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

DRAFT BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE AFRICAN PENGUIN

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby invite members of the public to comment on the draft Biodiversity Management Plan (BMP) for the African Penguin in terms of section 99, read with section 100, of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (No. 10 of 2004). Copies of the draft BMP can be downloaded from the website of the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries: www.environment.gov.za or can be obtained electronically upon request by email to marinespecies@environment.gov.za.

The BMP's vision is to halt the decline of the African Penguin in South Africa within its 5-year timeframe and therefore sets out a draft plan for doing so.

Members of the public are invited to submit written representations on, or objections to, the draft BMP within 30 (thirty) days after the publication of this notice in the *Gazette*. Written representations or objections received after this time may not be considered. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Deputy Director–General of the national Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries: Branch Oceans and Coasts:

By hand: The Deputy Director-General Attention: Ms M M Makoala Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries Branch: Oceans & Coasts 1 East Pier Building, East Pier Road V&A Waterfront, Cape Town

By e-mail: marinespecies@environment.gov.za

By post to: The Deputy Director-General

Attention: Ms M M Makoala

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