

NOTICE 1311 OF 2009**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE NTSIKENI NATURE RESERVE AS A RAMSAR SITE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RAMSAR CONVENTION ON WETLANDS**

I, Buyelwa Patience Sonjica, the Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby give notice of my intention to publish the wetland set out in the Schedule below for designation as a Ramsar site in the List of Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar List) as referred to in Article 2.4 of the Convention on Wetlands.

Upon joining the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, each Contracting Party is obliged to designate at least one wetland site for inclusion in the List of Wetlands of International Importance. Sites are selected by the member states, for designation under the Convention by reference to the Criteria for Identifying Wetlands of International Importance. Data on designated wetlands are communicated by the Parties to the treaty secretariat by means of a Ramsar Information Sheet (RIS) including accurate data on various scientific and conservation parameters and a map precisely delimiting the boundaries of the site.

Interested persons are requested to submit written comments, inputs and/or objections within 30 days of the publication of the notice to:

By Post: The Director-General
 Department of Environmental Affairs
 Attention: Mr Stanley Tshitwamulomoni,
 Private Bag X447
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Delivered to: The Department of Environmental Affairs
 Attention: Mr Stanley Tshitwamulomoni,
 Fedsure Forum
 North Tower (Room 1201)
 315 Pretorius Street
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By fax to: (012) 320-7539, and e-mail to StanleyT@deat.gov.za

Comments received after the closing date may not be considered.

The full proposal documents for the designation as well as the Ramsar Information Sheets and maps are available at the Department of Environmental Affairs, Room 1201, Fedsure Forum Building, Cnr van der Walt and Pretorius Streets, Pretoria.



BUYELWA PATIENCE SONJICA
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS