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PROPOSED GUIDELINE REGARDING THE DETERMINATION OF BIOREGIONS AND THE PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION OF BIOREGIONAL PLANS IN TERMS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004)

This Guideline entitled “Guideline regarding the Determination of Bioregions and the Preparation and Publication of Bioregional Plans” is hereby published for comment.

Interested parties are requested to submit comments in connection with the proposed Guideline within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments must be submitted to the Director-General: Department of Environment Affairs and Tourism, Private Bag X447, Pretoria by no later than 05 October 2007.

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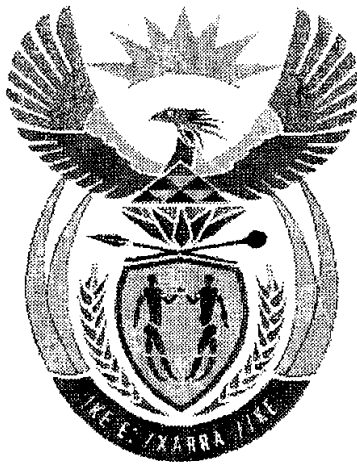
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Acronyms, Abbreviations and Glossary

Biodiversity Act (NEM:BA)	The National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004;
biodiversity priority areas	The priority areas for conservation identified in the NSBA, 2004;
The Constitution	The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa: Act 108 of 1996;
EIP	Environmental Implementation Programmes developed in terms of section 11 of NEMA;
EMF	Environmental Management Frameworks in terms of the EIA Regulations;
EMP	Environmental Management Programme published in terms of section 15 of NEMA;
EIA regulations	The National Environmental Management Act: Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations promulgated under section 24(5) of NEMA and published in Government Notice 385 in Government Gazette 28753 of 21 April 2006;
DEAT	The National Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism;
Development Facilitation Act	The Development Facilitation Act 67 of 1995;
GIS	Global Information System;
IDP	Integrated Development Plan developed in terms of the Municipal Systems Act;
The Minister	The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism;
MEC/s	The Member of the Executive Council of a Province who has responsibility for the administration and implementation of legislation relating to the environment and biodiversity;
Municipal Systems Act	The Local Government: Municipal Systems Act 32 of 2000;
NEMA	The National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998;
NBF	National Biodiversity Framework required in terms of Section 39 of the Biodiversity Act;
NGO	Non governmental organisation;
NSBA	The National Spatial Biodiversity Assessment prepared and updated by SANBI from time to time, the 2004 document was the most recent when this Guideline was developed;

NBSAP	The National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan prepared and updated by SANBI from time to time which is a twenty-year strategy for the conservation and sustainable use of South Africa's biodiversity, the 2005 Plan was the most recent when this Guideline was developed;
Protected Areas Act	The National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act 57 of 2003;
SANBI	The South African National Biodiversity Institute; and
SDFs	Spatial Development Framework prepared as part of a municipality's IDP, in terms of the Municipal Systems Act.