

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

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**NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003
(ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)****NOTICE DECLARING THE ROBBEN ISLAND MARINE PROTECTED AREA IN
TERMS OF SECTION 22A OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT: PROTECTED AREAS ACT, 2003 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2003)**

I, Nomvula Paula Mokonyane, Minister of Environmental Affairs, hereby declare, in terms of section 22A of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003), the Robben Island Marine Protected Area as set out in the Schedule hereto.



**NOMVULA PAULA MOKONYANE
MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

SCHEDULE

All geographic co-ordinates are determined in accordance with the *WGS 84* datum.

Boundaries of the Marine Protected Area

The Robben Island Marine Protected Area in the Western Cape is an offshore marine protected area lying adjacent to the existing Table Mountain Marine Protected Area and bounded by a series of straight lines sequentially joining the following coordinates: A, B, C and D. The area includes the substrata, sea bed, subsoil and water column within these boundaries, and links to the northern boundary of the existing Table Mountain Marine Protected Area.

Purpose

The purpose for declaring this marine protected area is:

- (a) To contribute to a national, regional and global representative system of marine protected areas by conserving and protecting coastal, island and offshore benthic and pelagic ecosystems in this region, including threatened ecosystem types;
- (b) to conserve and protect the biodiversity and the ecological processes associated with these ecosystems;
- (c) to contribute to the conservation and protection of threatened seabird and shorebird species including African penguin, Bank and Cape cormorants;
- (d) to facilitate species management by supporting fisheries recovery and enhanced species abundance in adjacent areas for west coast rock lobster, abalone and other overexploited species;
- (e) to protect an area of significant cultural heritage, contributing to the tourism value of a South African National Heritage Site and a World Heritage Site; and
- (f) to protect and provide an appropriate environment for research and monitoring and to promote and contribute to environmental education.

Commencement

This notice takes effect on 1 August 2019.

Annexure:

