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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES**

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**DIRECTIONS REGARDING MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD  
OF COVID-19 RELATING TO THE BIODIVERSITY SECTOR**

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment do hereby issue the Directions set out in the Schedule in terms of regulation 4(10) of the Regulations issued by the Minister of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002) and published on 29 April 2020 in Government Notice No. R. 480 of Government Gazette No. 43258.

**BARBARA DALLAS CREECY****MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

## R:SCHEDULE

1. **Definitions**

In these Directions, any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Regulations, the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, the Threatened or Protected Species Regulations, the CITES Regulations, the Alien and Invasive Species Regulations, the Amendment Regulations and applicable provincial conservation legislation, bears the meaning so assigned and, unless the context otherwise indicates—

**“Alien and Invasive Species Regulations”** means the Regulations issued in terms of section 97(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act and published on 1 August 2014 in Government Notice No. R. 598 of Government Gazette No. 37885;

**“Amendment Regulations”** means the Bio-Prospecting, Access and Benefit Sharing Amendment Regulations issued in terms of section 97(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act and published on 19 May 2015 in Government Notice No. R. 447 of Government Gazette No. 38809;

**“applicable provincial conservation legislation”** means any Provincial Act, Ordinance or Decree that regulates biodiversity conservation matters;

**“CITES Regulations”** means the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Regulations issued in terms of section 97(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act and published on 5 March 2010 in Government Notice No. R. 173 of Government Gazette No. 33002;

**“Disaster Management Act”** means the the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002);

**“National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act”** means the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004);

**“Regulations”** means the Regulations issued in terms of section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act and published on 29 April 2020 in Government Notice No. R. 480 of Government Gazette No. 43258; and

**“Threatened or Protected Species Regulations”** means the Regulations issued in terms of section 97(1) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act and published on 23 February 2007 in Government Notice No. R. 52 of Government Gazette No. 29657.

## 2. Purpose

The purpose of these Directions is to curtail the threat posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and to alleviate, contain and minimise the effects of the national state of disaster, and to ensure fair processes, especially specified processes relating to permits, registrations, and certificates that cannot be adhered to during the Alert Levels due to the restrictions placed on the movement of people. These Directions further aim to provide direction in respect of the carrying out of activities by the biodiversity sector in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003 (Act No. 57 of 2003) and any applicable provincial conservation legislation in respect of activities and services that have been declared essential or are permitted during Alert Level 4.

## 3. Application

### 3.1 These Directions apply to—

- (a) issuing authorities who are responsible for the processes listed in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6; and
- (b) all applicants and holders of permits, registrations, and certificates related to the matters dealt with in paragraphs 4, 5 and 6.

### 3.2 Where any issuing authority affected by these Directions has publicly indicated that a different arrangement applies, in respect of paragraphs 4, 5 and 6, such an arrangement will prevail over any arrangement indicated in these Directions.

## 4. Extension of timeframes

The following timeframes, which have lapsed during the period of lockdown and Alert Level 4 of the national state of disaster declared for the COVID-19 pandemic, or which will lapse during the Alert Level 4 period, are hereby extended, or will be deemed to be extended, with effect from 27 March 2020 until further notice:

- (a) Timeframes prescribed in terms of regulations published in terms of section 97 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, or timeframes prescribed in terms of any applicable provincial conservation legislation, relating to the consideration of applications and issuing of permits, registrations and certificates; and
- (b) timeframes as contained in any permit, registration, and certificate or any condition in such permit, registration and certificate issued in terms of the legislation contemplated in paragraph 4(a), including timeframes with regard to validity periods.

**5. Applications for and issuing of permits, registrations and certificates**

5.1 Issuing authorities will receive and process applications, and issue permits, registrations and certificates during Alert Level 4, unless otherwise indicated in Annexures 1 and 2 to these Directions.

5.2 The manner in which issuing authorities will receive and process applications, and issue permits, registrations or certificates, during Alert Level 4, is set out in Annexure 1 to these Directions.

**6. Activities**

6.1 The restrictions in respect of the carrying out of activities during Alert Level 4 apply as indicated in Annexure 2 to these Directions.

6.2 Any activity supporting, or associated with, an activity indicated in Column 2 of the table in Annexure 2, and which falls outside the scope of these Directions, must comply with the relevant legal requirements.

**7. Commencement and duration**

These Directions come into effect on the date of publication in the *Government Gazette*, and will apply for the period of Alert Level 4.

Annexure 1

Permitting and inspection services to be provided by issuing authorities in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act or any applicable provincial conservation legislation in respect of the activities contemplated in Annexure 2 for the duration of Alert Level 4 of the national state of disaster

Issuing Authority	Service to be provided	Mechanism for provision of the service
Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries	Receipt of applications for permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permit applications must be submitted by email, for:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TOPS to: <a href="mailto:topspermits@environment.gov.za">topspermits@environment.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>○ CITES to: <a href="mailto:mijiane@environment.gov.za">mijiane@environment.gov.za</a>; and</li> <li>○ AIS to: <a href="mailto:aispermits@environment.gov.za">aispermits@environment.gov.za</a>;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• BABS Notifications for the Discovery Phase of Bioprospecting or applications for permits for the Commercialisation Phase of Bioprospecting, including Biotrade, to: <a href="mailto:BABS@environment.gov.za">BABS@environment.gov.za</a>.</li> </ul>
	Evaluation of permit applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation of applications for permits for TOPS, CITES and AIS will be conducted electronically; and</li> <li>• In respect of applications for BABS permits:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Evaluation of applications for the Discovery Phase of Bioprospecting will be conducted electronically (dedicated officials are available to perform this function);</li> <li>○ Preliminary evaluation of applications that require further evaluation by the Bioprospecting Advisory Committee, will be done by the BABS Secretariat (dedicated officials are available to perform this function); and</li> <li>○ No applications will be evaluated by the Bioprospecting Advisory Committee.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Site inspections will be conducted, and where such inspections are required but cannot be conducted, permits will be issued provisionally, subject to a condition that an inspection will be conducted at a later date to be determined by the issuing authority.</li> <li>• No site-visits/ inspections will be conducted for applications requiring recommendation from the Bioprospecting Advisory Committee.</li> </ul>

Issuing Authority	Service to be provided	Mechanism for provision of the service
	Issuing of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits for approved applications for TOPS, CITES and AIS will be issued manually by officials in the office; and</li> <li>• Approved BABS permits will be issued manually (dedicated officials are available to perform this function).</li> </ul>
	Dispatch of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits for TOPS, CITES and AIS will be dispatched by—               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ E-mail; or</li> <li>○ Collection by courier (for the cost of the permit holder); and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Issued permits and Registered Notifications to be dispatched to the applicant by an email or courier services (dedicated officials are available to perform this function).</li> </ul>
	Reporting by BABS permit holders	All reports received from the permit holders will be reviewed electronically (dedicated officials are available to perform this function).
	Processing of monetary benefits received in the Bioprospecting Trust Fund	All monetary benefits received in the Bioprospecting Trust Fund will be processed in accordance with the Departmental Financial Policy (dedicated officials are available to perform this function).
North West Province: Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism	Receipt of applications for permits	Applications must be submitted via the on-line North West Biodiversity e-permitting system (NIPAS).
	Evaluation of permit applications	Evaluation of applications for permits will be done via the North West Biodiversity e-permitting system (NIPAS).
	Inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspections deemed to be an emergency may be conducted during curfew period, on an appointment basis.</li> <li>• All other necessary inspections will be conducted during normal office hours.</li> </ul>
	Issuing of permits	Permits will be issued via the North West Biodiversity e-permitting system (NIPAS).
	Dispatch of permits	Permits will be dispatched via the North West Biodiversity e-permitting system (NIPAS).



