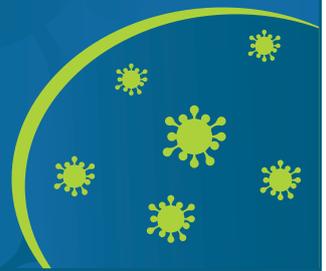




CapeNature

18-24 April 2020

COVID-19 WEEKLY UPDATE



Effect of COVID-19 on Tourism

THE GLOBAL OUTBREAK of the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has impacted the travel & tourism sector severely. Travel restrictions have made travel almost non-existent, and further leading to many business closures and job losses. Hotels, airlines and cruise operators are just a few of the hardest hit travel industries that have suffered the most immediate repercussions. South African travel leaders have predicted that dependent on our effectiveness to contain the virus, a recovery in travel & tourism may take as long as 18-24 months. The full impact remains to be seen, as it is too early to estimate at this stage.



It is evident that the future of tourism post lockdown may look very different as tourist behaviour evolves. It is envisaged that visitors may become more conscious around the travel choices they make, demanding more from businesses to initiate rules of engagement, incorporating social distancing and ensuring a more vigorous approach to hygiene levels across its operations. Our tourism team is engaging and participating with both provincial and national tourism organisations to keep abreast of the latest developments in this regard. We have also established a multi-disciplinary task team to develop a post lockdown action plan to ensure that we ready to welcome visitors. The well-being of our staff and visitors continue to be our priority, hence we will need to work together on adapting to vigorous risk assessments and putting mitigations in place to ensure our operations are compliant while we continue to build visitors confidence again.

Another victory for environmental compliance

A JEEP TRACK was constructed illegally by a telecommunications service provider on Matroosberg Peak in CapeNature's Bokke-rivier Reserve outside of Ceres.

Following site inspections by CapeNature staff, and an in-depth investigation, the transgressor was served with a formal compliance notice by the regulating authority, the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning this week. The guilty party must ensure that the entire road is rehabilitated, as well as remove a concrete structure built below the peak within 30 days.

The development of the road destroyed a large portion of the habitat of two endangered Colophon beetle species (*Colophon haughtoni* and *Colophon kawaii*) endemic to and occurring only on the Matroosberg mountain.



THIS YEAR EARTH DAY GOES DIGITAL

CAPENATURE CLIMATE CHANGE CHALLENGE & COMPETITION 2020



Take a photo, make a short video (less than two minutes), or create a poster telling us how you're saving the planet from climate change during lockdown. Or you can simply share a written pledge.



Go to <https://bit.ly/34Zekjy> for more information on how to enter.



Upload your entries between 22 April and 30 April 2020.



Prizes to the value of R1 000 per category are up for grabs!!



Ramadan Kareem to all our Muslim associates and their families. May this holy month bring with it blessings, increased spirituality and togetherness. Wishing you well over the fasting period and may all your prayers and good deeds be accepted.

We encourage you to stay in contact with us.



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