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GENERAL NOTICE

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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004 (ACT NO. 10 OF 2004)

PROPOSED PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES INVOLVING SPECIMENS OF CERTAIN *ENCEPHALARTOS* SPECIES

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby, in terms of section 57(2) of the *National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No.10 of 2004) (NEMBA)* and read with section 100 of the Act, publish for public comment a proposed prohibition on certain restricted activities involving specimens of certain *Encephalartos* species within South Africa, namely:


- a) Trade in specimens of *Encephalartos* species, listed as critically endangered with a stem diameter of more than 15 cm, except for *Encephalartos cerinus*, which cannot be traded with if the stem diameter is more than 7 cm, for a period of 5 years; and
- b) Sale or export (including re-export) of specimens of *Encephalartos* species listed as endangered with a stem diameter of more than 15 cm, except for *Encephalartos cupidus*, which cannot be sold or exported (including re-exported) if the stem diameter is more than 7 cm, for a period of 5 years, unless the specimens are appropriately marked by the Issuing Authority by means of microchips, at the expense of the person applying to sell or export (including re-export) specimens.

Any person who wishes to submit representations on or objections to the proposed prohibition of certain restricted activities involving specimens of certain *Encephalartos* species is invited to do so within 30 days of the date publication of this notice. All such representations or objections must be submitted to the Minister in the following manner:

- (a) By post to: The Director-General:
Department of Environmental Affairs
Attention: Ms Amanda Dana
Private Bag X447
Pretoria, 0001
- (b) Delivered to: The Department of Environmental Affairs
Attention: Ms Amanda Dana
Fedsure Building
315 Pretorius Street
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(c) By fax to: (012) 320 7026, and by e-mail to adana@environment.gov.za

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.



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