; 22° 56.230'E (approximately 11.9 km upstream of the mouth).

### Purpose for declaring the Marine Protected Area

The purpose of declaring this Marine Protected Area is to:

- (1) protect and conserve the marine and coastal ecosystems and marine and coastal biodiversity that are found in and around the Goukamma area;
- (2) protect the reproductive capacity of exploited species of fish, to allow their populations to recover and to contribute to the replenishment of adjacent areas;
- (3) protect the nursery function of the Goukamma estuary and the recruitment of estuarine-dependent fish; and
- (4) restrict or prohibit activities which are likely to have an adverse effect on the coastal and ocean environment including effects on the estuary and linefish species such as the dusky kob (*Argyrosomus japonicas*), white steenbras (*Lithognathus lithognathus*), red roman (*Chrysoblephus laticeps*) and galjoen (*Dichistius capensis*).

### Withdrawal of the Goukamma marine protected area

The declaration of the Goukamma Marine Protected Area as contained in stipulation 2(4) of the declaration notice named Declaration of Areas as Marine Protected Areas in *Government Gazette* 219487, Notice No. 1429 of 29 December 2000 is hereby withdrawn and repealed.

