

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND DEVELOPMENT
PLANNING
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS
ACT, 2003 (ACT 57 OF 2003)
NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DECLARE AREAS AS PART OF EXISTING
GROOTBOS PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE**

The Provincial Minister of Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning in the Western Cape (the Provincial Minister)—

(a) in terms of section 33(1)(a) of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act 57 of 2003) (the Act), gives notice of his intention to declare under section 23(1)(a)(ii) of the Act the following areas (the intended additional areas) as part of the existing Grootbos Private Nature Reserve (the existing nature reserve):

- (i) Farm No. 919, situated in the Overstrand Municipality, Division of Caledon, Western Cape Province; in extent: 241, 0302 (Two Hundred and Forty-One comma Zero Three Zero Two) hectares; held by Deed of Transfer No. T40736/2005;
- (ii) Remainder of Portion 14 (Vyge Rug) (a portion of Portion 3) of the Farm Bavians Fonteyn No. 703, situated in the Overstrand Municipality, Division of Caledon, Western Cape Province; in extent: 258, 4755 (Two Hundred and Fifty-eight comma Four Seven Five Five) hectares; held by Deed of Transfer No. T5231/1996;
- (iii) Remainder of Portion 3 of the Farm Bavians Fonteyn No. 703, situated in the Overstrand Municipality, Division of Caledon, Western Cape Province; in extent: 277, 7619 (Two Hundred and Seventy-seven comma Seven Six One Nine) hectares; held by Deed of Transfer No. T88353/1995;
- (iv) Remainder of Portion 3 (Platrug) of the Farm De Platte Rugt No. 692, situated in the Overstrand Municipality, Division of Caledon, Western Cape Province; in extent: 409, 3013 (Four Hundred and Nine comma Three Zero One Three) hectares; held by Deed of Transfer No. T37258/1997;
- (v) Portion 8 (Steynsbos) (a portion of Portion 3) of the Farm De Platte Rugt No. 692, situated in the Overstrand Municipality, Division of Caledon, Western Cape Province; in extent: 409, 3010 (Four Hundred and Nine

comma Three Zero One Zero) hectares; held by Deed of Transfer No. T116480/2003;

(vi) Remainder of Portion 1 of the Farm Helderfontein No. 688, situated in the Overstrand Municipality, Division of Caledon, Western Cape Province; in extent: 755, 7751 (Seven Hundred and Fifty-five comma Seven Seven Five One) hectares; held by Deed of Transfer No. T13319/2010;

(vii) Portion 5 (a portion of Portion 1) of the Farm Helderfontein No. 688, situated in the Overstrand Municipality, Division of Caledon, Western Cape Province; in extent: 88, 0452 (Eighty-eight comma Zero Four Five Two) hectares; held by Deed of Transfer No. T13898/2016,

the boundaries of which are reflected on the map set out in the Schedule;

(b) notifies that the existing nature reserve and the intended additional areas are situated approximately 15 km south of Stanford and 35 km south from Hermanus in the Overberg region, as indicated on the map in the Schedule;

(c) notifies that CapeNature assessed the intended additional areas, and it is apparent from this assessment that the intended additional areas contain several features that make them eligible for declaration as part of an existing nature reserve;

(d) notifies that the intended action referred to in paragraph (a) meets the requirements of section 23(2)(b)(i), (ii) and (iii) of the Act, as it is aimed at protecting the intended additional areas, which have significant natural features or biodiversity, are of scientific, cultural, historical or archaeological interest, and are in need of long-term protection for the maintenance of their biodiversity or for the provision of environmental goods and services;

(e) notifies that the contents of the Schedule and details of the assessment referred to in paragraph (c) may be viewed at <https://www.capenature.co.za/protected-areas-and-stewardship>;

(f) notifies that the Provincial Minister is not, at this stage, aware of any potential rights or interests of the local community, or stakeholders other than the owner of the existing nature reserve and the intended additional areas, that may be affected by the intended action referred to in paragraph (a);

(g) invites members of the public to submit to the Provincial Minister written representations on or objections to the intended action referred to in paragraph (a) within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice in the *Provincial Gazette* by—

- (i) posting the representations or objections to:
Dr Ashley Naidoo
The Chief Executive Officer
Attention: Ms K Reid
CapeNature
Private Bag X29
Gatesville 7766;
 - (ii) delivering the representations or objections to:
Ms K Reid
Legal Advisor
CapeNature
Cnr Bosduif and Volstruis Streets
Bridgetown
Athlone; or
 - (iii) emailing the representations or objections to:
kreid@capenature.co.za; and
- (h) invites interested or affected persons to, in appropriate circumstances, present oral representations or objections to the Provincial Minister, or to a person designated by the Provincial Minister, within the period contemplated in paragraph (g).

Written representations or objections received, or oral representations or objections presented, after the closing date may be disregarded.

Enquiries may be directed to Ms Kaylin Reid at 087 087 4102.

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(Paragraphs (a) and (b))