Issuing Authority	Service to be provided	Mechanism for provision of the service
Limpopo Province: Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism	Receipt of applications for permits	<p>Applications must be submitted by e-mail to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Head Office: <a href="mailto:permits@ledet.gov.za">permits@ledet.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>• Capricorn District: <a href="mailto:moengommt@ledet.gov.za">moengommt@ledet.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>• Tzaneen District: <a href="mailto:ishuketanall@ledet.gov.za">ishuketanall@ledet.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>• Klasarief District: <a href="mailto:wigqinsli@ledet.gov.za">wigqinsli@ledet.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>• Phalaborwa District: <a href="mailto:deklerkd@ledet.gov.za">deklerkd@ledet.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>• Giyani District: <a href="mailto:baloyime@ledet.gov.za">baloyime@ledet.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>• Waterberg District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="mailto:choshiki@ledet.gov.za">choshiki@ledet.gov.za</a> (Thabazimbi Service Centre);</li> <li>○ <a href="mailto:Malherberg@ledet.gov.za">Malherberg@ledet.gov.za</a> (Mokopane Service Centre);</li> <li>○ <a href="mailto:mbowenik@ledet.gov.za">mbowenik@ledet.gov.za</a> (Lephalale Service Centre); and</li> <li>○ <a href="mailto:Phekoki@ledet.gov.za">Phekoki@ledet.gov.za</a> (Modimolle Service Centre);</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Vhembe District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="mailto:malekasi@ledet.gov.za">malekasi@ledet.gov.za</a> (Makhado Service Centre); and</li> <li>○ <a href="mailto:Makondoh@ledet.gov.za">Makondoh@ledet.gov.za</a> (Musina Service Centre); and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Sekhukhune District: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <a href="mailto:marretjamm@ledet.gov.za">marretjamm@ledet.gov.za</a>; and</li> <li>○ <a href="mailto:maeselarp@ledet.gov.za">maeselarp@ledet.gov.za</a>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	Evaluation of permit applications	Skeleton staff will be in the office to print and evaluate applications.
	Inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To be conducted in respect of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ damage-causing animals;</li> <li>○ any restricted activity involving lion, leopard, rhinoceros and elephant;</li> <li>○ export of hunting trophies of species included in Appendix I of CITES; and</li> <li>○ attendance of de-horning operations on rhinoceros and hunting of elephants by local hunters; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Where inspections, other than those mentioned above, are required but cannot be conducted, permits will be issued provisionally, subject to a condition that an inspection will be conducted at a later date to be determined by the issuing authority.</li> </ul>
	Issuing of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following permits can be issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Permits for export of CITES hunting trophies to be issued at Head Office;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Issuing Authority	Service to be provided	Mechanism for provision of the service
Gauteng Province: Department of Economic Development, Agriculture and Rural Development		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Export of non-CITES hunting trophies; and</li> <li>o Other permits for TOPS will be issued at the respective service centres; and</li> <li>• Permits will be issued upon receipt of proof of payment, which must be sent by e-mail to the relevant permits office as indicated above.</li> </ul>
	Dispatch of permits	Permits can be collected by courier or by permit holders during designated hours.
	Receipt of applications for permits	Applications must be submitted by e-mail, to <a href="mailto:patience.mthembu@gauteng.gov.za">patience.mthembu@gauteng.gov.za</a> .
	Evaluation of permit applications	All applications for permits will be processed upon receipt of fully completed application forms and proof of payment of application fees.
	Inspections	Essential inspections will be conducted.
	Issuing of permits	Permits will be issued in respect of approved applications.
	Dispatch of permits	Permits may be collected by courier or will be e-mailed to applicants.
Mpumalanga Province: Mpumalanga Tourism and Parks Agency	Receipt of applications for permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No applications for permits for TOPS to be issued in terms of the Biodiversity Act, will be received.</li> <li>• Applications for permits to be issued in terms of the provincial conservation legislation, must be submitted via the on-line Mpumalanga Biodiversity e-permitting system (NIPAS).</li> <li>• Where permits cannot be submitted via the Mpumalanga Biodiversity e-permitting system (NIPAS), applications must be submitted by e-mail, to <a href="mailto:bheki.malaza@mtpa.co.za">bheki.malaza@mtpa.co.za</a>.</li> </ul>
	Evaluation of permit applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No applications for permits for TOPS will be evaluated in terms of the Biodiversity Act.</li> <li>• Evaluation of all other applications for permits will be done via the Mpumalanga Biodiversity e-permitting system (NIPAS).</li> <li>• Where applications for permits are submitted by e-mail, applications will be evaluated electronically.</li> </ul>
	Inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspections will be conducted in respect of all applications that involve TOPS.</li> </ul>

