DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT ACT, 1998 (Act NO. 107 OF 1998): ADMISSION OF GUILT FINES REGULATIONS

I, Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby, in terms of section 47(1) of the Act, publish for public comment, the draft Admission of Guilt Fines Regulations, in the Schedule.

Any person who wishes to submit representations or comments in connection with the draft regulations are invited to do so within 30 days of the date of this notice. All representations and comments must be submitted in writing to the Director-General of the Department of Environmental Affairs:

By post to:

The Director-General: Environmental Affairs Attention: Dr G I Cowan Private Bag X447 Pretoria, 0001

By fax to: (012) 322 7114, and by e-mail to Gcowan@deat.gov.za

BUYELWA SONJICA MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DATE:

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In these regulations—

"the Act" means the National Environment Management Act, 1998 (Act No. 107 of 1998);

"Protected Areas Act" means the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003);

"Protected Areas Regulations" means Regulations for the Proper Administration of Special Nature Reserves, National Parks and World Heritage Sites issued in terms of section 86 of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act in Government Notice No. R. 1060 of 28 October 2005;

Offences in terms of Protected Areas Regulations in respect of which admission of guilt fines may be paid

2. The offences in terms of the Protected Areas Regulations referred to in the first column of the Table in Annexure 1 hereto are offences in respect of which the admission of guilt fines referred to in the last column of the Table may be paid.

Offences in respect of which admission of guilt fines may not be paid

3. An offence in terms of the Protected Areas Regulations which is not listed in Annexure 1 hereto is an offence in respect of which an alleged offender does not have the option of paying an admission of guilt fine to avoid prosecution.

Short title and commencement

4. These regulations are called the Admission of Guilt Fines Regulations, 2008, and take effect on the date of publication of the regulations in the Government Gazette.

ANNEXURE 1 OFFENCES IN TERMS OF PROTECTED AREAS REGULATIONS IN RESPECT OF WHICH ADMISSION OF GUILT FINES MAY BE PAID

SECTION	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
47 (2)(a)	Land or take off in an aircraft from a place other than a designated landing field or place.	R 2500,00
47 (2)(b)	Land or take off in an aircraft without permission and on conditions determined by management authority.	R 2500,00
47 (3)	Fly at an altitude less than 2500 feet over the highest point of the Park.	R 2500,00
Regulatio n No.	Description of offence	Amount of fine
4(1)(a)	Introduction of any species or part thereof into a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site.	R 1500,00
4(1)(c)	Intentionally disturbing any species or specimen in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site.	R 1000,00
4(1)(d)	Feeding any species in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site.	R 500,00
4 (1)(f)	Illegal removal of any wood, sand, gravel, stone, sea shell, guano or other material.	R 1000,00
4(1)(i)	Significant alteration or changing the sense of place, or any environmental, cultural or spiritual values in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site.	R 1500,00
8(3)	Entering or remaining in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site or part thereof that has been closed by the management authority of the reserve, park or site in terms of regulation 8(2).	R 1000,00
9(1)	Entering or remaining in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site or part thereof without paying an entrance fee as determined by the management authority of the reserve, park or site.	R 1000,00
9(2)	Entering or remaining within the boundaries of accommodation or recreational facilities without paying the fees determined for such accommodation or facilities.	R 1000,00
10(1)	Entering or leaving any place other that through	R 1500,00

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	an official point of entry or exit without the written permission of the management authority of the reserve, park or site.	
11 (1)	Failing to display receipt for the entrance fee in respect of, or the permit authorizing him/her entry into the special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site.	R 500,00
11 (2)	Failing to display a permit for camping in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site.	R 500,00
13(1)(a)	Staying overnight in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site without the permission of the management authority of the reserve, park or site.	R 1500,00
13(1)(b)	Staying overnight in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site without payment of the applicable fees.	R 1500,00
13(1)(c)	Staying overnight in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site without first reporting to the designated reception office or to an authorized official assigned to perform escort duty.	R 1500,00
13(1)(d)	Staying overnight in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site if no accommodation has been reserved or if none is available.	R 1500,00
13(1)(e)	Staying overnight on a houseboat or any other vessel in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site without the permission of the management authority of the reserve, park or site.	R 1500,00
13(1)(f)	Staying overnight in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site at any place other than a place designated by the management authority of the reserve, park or site.	R 1500,00
13(2)	Camping in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site at a site other than a site set aside for that purpose by the management authority of the reserve, park or site.	R 1500,00
14	Entering, leaving or traveling in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site at any time other than the times determined by the management authority of the reserve, park or site.	15 minutes warning, thereafter R 500-00 with R 250,00

		increase after every 30
		minutes
15	Entering a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site or traveling in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site in a vehicle that does not conform to the dimensions and other requirements determined by the management authority of the reserve, park or site.	R 1000,00
16(1)(a)	Driving, parking or stopping a vehicle in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site in such a way that it constitutes a nuisance, disturbance or danger to any other person, specimen or species.	R 2000,00
16(1)(b)	Driving in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site in such a way that it causes an obstruction or blocks the pathway of a management operation or emergency vehicle.	R 1500,00
16(1)(c)	Parking a vehicle in a place other than a place designated for that purpose in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site.	R 500,00
16(1)(d)	Driving or parking in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site in an area other than a designated road or place.	R 1000,00
16(1)(e)	Damaging, or acting in a way that could damage, any roads or other structures, plants or animals in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site.	R 1000,00
16(2)	Entering or being in a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site in a vessel that does not comply with requirements of management authority's internal rules, subject to the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1951.	R 2500,00
17	Using a vessel in a water area of a special nature reserve, national park or world heritage site without the permission of the management authority of the reserve, park or site.	R 1500,00
18(1)	Using a vehicle or vessel which is propelled by a propeller above the water in a water area.	R 2500,00
18(2)	Painting a vessel in a water area without written approval of the management authority.	R 1000,00
18(3)	Disposing liquid or solid waste, including motor oil, in a water area, or in an area other than a area designated by the management authority	R 2500,00