



## **environmental affairs**

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**REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 1368 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Dr G W Koornhof (ANC)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**Ms Judy Beaumont**  
**DIRECTOR-GENERAL (ACTING)**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP**  
**MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 1368 [NW1702E]

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**Dr G W Koornhof (ANC) to ask the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs:**

Whether there are currently any proclaimed private nature reserves in each of the nine provinces; if so, in each case, (a) how many in each province, (b) what are their proclaimed names, (c) what is the size in hectare and (d) over which properties were they proclaimed?

Dr G W Koornhof (ANC)

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**THE MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

In terms of Schedule 4 of the Constitution, nature conservation – excluding national parks, national botanical gardens and marine resources – is a functional area of concurrent national and provincial legislative competence. Private nature reserves were proclaimed in terms of provincial legislation before 2004 when the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003) came into force. Since then they are declared by the MEC in terms of section 23 (3) of the National Environmental Management Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003).

The Department of Environmental Affairs currently has a database of 1 277 privately owned nature reserves declared as mentioned above.

(a) and (c): see the attached table

(b) and (d): As the provinces are responsible for the declaration of these areas, detailed information thereof should be obtained from the provinces.

**LIST AND HECTARES OF THE PRIVATE NATURE RESERVES (PNRs) IN SOUTH AFRICA**

**NB: THE DATABASE OF ALL PNRs IS SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION TO CHECK WHETHER THEY MEET THE PURPOSE OF A PROTECTED AREA ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003), SECTION (17)**

Names of management authorities	Hectares (ha)	Number per province
1. Free State PNRs	191 645	208
2. Gauteng PNRs	147 761	142
3. Western Cape PNRs	217 609.8	188
4. Limpopo PNRs	729 669.3	377
5. North West PNRs	185 025.2	122
6. Northern Cape PNRs	101 128.7	01
7. KwaZulu-Natal PNRs	3 640.3	17
8. Eastern Cape PNRs	15 036	103
9. Mpumalanga PNRs	192 548.6	119
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1 784 062.9</b>	<b>1 277</b>