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NATIONAL FORESTS ACT 84 OF 1998

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DECLARATION OF A LIST OF NATIONAL FOREST TYPES AS NATURAL FORESTS IN TERMS OF SECTION 7(3)(a) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998), AS AMENDED

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By virtue of the powers vested in me by section 7(3)(a) of the National Forests Act, 1998, 1, Lindiwe Benedicta Hendricks, Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry hereby declare the natural forest types set out in schedule A below as natural forests.

The effect of this declaration is that in terms of section 7(1) of the National Forests Act, 1998, no person may cut, disturb, damage or destroy any indigenous tree in, or remove or receive any such tree from a natural forest except in terms of :-

- (a) a license issued under subsection (4) or section 23; or
- (b) an exemption from the provisions of subsection (4) published by the Minister in the Gazette.

SCHEDULE A

I: SOUTHERN AFROTEMPERATE FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FO_z1)
I1: Western Cape Talus Forests (VEGMAP CODE FPZ 11)
I2: Western Cape Afrot temperate Forests (VEGMAP CODE FO _z 12)
I3: Southern Cape Afrot temperate Forests (VEGMAP CODE FO _z 13)
II: NORTHERN AFROTEMPERATE FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FO_z II)
II1: Marekele Afromontane Forests (VEGMAP CODE FO _z II1)
II2: Northern Highveld Forests (VEGMAP CODE FO _z II2)
II3: Drakensberg Montane Forests (VEGMAP CPDE FPz II3)
II4 Eastern Midlands Forests (previously KwaZulu Natal Mistbelt or Low Escarpment Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FO _z II4)
III: SOUTHERN MISTBELT FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FO_z III)
III1: Eastern Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FO _z III1)
III2: Transkei Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FO _z III2)
III3: Amatole Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FO _z III4)
IV: NORTHERN MISTBELT FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FO_z IV)
IV1: Limpopo Mistbelt Forests (previously Northern Mistbelt Forests) (VEGMAP CODE FO _z IV1)

IV2: Mpumalanga Mistbelt Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz IV2)
V: SCARP FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz V)
V1: Eastern Scarp Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz V1)
V2: Pondoland Scarp Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz V2)
V3: Transkei Coastal Forests (previously Transkei Coastal Platform Forests) (VEGMAP CODE FOz V3)
VI: SOUTHERN COASTAL FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz VI)
VI1: Eastern Cape Dune Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VI1)
VI2: Albany Coastal Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VI2)
VI3: Western Cape Milkwood Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VI3)
VII: NORTHERN COASTAL FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz VII)
VII1: KwaZulu-Natal Coastal Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VII1)
VII2: KwaZulu-Natal Dune Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VII2)
VIII: TROPICAL DRY FOREST GROUP (VEGMAP CODE FOz VIII)
VIII1: Licuati Sand Forest (VEGMAP CODE FOz VIII1)
VIII2: Nwambyia Sand Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VIII2)
VIII3: Ironwood Dry Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOz VIII3)
A: AZONAL FOREST TYPES
A1: Lowveld Riverine Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOa 1)
A2: Swamp Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOa 2)
A3: Mangrove Forests (VEGMAP CODE FOa 3)

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