Issuing Authority	Service to be provided	Mechanism for provision of the service
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The relevant issuing authority must be contacted for information on any other inspections.</li> </ul>
	Issuing of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No permits in respect of TOPS will be issued in terms of the Biodiversity Act.</li> <li>Where applications for permits have been submitted via the Mpumalanga Biodiversity e-permitting system (NIPAS), such permits will be issued via the e-permitting system.</li> <li>Where applications for permits have been submitted by e-mail, permits will be issued manually by skeleton staff.</li> <li>Permits for the establishment of new facilities will be issued in the case where inspections have been conducted prior to the commencement of lock down.</li> </ul>
	Dispatch of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where permits have been issued via the Mpumalanga Biodiversity e-permitting system (NIPAS), such permits will be dispatched via the e-permitting system.</li> <li>Where permits have been issued manually, permits will be dispatched electronically or by post.</li> </ul>
Eastern Cape Province: Department of Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism	Receipt of applications for permits	Applications must be submitted by e-mail, to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Head Office - King Williams Town, for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permits for CITES: <a href="mailto:noluthando.bam@dedea.gov.za">noluthando.bam@dedea.gov.za</a>; and</li> <li>Permits for TOPS and professional hunting: <a href="mailto:buntu.mzamo@dedea.gov.za">buntu.mzamo@dedea.gov.za</a>;</li> </ul> </li> <li>Regional offices, for permits for TOPS and for provincial permits:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alfred Nzo District - Matatiele: <a href="mailto:Permits-AlfredNzo@dedea.gov.za">Permits-AlfredNzo@dedea.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>Amathole District - East London: <a href="mailto:Permits-Amathole@dedea.gov.za">Permits-Amathole@dedea.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>Sarah Baartman District - Port Elizabeth: <a href="mailto:Permits-SarahBaartman@dedea.gov.za">Permits-SarahBaartman@dedea.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>Sarah Baartman District - Port Elizabeth (for research): <a href="mailto:Luzuko.Dali@dedea.gov.za">Luzuko.Dali@dedea.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>Sarah Baartman District - Jeffreys Bay: <a href="mailto:Permits-Seekoei@dedea.gov.za">Permits-Seekoei@dedea.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>Sarah Baartman District - Graaff-Reinet: <a href="mailto:Permits-GraaffReinet@dedea.gov.za">Permits-GraaffReinet@dedea.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>Sarah Baartman District - Grahamstown: <a href="mailto:Permits-Grahamstown@dedea.gov.za">Permits-Grahamstown@dedea.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>Chris Hani District - Queenstown: <a href="mailto:Permits-ChrisHani@dedea.gov.za">Permits-ChrisHani@dedea.gov.za</a>;</li> <li>Joe Gqabi District - Aliwal North: <a href="mailto:Permits-JoeGqabi@dedea.gov.za">Permits-JoeGqabi@dedea.gov.za</a>; and</li> <li>OR Tambo District - Mthatha: <a href="mailto:Permits-ORTambo@dedea.gov.za">Permits-ORTambo@dedea.gov.za</a>;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Issuing Authority	Service to be provided	Mechanism for provision of the service
	Evaluation of permit applications	Skeleton staff will be in the office to evaluate applications.
	Inspections	Inspections will be conducted for urgent applications.
	Issuing of permits	Permits will be issued manually by officials.
	Dispatch of permits	Permits will be dispatched by—
	Receipt of applications for permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• E-mail;</li> <li>• Post;</li> <li>• Collection by courier (for the cost of the permit holder); and</li> <li>• Arrangement by appointment for collection of hunting licenses and TOPS permit books.</li> </ul>
Free State Province: Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Small Business Development	Evaluation of permit applications	Applications must be submitted by e-mail via <a href="http://www.eservices.gov.za">www.eservices.gov.za</a> (to log in).
	Inspections	Skeleton staff will be in the office to print and evaluate applications.
	Issuing of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspections will be conducted in respect of damage-causing animals; and</li> <li>• Permits will be issued provisionally, with a condition that inspections will be conducted progressively as determined by operational capacity by the issuing authority, at which point the final approval will be given to continue/ discontinue the activities that were subject to inspection.</li> </ul>
	Dispatch of permits	Permits will be issued electronically.
	Receipt of applications for permits	Permits will be dispatched electronically.
Northern Cape Province: Department of Environmental Affairs and Nature Conservation		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applications must be submitted by e-mail, to: <a href="mailto:bopixley@gmail.com">bopixley@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:paulisedavid@gmail.com">paulisedavid@gmail.com</a>; and</li> <li>• The following applications may be submitted to the issuing authority: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Permits that have expired during Alert Level 5;</li> <li>○ Permits that have or will expire during Alert Level 4; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Issuing Authority	Service to be provided	Mechanism for provision of the service
KwaZulu-Natal Province: Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife	Evaluation of permit applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Applications for new permits contemplated in Annexure 2.</li> </ul>
	Inspections	Skeleton staff will be available to evaluate applications electronically.
	Issuing of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No inspections will be conducted, except in the case of damage-causing animals threatening human life; and</li> <li>● Where inspections are required but cannot be done, permits will be issued provisionally.</li> </ul>
	Dispatch of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Permits can be issued for any applications that do not require inspections, and where permits require an inspection, these permits will be issued provisionally, subject to a condition that an inspection will be conducted at a later date to be determined by the issuing authority; and</li> <li>● Permits are issued electronically and signed digitally.</li> </ul> Permits will be e-mailed to permit holders.
	Receipt of applications for permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Applications must be submitted by e-mail to <a href="mailto:permits@kznwildlife.com">permits@kznwildlife.com</a>; and</li> <li>● Proof of payment will be required to accompany all applications.</li> </ul>
	Evaluation of permit applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Measures are in place for the evaluation of permit applications; and</li> <li>● Staff are working remotely or will be in the office, as and when required</li> </ul>
	Inspections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Inspections will be carried out by District Conservation Officers;</li> <li>● Inspections will be conducted in respect of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● damage-causing animals; and</li> <li>● export of hunting trophies; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>● All applications will be sent to the relevant District Conservation Officers for evaluation and recommendations. Based on these recommendations, permits can be issued without inspection, or with a condition that an inspection will be conducted at a later date to be determined by Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.</li> </ul>
	Issuing of permits	Permits are issued electronically.



