

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)**DRAFT NOTICE DECLARING THE ROBBERG 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 Robberg 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 Robberg 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
Environmental Affairs: Oceans and Coasts
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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 **Robberg Marine Protected Area** in the Western Cape Province includes the marine area around the Robberg Peninsula, near Plettenberg Bay, bounded by the latitudes 34°04.916'S and 34°07.633'S and longitudes 023°022.300'E and 023°25.967'E.

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 Robberg Peninsula;
- (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; and
- (3) restrict or prohibit activities which are likely to have an adverse effect on the environment including effects on colonies of seals and seabirds in the area.

Withdrawal of the Robberg marine protected area

The declaration of the Robberg Marine Protected Area as contained in stipulation 2(5) 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.

