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GOVERNMENT NOTICE**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM****No. 1392****3 October 2003**

MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT No. 18 OF 1998)

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY IN TERMS OF SECTION 16 (1) (a)
OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998**SUSPENSION OF ALL CATCHING OF KABELJOU IN THE ST LUCIA ESTUARY**

I, Mohammed Valli Moosa, the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, hereby declare an emergency in terms of section 16 (1) (a) of the Marine Living Resources Act, 18 of 1998, suspending all catching of all species of Kabeljou in the St Lucia estuary until further notice.

The recent drought conditions in KwaZulu-Natal have resulted in the significant decrease in the surface area of the St Lucia estuary. This has caused stocks of various kabeljou species to aggregate in very limited areas of the estuary. This aggregation has resulted in substantial catches of kabeljou by commercial and recreational line fishers over the past few days. These substantial catches threaten the sustainability of the kabeljou species in the estuary.

This Notice shall come into force immediately upon it being *Gazetted* and shall continue in force until further notice.

M V MOOSA**Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism**

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