Issuing Authority	Service to be provided	Mechanism for provision of the service
Western Cape Province: CapeNature	Dispatch of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits will be e-mailed; and</li> <li>• CITES permits required to be issued in the original may be collected by courier or in person.</li> </ul>
	Receipt of applications for permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No applications for permits for TOPS, to be issued in terms of the Biodiversity Act, will be received; and</li> <li>• Applications for permits, to be issued in terms of provincial conservation legislation, must be submitted on-line, or by e-mail.</li> </ul>
	Evaluation of permit applications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No applications for permits for TOPS will be evaluated in terms of the Biodiversity Act; and</li> <li>• Evaluation of all other applications for permits will be evaluated electronically or on-line.</li> </ul>
	Inspections	Inspections will be conducted where required, provided that activities are permissible in terms of the Regulations.
	Issuing of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No permits in respect of TOPS will be issued;</li> <li>• Permits for CITES will be issued manually; and</li> <li>• All other permits will be issued electronically.</li> </ul>
	Dispatch of permits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Permits for CITES will be dispatched electronically; and</li> <li>• All other permits will be dispatched by e-mail.</li> </ul>

## Annexure 2

## List of activities with associated restrictions which may be carried out during Alert Level 4

## General provisions:

1. The carrying out of any activity indicated in the table below, in addition to the specific restrictions indicated in the table, is also subject to the following:
  - (a) adherence to the health, safety and legal requirements as prescribed in the Regulations, which includes maintaining social distancing and the wearing of face masks at all times when in a public place;
  - (b) a permit required in terms of regulations 16(2)(b) or 28(4) of the Regulations;
  - (c) the relevant permit issued in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, or any applicable provincial conservation legislation; and
  - (d) veterinary health and other related legal requirements.
2. For purposes of clarity—
  - (a) a permit required in terms of applicable conservation legislation is, hereinafter referred to as a conservation permit, whereas a permit required in terms of the Regulations is hereinafter referred to as a disaster management permit; and
  - (b) curfew time frame refers to the period during which a person is confined to his or her place of residence as prescribed in the Regulations.
3. A disaster management permit may be issued—
  - (a) by the—
    - (i) employer of the person who will be carrying out the activity;
    - (ii) same issuing authority who will be issuing the conservation permit where an employer is not applicable;
    - (iii) owner of the property where the activity will take place where an employer is not applicable and a conservation permit is not required or has already been issued: Provided that the disaster management permit carries the signature of the person who has issued such permit and, where relevant, the stamp of the institution; or
    - (iv) Director-General of the Department of Environment, Forestry and Fisheries or a person designated by him or her, or by the Head of the relevant provincial conservation authority or a person designated by him or her in instances where a person is self-employed, a conservation permit is not required or has already been issued and the activity will not take place on a particular property;
  - (b) on the template—
    - (i) contained in Annexure 1 (Form 2) of the Regulations; or
    - (ii) contained in Annexure 3 to these Directions.

