

GENERAL NOTICE ALGEMENE KENNISGEWING

NOTICE 1751 OF 2001

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR PERMITS TO OPERATE A WHALE WATCHING BUSINESS FROM A VESSEL IN TERMS OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998)

The Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism hereby announces for general information that it is the intention of the Honourable Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism to issue a total of 13 permits to operate a Whale Watching Business from a Vessel in terms of the provisions of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act no. 18 of 1998) ("the Act") for the 2001/2002 season for the following areas:

BOAT BASED WHALE WATCHING AREAS:				
NB. ALL POSITIONS ARE BASED ON THE NAVIGATION FORMAT WGS84				
In all cases the boundaries of each area are defined, on the West Coast up to Slangkop Lighthouse by as a line due west (true bearing) through the given position, Cape Point up to Woody Cape by a line drawn due south (true bearing) through the given position and on the East Coast up to Cape Vidal by a line drawn due east (true bearing) through the given position. No commercial whale or dolphin watching vessel may enter a closed area.				
AREA	DESCRIPTION	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
AREA LAMBERT'S BAY	Olifants River Mouth (Northern Boundary) to Cape Deseeda (Southern Boundary)	31°42.0'S 32°19.0632'S	18°11.20'E 18°19.1766'E	1 Permit
SALDANHA BAY AREA	North Head Lighthouse Saldanha Bay (Northern boundary) to Dassen Island Lighthouse (Southern Boundary)	33°03.0'S 33°25.917'S	17°54.75'E 18°05.417'E	1 Permit
STRUISBAAI/ARNISTON AREA	Cape Agulhas lighthouse. (Western boundary) to Skipskop onshore (Waypoint 1) and then extending due south (true bearing) from waypoint 1	34° 49.758'S 34° 34.938'S	20° 0.579'E 20° 21.8898'E	1 Permit
PLETTENBERG BAY AREA	The Western boundary is a line joining Waypoints 1,2,3,4 and then extending due south (true bearing) from Waypoint 4: 1nm East of Robberg Peninsula (on land) Waypoint 1 1nm offshore Robberg Beach Waypoint 2 1nm offshore Robberg Peninsula Waypoint 3 1nm offshore Robberg Peninsula Waypoint 4 The Eastern boundary is a line drawn due south (true bearing) through Nature's Valley (on land)	34°04.992'S 34°04.937'S 34°05.283'S 34°06.446'S 33°59.399'S	23°22.343'E 23°23.524'E 23°24.695'E 23°25.981'E 23°32.236'E	2 Permits
PORT ELIZABETH AREA	Cape Recife (Western boundary) to Woody Cape (Eastern boundary)	34°01.731'S 33°45.935'S	25°42.043'E 26°20.016'E	1 Permit
WOODY CAPE TO ROCKY POINT AREA	Woody Cape (Western boundary) to Rocky Point at the Great Fish River mouth (Northern boundary)	33°45.935'S 33°29.642'S	26°20.016'E 27°08.580'E	1 Permit
EAST LONDON AREA	Rocky Point at the Great Fish River mouth (Southern boundary) to Kei River Mouth, North Bank (Northern boundary)	33°29.642'S 32°40.589'S	27°08.580'E 28°23.146'E	1 Permit
TRANSKEI AREA	Kei River Mouth, north Bank (Southern boundary) to Rame Head, Coffee Bay area (Northern boundary).	32°40.589'S 31°48.249'S	28°23.146'E 29°20.968'E	1 Permit
PORT ST JOHNS AREA	Rame Head, Coffee Bay area (Southern boundary) to South Sand Bluff Lighthouse, Port St Johns area (Northern boundary)	31°48.249'S 31°19.652'S	29°20.968'E 29°57.660'E	1 Permit

SOUTH SAND BLUFF TO MARGATE AREA	South Sand Bluff Lighthouse, Port St Johns area (Southern boundary) to Margate (Northern boundary)	31°19.652'S 30°51.602'S	9°57.660'E 30°22.412'E	1 Permit
DURBAN AREA	Green Point Lighthouse, Scottburgh (Southern boundary) to Tugela River, North Bank (Northern boundary)	30°14.919'S 29°13.308'S	30°46.607'E 31°30.288'E	1 Permit
SODWANA BAY AREA	N5 beacon, Red Cliffs (Southern boundary) to N3 beacon approximately 11 km north of Ngoboseleni stream, Sordwana Bay (Northern boundary)	27° 43.056'S 27° 26.837'S	32°37.592'E 32° 42.143'E	1 Permit

Interested parties may apply for the permits as set out in the table above on the application form which is available at the Cape Town office of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Branch: Marine and Coastal Management, 7th Floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town, 8001 / Private Bag X2, Roggebaai, 8012.

An applicant must be one of the following:

- (a) A South African citizen in terms of the South African Citizenship Act, 1995 (Act No. 88 of 1995);
- (b) a company registered in terms of the Companies Act, 1973 (Act No. 61 of 1973), in which the majority of shareholders are South African citizens;
- (c) a close corporation in terms of the Close Corporation Act, 1984 (Act No. 69 of 1984), of which the majority of members are South African citizens; or
- (d) a trust in which –
 - (i) the majority of trustees, having the controlling power, are South African citizens; or
 - (ii) a majority of the beneficial interests are held by South African citizens.

Applicants should note that in addition to the principles and objectives set out in Section 2 of the Act, the following factors will be considered as prerequisites in the assessment of applications duly submitted in terms of this notice:

- (a) An operational specialised BBWW vessel (excluding aircraft) endorsed by SAMSA is a prerequisite.
- (b) A registered tour guide as a staff member is a prerequisite. All guides should hold tourism certificates for at least level two – general guiding, according to National Qualification Standards.
- (c) Boats carrying five persons or less require a skipper/guide only. Boats carrying more than five persons, up to fourteen persons need at least one guide on board. Boats carrying more than fourteen persons on board require two guides on board.
- (d) Skippers need to hold a valid skippers ticket with the necessary SAMSA ratings to carry passengers. The guides and the skipper need to have completed the training module “Whale watching Theory for Boat Based Whale Industry”. In addition to the theory module, the skipper needs to have completed his practical on ‘approaches’.

The closing date for applications will be **21 days after publication of this notice**. Applicants must ensure that their applications reach the office of the The Deputy Director-General, Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Branch: Marine and Coastal Management, 7th Floor, Foretrust Building, Martin Hammerschlag Way, Foreshore, Cape Town, 8001 / Private Bag X2, Roggebaai, 8012 (Attention: Mr. R Bodenham, Tel. no.: 021- 4023911, Fax no.: 021 - 4252920) before or on the due date (21 days after publication of this notice) stipulated above. No faxed applications will be accepted. Applications received after the closing date will not be considered. As previous applications will not be taken into consideration, interested persons who submitted such applications are advised to re-apply.