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## GENERAL NOTICE

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### NOTICE 261 OF 2005

#### PRESS RELEASE

#### PROPOSED FEES FOR SCUBA DIVER AND SCUBA DIVER BUSINESS PERMITS WITHIN AN MARINE PROTECTED AREA ("MPA")

Marine Protected Area Regulations as promulgated under Section 43 of the Marine Living Resources Act, Act 18 of 1998, Government Gazette No.'s 26430, 26431, 26433 state that:

*"...no person may operate or attempt to operate a SCUBA diving business in the Marine Protected Area except on the authority of a SCUBA diving business permit"*

And Government Gazette No.'s 26430, 26431, 26432 and 26433 state that:

*"...no person may SCUBA dive or attempt to SCUBA dive in the Marine Protected Area except on the authority of a SCUBA diving permit".*

Anchor Environmental Consultants were contracted to provide the Department with recommendations as to an appropriate permitting procedure and fees. The report, "Recommendations for MPA diving and dive operator permit systems", was informed **by** way of an extensive public consultation process conducted **by** the Consultants.

THE PROPOSED FEES FOR RECREATIONAL SCUBA DIVERS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

#### Annual Permit Fee Structure:

Application Fee:	R 5.00
Permit Fee:	<b>R65.00</b>

#### Monthly Permit Fee Structure:

Application Fee:	R 5.00
Permit Fee:	R 35.00

THE PROPOSED FEES FOR SCUBA DIVING OPERATORS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

60 Month Permit Fee Structure:

Permit Application Fee:	R7 000.00
Application Fee for a Renewal of a Permit (i.e. after 60 months)	R 70.00

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| i. Basic permit fee for a permit for running operations in a single MPA, endorsed with the names of the business owner or representative and one other qualified dive leader and the registration number of a single vessel | R3 000.00 |
| ii. Fee for each additional <b>MPA</b> for which the permit is valid  | R3 000.00 |
| iii. Fee for additional vessel registration number from which divers can be deployed  | R2 000.00 |
| iv. Fee for inclusion of names of additional dive leaders, for each additional name   | R 500.00  |

The table below provides a summary of the proposed permit fee permutations for operators active in up to 4 different MPAs, using up to 4 boats and engaging the services of up to 12 dive leaders:

		Permit valid for 1 MPA				Permit valid for 2 MPAs			
		No of boats used by the dive operator				No of boats used by the dive operator			
		≤1	2	3	4	≤1	2	3	4
No of dive leaders engaged by the permit holder	1	R 3,000	R 5,000	R 7,000	R 9,000	R 6,000	R 8,000	R 10,000	R 12,000
	2	R 3,500	R 5,500	R 7,500	R 9,500	R 6,500	R 8,500	R 10,500	R 12,500
	3	R 4,000	R 6,000	R 8,000	R 10,000	R 7,000	R 9,000	R 11,000	R 13,000
	4	R 4,500	R 6,500	R 8,500	R 10,500	R 7,500	R 9,500	R 11,500	R 13,500
	5	R 5,000	R 7,000	R 9,000	R 11,000	R 8,000	R 10,000	R 12,000	R 14,000
	6	R 5,500	R 7,500	R 9,500	R 11,500	R 8,500	R 10,500	R 12,500	R 14,500
	7	R 6,000	R 8,000	R 10,000	R 12,000	R 9,000	R 11,000	R 13,000	R 15,000
	8	R 6,500	R 8,500	R 10,500	R 12,500	R 9,500	R 11,500	R 13,500	R 15,500
	9	R 7,000	R 9,000	R 11,000	R 13,000	R 10,000	R 12,000	R 14,000	R 16,000
	10	R 7,500	R 9,500	R 11,500	R 13,500	R 10,500	R 12,500	R 14,500	R 16,500
	11	R 8,000	R 10,000	R 12,000	R 14,000	R 11,000	R 13,000	R 15,000	R 17,000

	12	R 8,500	R 10,500	R 12,500	R 14,500	R 11,500	R 13,500	R 15,500	R 17,500
	Permit valid for 3 MPAs					Permit valid for 4 MPAs			
No of dive leaders engaged by the permit holder	1	R 9,000	R 11,000	R 13,000	R 15,000	R 12,000	R 14,000	R 16,000	R 18,000
	2	R 9,500	R 11,500	R 13,500	R 15,500	R 12,500	R 14,500	R 16,500	R 18,500
	3	R 10,000	R 12,000	R 14,000	R 16,000	R 13,000	R 15,000	R 17,000	R 19,000
	4	R 10,500	R 12,500	R 14,500	R 16,500	R 13,500	R 15,500	R 17,500	R 19,500
	5	R 11,000	R 13,000	R 15,000	R 17,000	R 14,000	R 16,000	R 18,000	R 20,000
	6	R 11,500	R 13,500	R 15,500	R 17,500	R 14,500	R 16,500	R 18,500	R 20,500
	7	R 12,000	R 14,000	R 16,000	R 18,000	R 15,000	R 17,000	R 19,000	R 21,000
	8	R 12,500	R 14,500	R 16,500	R 18,500	R 15,500	R 17,500	R 19,500	R 21,500
	9	R 13,000	R 15,000	R 17,000	R 19,000	R 16,000	R 18,000	R 20,000	R 22,000
	10	R 13,500	R 15,500	R 17,500	R 19,500	R 16,500	R 18,500	R 20,500	R 22,500
	11	R 14,000	R 16,000	R 18,000	R 20,000	R 17,000	R 19,000	R 21,000	R 23,000
	12	R 14,500	R 16,500	R 18,500	R 20,500	R 17,500	R 19,500	R 21,500	R 23,500

The Department invites Interested and Affected Parties to comment within 30 days of this Notice. Comments are to therefore reach our offices by 14 March 2005.

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For Attention: Deputy Director: Sustainable Coastal Livelihoods and Socio-Economic Development

Copies of the Regulations, as promulgated under Section 43 of the Marine Living Resources Act, Act 18 of 1998, are available on the website. Contact details for your local MPA Manager include:

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Table Mountain: Mr. Paul Sieben from SANP  
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