4. Hunting, except for sport or recreation, is a permitted activity, whereas all other activities in the table below are essential activities.
5. Any restricted activity not dealt with in the table below, and which requires a person to leave his or her home, is not permissible.
6. The activities indicated in Column 2 of the table below may continue under existing permits, registrations or certificates, or under extended permits, registrations or certificates, or under new permits, registrations or certificates issued during Alert Level 4, subject to the restrictions indicated in Column 3.

Column 1: Sub-sector	Column 2: Activity	Column 3: Restrictions
<p>Essential services are services as defined in Annexure D Item B of the Regulations and include the following services in the biodiversity sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities necessary to perform anti-poaching services, including by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environmental Monitors; and</li> <li>○ Rangers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Compliance and Enforcement Services, including endorsement of permits, by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environmental Management Inspectors (EMIs);</li> <li>○ inspectors of the National Council of Societies for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (NSPCA); and</li> <li>○ officials who are not EMIs but who have been appointed as peace officers;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Permitting and inspection personnel;</li> <li>• Wildlife Management, including but not limited to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ population management;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The following activities involving live or dead specimens are permissible for the official performance of the necessary essential services indicated in Column 1:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ having in possession/ exercising physical control;</li> <li>○ killing/ euthanasia;</li> <li>○ gathering, collecting or plucking;</li> <li>○ growing, breeding or in any other way propagating;</li> <li>○ catching or capturing;</li> <li>○ selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift;</li> <li>○ conveying, moving or otherwise translocating; and</li> <li>○ importing into the Republic, including but not limited to specimens originating from crime scenes for identification purposes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Exporting of live or dead specimens is not permissible</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons who perform the essential services indicated in Column 1 may:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ carry out the activities during the curfew time frames; or</li> <li>○ make use of over-night accommodation; provided that they are duly authorised in terms of a disaster management permit.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



Column 1: Sub-sector	Column 2: Activity	Column 3: Restrictions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ population surveys (census) in aid of informed wildlife population management;</li> <li>○ contraception programs;</li> <li>○ management of damage-causing animals;</li> <li>○ animal care services;</li> <li>○ veterinary services; and</li> <li>○ activities necessary for diagnostic purposes or disease control; and</li> <li>○ fixing of fences;</li> <li>● Scientific services for:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ approved research and monitoring programs; and</li> <li>○ identification of specimens.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<p><b>Game farms/ protected areas</b></p>	<p>Having in possession/ exercising physical control</p> <p>Growing, breeding or in any other way propagating</p> <p>Hunting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No new applications for registration of game farms will be assessed; and</li> <li>● No applications will be assessed for the inclusion of new species to existing permits or registrations.</li> <li>● No applications for establishment of new breeding operations will be assessed; and</li> <li>● No applications will be assessed for the introduction of new species.</li> <li>● Hunting for sport or recreational purposes is not permissible; and</li> <li>● A culling operation is permissible, subject to the following restrictions:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ may be conducted during the curfew time frames;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Column 1: Sub-sector	Column 2: Activity	Column 3: Restrictions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a maximum of 12 persons per culling operation (relating to shooting, recovery and slaughtering personnel);</li> <li>○ a maximum of three persons per vehicle; and</li> <li>○ persons participating in the culling operation may be provided with accommodation.</li> </ul>
	Catching or capturing	Permissible, provided that the catching or capturing is for essential purposes, and includes catching or capturing of live animals kept in bomas.
	Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating of live animals is permissible, provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ such conveying, moving or otherwise translocating is done for essential purposes, including slaughtering services; and</li> <li>○ live animals are not conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated to ports of entry;</li> </ul> </li> <li>● If live animals are conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated for essential purposes, such live animals may be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated across provincial borders and during the curfew time frames;</li> <li>● Dead specimens, excluding carcasses or venison/ game meat originating from culling operations, may not be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated across district, metro or provincial borders;</li> <li>● Carcasses or venison/ game meat originating from hunts or culling operations may be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated across district, metro or provincial borders, provided that they are conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated as cargo; and</li> </ul>

