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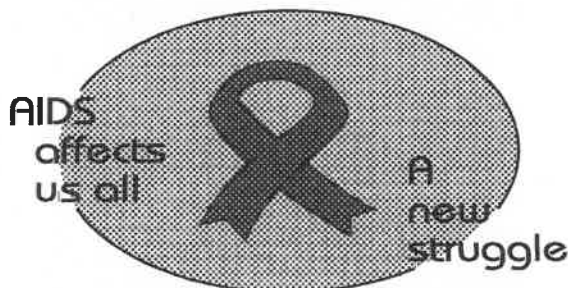
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ADOPTION OF THE MPUMALANGA BIODIVERSITY SECTOR PLAN (MBSP)

I, Busisiwe Paulina Shiba, Member of the Executive Council responsible for Agriculture, Rural Development, Land and Environmental Affairs in Mpumalanga Province, hereby adopt the Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP). The Plan identifies both terrestrial and freshwater biodiversity priority areas as either Critical Biodiversity Areas (CBAs) or Ecological Support Areas (ESAs) with land-use management guidelines. These CBA and ESA areas must be considered and taken into account in processes that will result in a change in land use. These CBA and ESAs will also form part of the geographic areas in which certain activities will require environmental authorisation in terms of the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations Listing Notice 3 (Government Notice R985 of 04 December 2014, as amended by Government Notice R324 of 07 April 2017), in terms of the National Environmental Management Act, 1998 (Act 107 of 1998).

The MBSP is a planning tool that has been developed to manage biodiversity resources of the province by setting strategic objectives to ensure that spatial biodiversity and climate change priorities are effectively incorporated into land-use and development planning, environmental assessments and authorisations, and natural resource management within Mpumalanga Province.

The Mpumalanga Biodiversity Sector Plan (MBSP), shapefiles and reports can be accessed via the following link/s:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/7921d6e2a55f499782e6924cd77ed555>

MBSP Terrestrial Assessment shapefiles:

<https://mtpa.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=4181a24d073649f6bef759ece9c0113c>

MBSP Freshwater Assessment Shapefiles:

<https://mtpa.maps.arcgis.com/home/item.html?id=6b89aa11b6dd4684894508b57ade0c1a>

MBSP Handbook

<https://mtpa.maps.arcgis.com/sharing/rest/content/items/6aa1ada08e624fcd8ae4128a112366c0/data>

MBSP Technical Report

<https://mtpa.maps.arcgis.com/sharing/rest/content/items/fc6d8f9e7ef84d2f87f86b91e8e9f87a/data>



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