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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 382 OF 2012

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

PROHIBITION OF TRADE IN CERTAIN *ENCEPHALARTOS* (CYCAD) SPECIES

I, Bomo Edith Edna Molewa, Minister of Water and Environmental Affairs, hereby give notice of my intention under section 57(2) read with section 100 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), to prohibit the restricted activities listed below involving listed threatened or protected species. The prohibitions are set out in the Schedule hereto.

Members of the public are invited to submit to the Minister, within 30 (thirty) days after the publication of the notice in the *Gazette*, written comments or inputs to the following addresses:

By post to: The Director-General:
 Department of Environmental Affairs
 Attention: Ms Magdel Boshoff
 Private Bag X 447
 Pretoria
 0001

By hand at: 2nd Floor (Reception), Fedsure Forum Building, 315 Pretorius Street, Pretoria, 0001

By e-mail: MBoshoff@environment.gov.za, or

By fax to: (012) 320 7026

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BOMO EDITH EDNA MOLEWA
MINISTER OF WATER AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

SCHEDULE**1. PROHIBITION**

- (1) The following restricted activities involving artificially propagated specimens of listed critically endangered and endangered *Encephalartos* species with a stem diameter of more than 15 cm, except *E. cerinus* and *E. cupidus* if the stem diameter is more than 7 cm:
- (a) Selling or buying for a period of five years or until recovery targets in Biodiversity Management Plans are achieved.

2. COMMENCEMENT DATE

This notice come into operation on the date of publication in the *Gazette*.