Column 1: Sub-sector	Column 2: Activity	Column 3: Restrictions
	<p>Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hunting trophies may be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated, including across provincial borders, provided that such hunting trophies:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ originate from hunts conducted by international hunters prior to the declaration of the national state of disaster; and</li> <li>○ are conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated as cargo to ports of entry for export purposes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of live animals is permissible, including by auction, provided that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a motivation is provided as to why such live animals cannot be sold by on-line auction; and</li> <li>○ in the case of a live auction, a maximum of 50 persons attend such live auction subject to Health Directions;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of venison/ game meat is permissible, provided that the sourcing and processing of such venison/ game meat complies with the requirements of the Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act No. 40 of 2000);</li> <li>• Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of carcasses or unprocessed meat is permissible, provided that it is for essential purposes; and</li> <li>• Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of dead specimens, other than carcasses, unprocessed meat or venison/ game meat, is not permissible.</li> </ul>
	Importing into the Republic	No live animals or dead specimens may be imported.

Column 1: Sub-sector	Column 2: Activity Exporting from the Republic	Column 3: Restrictions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No live animals or dead specimens, excluding hunting trophies and venison/ game meat, may be exported;</li> <li>• Export of hunting trophies is permissible, provided that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ an import permit, or authorisation for import where an import permit is not required, by the importing country is issued first; and</li> <li>○ such hunting trophies originate from hunts conducted by international hunters prior to the declaration of the national state of disaster, and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Export of venison/ game meat is permissible, provided that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ such venison/ game meat has been sourced and processed in accordance with the necessary regulatory requirements of the Meat Safety Act, 2000; and</li> <li>○ an import permit, or authorisation for import where an import permit is not required, by the importing country is issued first.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Captive breeding facilities</b>	Having in possession/ exercising physical control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No applications for registration of new captive breeding facilities will be assessed; and</li> <li>• No applications will be assessed for the inclusion of new species to existing captive breeding facilities.</li> </ul>
	Growing, breeding or in any other way propagating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new applications for registration of captive breeding facilities will be assessed; and</li> <li>• No applications will be assessed for the inclusion of new species to existing captive breeding facilities.</li> </ul>
	Catching or capturing	Permissible, provided that catching or capturing is for essential purposes.

Column 1: Sub-sector	Column 2: Activity	Column 3: Restrictions
	<p>Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating of live animals is permissible, including across provincial borders, provided that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ such conveying, moving or otherwise translocating is done for essential purposes; and</li> <li>○ live animals are not conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated to ports of entry;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If live animals are conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated for essential purposes, such live animals:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ may be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated across provincial borders and inside the curfew time frames; and</li> <li>○ must be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated as cargo;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dead specimens, excluding carcasses or venison/ game meat produced by captive breeding facilities, may not be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated across provincial borders; and</li> <li>• Carcasses or venison/ game meat originating from captive breeding facilities may be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated across district, metro or provincial borders, including to ports of entry, provided that they are conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated as cargo.</li> </ul>
	<p>Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of live animals is permissible, including by auction, provided that:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ it is for essential purposes;</li> <li>○ a motivation is provided as to why such live animals cannot be sold by on-line auction; and</li> <li>○ in the case of a live auction, a maximum of 50 persons attend such live auction, subject to Health Directions;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Column 1: Sub-sector	Column 2: Activity	Column 3: Restrictions
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of venison/ game meat is permissible, provided that the sourcing and processing of such venison/ game meat complies with the requirements of the Meat Safety Act, 2000; and</li> <li>Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of dead specimens other than venison/ game meat is permissible if it is for essential purposes.</li> </ul>
	Importing into the Republic	No live animals or dead specimens may be imported.
	Exporting from the Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No live animals or dead specimens, excluding venison/ game meat, may be exported; and</li> <li>Export of venison/ game meat is permissible, provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>such venison/ game meat has been sourced and processed in accordance with the necessary regulatory requirements of the Meat Safety Act, 2000; and</li> <li>an import permit, or authorisation for import where an import permit is not required, by the importing country is issued first.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Nurseries</b>	Access to the public	Nurseries are not allowed to be open to the public.
	Having in possession/ exercising physical control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No applications for registration of new nurseries will be assessed; and</li> <li>No applications will be assessed for the inclusion of new species to existing nurseries.</li> </ul>
	Growing, breeding or in any other way propagating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No applications for registration of new nurseries will be assessed; and</li> </ul>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No applications will be assessed for the inclusion of new species to existing nurseries.</li> </ul>
	Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating plant specimens is permissible, provided that such conveying, moving or otherwise translocating:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ is for essential purposes; and</li> <li>○ plant specimens are not conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated across provincial borders; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating for delivery or collection purposes, of plant specimens that have been sold, is not permissible during Alert Level 4.</li> </ul>
	Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of plant specimens is permissible on-line.</li> </ul>
	Importing into the Republic	No plant specimens may be imported.
	Exporting from the Republic	Plant specimens may be exported, including plant specimens for bioprospecting purposes.
<b>Wildlife traders (curio traders, taxidermists and game capturers)</b>	Access to the public	Curio shops are not allowed to be open to the public.
	Having in possession/ exercising physical control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new applications for registration as wildlife traders will be assessed; and</li> <li>• No applications will be assessed for the inclusion of specimens of new species to existing permits.</li> </ul>

