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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 205 OF 2012

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION AND TOURISM

DRAFT ALIEN SPECIES REGULATIONS FOR THE NORTH WEST PROVINCE

<u>Wildlife species not to be imported into the North West Province or to be sold at</u> <u>auctions to buyers with properties in the North West Province</u>

Draft regulations pertaining to the management of alien, exotic, and invasive game species in the North West Province, in terms of the -

- 1. Nature Conservation Ordinance, No. 12 of 1983 (Transvaal Province);
- 2. Bophuthatswana Nature Conservation Act, 1973 and
- 3. Cape Nature and Environmental Conservation Ordinance, No. 19 of 1974 (Cape Province),
- 4. National Environmental Management Biodiversity Act, Act 10 of 2004: Threatened or Protected Species Regulations, 2007.

I, Tebogo Modise, in my capacity as the Member of the Executive Council responsible for Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism in the North West Province hereby, by the powers vested in me in terms of the above-mentioned provisions, and in respect of areas within the boundaries of the North West Province, publish for comments, draft regulations pertaining to the management of alien, exotic, and invasive game species in the North West Province.

Any person who wishes to submit representations or comments in connection with the above are invited to do so in writing within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice. All representations or comments must be submitted in writing to the Acting Chief Director for Environmental Services:

By post to: Acting Chief Director Environmental Services Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism Private Bag X15 Mmabatho 2735

By fax: (018) 389 5640 or by e-mail to jdenga@nwpg.gov.za

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Tebogo Modise MEC for Economic Development, Environment, Conservation, & Tourism Date: 16 102 12012

SCHEDULE

1. Purpose

To regulate the establishment of populations of species that may pose a threat to the biodiversity of the North West Province.

2. Definitions as per National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and NEMBA: Threatened or Protected Species Regulations

"alien species" means-

(a) a species that is not an indigenous species; or

(b) an indigenous species translocated or intended to be translocated to a place outside its natural distribution range in nature, but not an indigenous species that has extended its natural distribution range by natural means of migration or dispersal without human intervention;

"controlled environment" means an enclosure designed to hold specimens of a listed threatened or protected species in a way that –

(a) prevents them from escaping;

- (b) facilitates intensive human intervention or manipulation in the form of the provision
- of (i) food or water;
 - (ii) artificial housing; or
 - (iii) health care; and
- (c) facilitates the intensive breeding or propagation of a listed threatened or protected species,

but excludes fenced land on which self-sustaining wildlife populations of that species are managed in an extensive wildlife system;

"**indigenous species**" means a species that occurs, or has historically occurred, naturally in a free state in nature within the borders of the Republic, but excludes a species that has been introduced in the Republic as a result of human activity; "invasive species" means any species whose establishment and spread outside of its natural distribution range-

(a) threaten ecosystems, habitats or other species or have demonstrable potential to threaten ecosystems, habitats or other species; and

(b) may result in economic or environmental harm or harm to human health;

3. Schedules of wildlife species not to be imported into the North West Province or to be sold at auctions to buyers with properties in the North West Province

Schedule 1

All non-indigenous alien species of which the importation into the North West Province is prohibited, excluding domesticated water buffalo and emu. Keeping permits for non-indigenous alien species in controlled environments may be considered after a risk assessment has been submitted. Consideration may be given to supplement existing populations for genetic purposes. Schedule 1 species include following:

COMMON NAME

Bongo Forrest buffalo Lechwe Lord Derby Eland Puku Sitatunga Western roan antelope Scimitar-horned oryx Fellow deer All species of alien *Suidae*

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Boocercus euryceros Syncerus caffer nanus Kobus leche Taurotragus derbianus Kobus vardonii Tragelaphus spekii Hippotragus equines koba Oryx dammah Dama dama

Schedule 2

Indigenous alien species that did not historically occur in the North West Province and of which the establishment of new populations is prohibited. Consideration may be given to supplement existing populations for genetic purposes. Keeping permits for indigenous alien species in controlled environments may be considered after a risk assessment has been submitted. Schedule 2 species include following:

COMMON NAME

Bontebok Hartmann's zebra Lichtenstein's hartebeest Livingstone eland Cape mountain zebra

SCIENTIFIC NAME

Damaliscus pygargus dorcas Equus zebra hartmannae Alcelaphus lichtensteinii Taurotragus oryx livinstonii Equus zebra zebra

Schedule 3

Species of dangerous game as per North West Fencing Policy, for which management plans are required before any permit applications will be considered:

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME
African buffalo	Syncerus caffer
African elephant	Loxodonta africana
African wild dog	Lycaon pictus
Cheetah	Acinonyx jubatus
Hippopotamus	Hippopotamus amphibious
Hyaena, brown	Parahyaena brunnea
Hyaena, spotted	Crocuta crocuta
Leopard	Panthera pardus
Lion	Panthera leo
Rhino, black	Diceros bicornis minor, D. b. bicornis