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**NATIONAL FORESTS ACT 84 OF 1998**

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**NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF PARTICULAR GROUPS OF TREES "CHAMPION TREES" UNDER THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998), AS AMENDED.**

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By virtue of powers vested in me under Section 12(1)(a) and (b) of the National Forests Act, 1998, I, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hereby declare all particular trees and particular groups 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 or in terms of an exemption from the provisions of this subsection published by the Minister in the Gazette.

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 both a fine and imprisonment.

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## SCHEDULE 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 coordinates if available
40	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (River red gum) The Irene Champions	Rooibloekom (A)	Estate land, parts of which were originally bought by General Jan Smuts, with a variety of trees planted since the late 19th century.	Irene Farm Estate, Pretoria, Gauteng S 25° 52' 45.0120" E 28° 12' 43.9776"
50	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (River red gum) Bergzicht Market Trees: extended proclamation of all goo trees on the market planted in the 1880s	Rooibloekom (A)	Planted in 1880. Prominent trees providing shade for an entire informal market.	Cnr of Bird and Merriman Streets, Stellenbosch Western Cape S 33° 55' 57.4300" E 18° 51' 29.3200"
237	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (Saligna gum) Saasveld Sentinels	Salignabloekom (A)	Large eucalypt landmark trees at the scenic Saasveld campus.	Saasveld campus of Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Western Cape S 33° 57' 43.4160" E 22° 32' 06.6480"
256	<i>Pinus pseudostrobus</i> (False Weymouth pine) The Three Matrons	Pseudostrobusden (A)	Possibly the largest pine trees in Northern Province, planted in 1914.	Woodbush Forest Estate Northern Province S 23° 50' 35.6280" E 29° 59' 03.2640"
258	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i> (Moreton Bay fig) The Zoo Giant	Australiaanse wildevy (A)	Large landmark tree near the entrance of the National Zoological Gardens.	National Zoological Gardens Pretoria Gauteng S 25° 44' 16.4000"

				E 28° 11' 20.6300"
262	<i>Pinus taeda</i> (Loblolly pine) The Buffelsnek Pine	Loblollyden (A)	Tallest pine tree measured in South Africa.	Buffelsnek State forest Western Cape S 33° 54' 28.5500" E 23° 09' 17.4000"
263	<i>Ficus sycamorus</i> (Sycamore fig) The Ileembe Tree	Gewone trosvy (A)	Very large tree in rural landscape, known as a local landmark since a century ago.	Ileembe District Municipality KwaZulu-Natal S 28° 52' 50.7900" E 30° 58' 51.9300"
265	<i>Cussonia spicata</i> (Lowveld cabbage tree) The Kurisa Forest Giant	Laeveldse kiepersol (A)	An imposing giant forest tree.	Kurisa Moya Nature Lodge Sterkloop Farm Houtbosdorp Limpopo Province S 23° 48' 08.4800" E 29° 56' 26.3800"
271	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (River red gum) The Waterkloof Giant	Rooibloekom (A)	Largest landmark tree of the eastern Pretoria suburbs. Remnant of a plantation taken over by suburban development.	Waterkloof Primary School Pretoria Gauteng S 25° 46' 40.7600" E 28° 14' 26.1700"
275	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (baobab) Buffelsdrift baobab / Swartwater baobab	Kremetart (A)	One of the five largest baobabs in the country.	Farm Buffelsdrift Limpopo province S 22° 51' 41.2300" E 28° 13' 30.2800"
278	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood)	Outeniekwageelhout (A) MogObagoba (NS) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	Among the tallest indigenous forest trees in the country.	Blouberg Limpopo Province S 23° 05' 08.8440" E 29° 00' 08.7120"
279	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i> (Moreton Bay fig) The Kindergarten Giant	Australiaanse wildevy (A)	Large landmark tree at UCT campus.	University of Cape Town Cape Town Western Cape S 33° 57' 31.1500" E 18° 27' 28.5800"

269	<i>Ficus burkei</i> (Common wild fig)	Gewone wildevy Moumo (NS) / Umthombe (X) / Umthombe (Z) Muumo (V)	Scenic trees growing in a kraal built in the 1860s	Vygekraal (Portion of the farm Middelwater) Gauteng
274	<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> (Rose gum)	Grandisgom (A)	Stand of second tallest trees in the country, planted in 1938	Satico Plantation Lows Creek Mpumalanga
280	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> (Blue gum)	Bloekom (A)	Large landmark gum tree	The farm Radyn near Villiersdorp Western Cape
281	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i> (Moreton Bay Fig)	Australiaanse wildevy (A)	Landmark trees of the same vintage as the Arderne Garden trees (about 160 years old)	None Go By, 28 Fernwood Avenue, New lands Cape Town Western Cape

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