

Public Notice

Draft Notices and Regulations Declaring Marine Protected Areas in Terms of Section 22A of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003)

On 21 July 2017, in *Government Gazette* 40996, the Minister of Environmental Affairs, Dr Edna Molewa, published for public comment draft Notices and Regulations for the expansion and rezonation of three (3) Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) in the Western Cape Province. These are the Betty's Bay MPA, the Robberg MPA and Goukamma MPA. Marine Protected Areas are areas within the ocean where certain activities such as fishing and boating are restricted or prohibited. The proposed regulations also aim to improve the protection of marine biodiversity in these areas and contribute to national targets recommended by the National Protected Area Expansion Strategy.

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* 40996 of 21 July 2017, 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. The final date for comments is 19 September 2017.

By post to: The Deputy Director-General: Environmental Affairs, Branch: Oceans and Coasts, PO Box 52126, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town 8002

By hand to: Department of Environmental Affairs, Branch: Oceans and Coasts, East Pier Building 2, East Pier Road, V & A Waterfront, Cape Town

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The draft notices and regulations can be found on the Department's website:
<https://www.environment.gov.za/legislation/actsregulations>.



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NOTIFICATION OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE BETTY'S BAY MARINE PROTECTED AREA

Notification of public participation process and an invitation to attend a public meeting to provide inputs and comments to the draft Notices and Regulations for the expansion and rezonation of the Betty's Bay Marine Protected Area (MPA) in terms of Section 22A of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003). The draft notices and regulations can be found on the Department's website:
<https://www.environment.gov.za/legislation/actsregulations>.

DATE AND VENUE OF THE PUBLIC MEETING FOR BETTY'S BAY MPA:

DATE: 23 August 2017

TIME: 18:00

VENUE: Crassula Hall, Betty's Bay



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