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DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY

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NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF PARTICULAR TREES AND PARTICULAR GROUP OF TREES " CHAMPION TREES" UNDER SECTION 12(1)(a) AND (b) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998), AS AMENDED

By virtue of the powers vested in me under Section 12(1)(a) and (b) of the National Forests Act, 1998, I, Lindiwe Benedicta Hendricks hereby declare that all particular trees and particular group of trees set out in the Schedule below as protected trees.

The effect of this declaration is that in terms of Section 15(1) of the National Forests Act, 1998, no person may cut, disturb, damage or destroy any protected tree or possess, collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquire or dispose of any protected tree or any forest product derived from a protected tree, except under a licence granted by the Minister to an applicant and subject to such period and conditions as may be stipulated.

Contravention of this declaration is regarded as a first category offence that may result in a person who is found guilty of being sentenced to a fine or imprisonment for a period up to three years, or to both a fine and imprisonment.

SCHEDULE A / BYLAE A

CHAMPION TREE NOMINATION REGISTER NUMBER	Tree Species / Tree Name	Other common names	General Description	Location (Province, district, farm/town, suburb, street) property registration names or approximate co-ordinates if available
1	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab) "Sagole Tree" or "Muvhuyu wa Makhadzi"	Kremetart (A) / Seboi (Sep) / Mowana (Set) / Muvhuyu (V)	Largest tree of South Africa, and habitat for a rare colony of mottled spinetail swallows.	Zwigodini, Vandaland, Limpopo Province S 22° 29.99' E 30° 37.99'
2	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab)	Kremetart (A) / Seboi (Sep) / Mowana (Set)	Second largest tree of South Africa	Glencoe farm, Hoedspruit, Limpopo Province S 24° 22.43' E 30° 51.45'

3	<i>Ficus salicifolia</i> (Wonderboom fig) "The Pretoria Wonderboom fig"	Wonderboomvy (A)	Largest Wonderboom fig. Old (about 1000 years) and historic – Ox wagon outspan area in earlier years, and legend that a local chief was buried under the tree.	Wonderboom Park, Pretoria (Tshwane metropolitan area), Gauteng S 25° 41.61' E 28° 11.46"
4	<i>Breonadia salicina</i> (Matumi)	Mingerhout (A) / Mohlomê (Sep) / Mutu-lume (Set)	Largest Matumi tree in South Africa	Amorentia Estate, Politsi Valley, Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo Province S 23° 45.89' E 30° 2.92'
5	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab) "Platland Tree"	Kremetart (A) / Seboi (Sep) / Mowana (Set)	Very large baobab and well-known tourist attraction	Sunland farm, Platland, Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo Province S 23° 37.26' E 30° 11.88'
8	<i>Ficus sycomorus</i> (Common cluster fig)	Gewone trosvy (A)	Second largest cluster fig in SA	Excellence farm, Mica, Limpopo Province
10	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) "King Edward, VII Tree"	Outeniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	Largest accessible Outeniqua yellowwood in SA	Diepwalle State forest, Knysna, Western Cape
15.	<i>Breonadia salicina</i> (Matumi)	Mingerhout (A) / Mohlomê (Sep) / Mutu-lume (Set)	Second largest Matumi tree in SA	Amorentia Estate, Politsi Valley, Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo Province S 23° 46.09' E 30° 2.85'
31.	<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i> (milkwood)	Melkhout (A) / Ximfana (X) / Umakhwelafingqane (Z)	Largest milkwood in SA, estimated to be about 1000 years old	Langbos farm 8 km northwest of Stilbaai, Western Cape S 34° 22.30' E 21° 24'
32.	<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i> (milkwood) Mossel Bay "Post office tree"	Melkhout (A) / Ximfana (X) / Umakhwelafingqane (Z)	Historic tree believed to have been the tree in which an old shoe was placed for exchange of messages by Portuguese seafarers in the 16 th century	Dias Museum, Mossel Bay, Western Cape S 34° 10.81' E 22° 8.48'
33.	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> (Camphor tree) "The Vergelegen trees"	Kanferboom (A)	Historic trees planted more than 3 centuries ago by Governor WA van der Stel – very large trees with large landscape impact	Vergelegen Estate, Somerset West, Western Cape S 34° 4.61' E 18° 53.38'
49.	<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> (Norfolk Island Pine)	Norfolkeiland den (A)	Tallest Norfolk Island Pine planted in 1826 by wife of last landdrost of Stellenbosch.	Theological Seminary, Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, Western Cape S 33° 56.32' E 18° 51.86'
50.	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (River red gum)	Rooibloekom (A)	Planted in 1880. Prominent tree providing shade for an entire informal market.	Bergzicht market square, Stellenbosch, Western Cape S 33° 55.95' E 18° 51.51'

51.	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak)	Engelse Eik (A)	Planted in 1812. One of only 5 oak trees remaining from the previous generation of planted oak trees.	6 Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch, Western Cape S 33° 56.29' E 18° 51.79'
60.	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak)	Engelse Eik (A)	One of the biggest oaks in the district, located at a historic farmhouse of an old wine estate..	Zandvliet Delta Farm, Franschoek, Western Cape S 33° 51.78' E 18° 59.42'
61.	<i>Populus nigra</i> (Lombardy poplar)	Italiaanse populier (A)	The tree stands at the site where Ruth Fischer, daughter of Braam Fischer (a prominent founder member of the SA Communist Party) ran a safe house for fugitives from the Apartheid security forces. The tree served as landmark for those seeking this safe house.	C/o Lothbury & Fawley Street, Johannesburg, Gauteng S 26° 10.94' E 28° 0.40'
82.	<i>Podocarpus falacatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) "Tsitsikamma Big Tree"	Outeniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	One of the most accessible and famous big trees in Tsitsikamma forest. Visited by more than 80 000 tourists each year.	Plaatsbos Nature Reserve, Storms River State forest, Storms River, Eastern Cape
83.	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) "Woodville Big Tree"	Outeniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	One of the largest yellowwoods in the Knysna forests, receiving substantial numbers of visitors.	Bergplaas State forest, Collin's Hoek, Western Cape S 33° 56.04 E 22° 38.72'
84.	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) "Eastern Monarch"	Outeniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	One of the largest trees in Eastern Cape, known as the Eastern monarch, and located next to Tyume hiking trail.	Auckland Nature Reserve Keiskamma State forest, Eastern Cape
89.	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) "Slave tree"	Engelse Eik (A)	Very large oak tree planted in 1811 – one of the biggest in the southern hemisphere.	George Tourism Bureau, 124 York Street, George, Western Cape S 33° 57.39' E 22° 54'
95	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) "Sophiatown Oak"	Engelse Eik (A)	The first individual tree proclaimed as protected under the National Forests Act. Was mutilated and died, but site is still of historic significance. Tree was part of the history of Sophiatown and the struggle against the forced removal of the community in the 1950s.	8 Berthastreet, Sophiatown S 26° 10.79' E 27° 58.81'

A = Afrikaans / E = English / Sep = Sepedi / Set = Setswana / V = Tshivenda / X = IsiXhosa / Z = IsiZulu