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DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998)

THE PUBLICATION OF THE ANNUAL LIST OF ALL TREE SPECIES WHICH ARE PROTECTED UNDER SECTION 12 OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998)

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby under section 15(3) of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998), give notice of my publication of the list of all protected tree species as indicated in the Schedule hereto.

The trees are declared protected in terms of section 12 of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998), and the effect of the declaration in terms of section 15(1) of the Act, is as follows:

- “(1) No person may -
- (a) cut, disturb, damage or destroy any protected tree; or
 - (b) 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 –
- (i) under a licence granted by the Minister; or
 - (ii) in terms of an exemption from the provisions of this subsection published by the Minister in the Gazette on the advice of the Council.”

In terms of section 62(2)(c) of the National Forests Act, 1998 (Act No. 84 of 1998), any person who contravenes section 15(1) of the Act, commits a first category offence. In terms of section 58(1) of that Act, a person who is guilty of a first category offence may be sentenced to a fine or imprisonment for a period of up to three years, or to a fine and such imprisonment.



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