Column 1: Sub-sector	Column 2: Activity	Column 3: Restrictions
	<p>Catching or capturing of live animals</p> <p>Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating</p>	<p>Permissible, provided that the catching or capturing is for essential purposes, and includes catching or capturing of live animals kept in bomas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating of live animals is permissible, including across provincial borders, provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ such conveying, moving or otherwise translocating is done for essential purposes; and</li> <li>○ live animals are not conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated to ports of entry;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If live animals are conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated for essential purposes, such live animals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ may be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated across provincial borders and outside the curfew time frames; and</li> <li>○ must be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated as cargo;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Dead specimens, other than hunting trophies and venison/ game meat, may not be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated;</li> <li>• Hunting trophies may be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated across provincial borders, provided that such hunting trophies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ originate from hunts conducted by international hunters prior to the declaration of the national state of disaster; and</li> <li>○ are conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated as cargo to ports of entry for export purposes; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating for delivery or collection purposes, of curio products that have been sold, is not permissible during Alert Level 4.</li> </ul>



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	Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of venison/ game meat is permissible, provided that the sourcing and processing of such venison/ game meat complies with the requirements of the Meat Safety Act, 2000 (Act No. 40 of 2000); and</li> <li>Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of curio products is permissible on-line.</li> </ul>
	Importing into the Republic	No live or dead specimens may be imported
	Exporting from the Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No live animals may be exported;</li> <li>Export of hunting trophies is permissible, provided that an import permit, or authorisation for import where an import permit is not required, by the importing country is issued first;</li> <li>Export of venison/ game meat is permissible, provided that:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>such venison/ game meat has been sourced and processed in accordance with the necessary regulatory requirements of the Meat Safety Act, 2000; and</li> <li>an import permit, or authorisation for import where an import permit is not required, by the importing country is issued first.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Captive facilities (commercial exhibition facilities/ zoological gardens, aquaria, rehabilitation facilities, sanctuaries)</b>	Access to the public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Facilities are not allowed to be open to the public</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Having in possession/ exercising physical control;</li> <li>Catching or capturing of live animals;</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No new applications for registration of commercial exhibition facilities, rehabilitation facilities or sanctuaries will be assessed;</li> </ul>

Column 1: Sub-sector	Column 2: Activity	Column 3: Restrictions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating;</li> <li>• Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No applications will be assessed for the inclusion of specimens of new species to existing permits;</li> <li>• The restricted activities indicated in Column 2 are permissible, provided that they are essential and for the provision of animal care;</li> <li>• Exchange of live specimens between facilities is permissible, provided that it does not involve international exchange;</li> <li>• Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating of live animals is permissible, including across provincial borders, provided that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ such conveying, moving or otherwise translocating is done for essential purposes; and</li> <li>○ live animals are not conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated to ports of entry; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If live animals are conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated for essential purposes, such live animals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ may be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated across provincial borders and outside the curfew time frames; and</li> <li>○ must be conveyed, moved or otherwise translocated as cargo.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Bioprospecting	Having in possession/ exercising physical control	Permissible
	Growing, breeding or in any other way propagating	Permissible under existing permits or under extended permits.
	Gathering, collecting or plucking	Harvesting of wild specimens or collecting of raw materials is permissible, provided that such harvesting or collection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• does not involve cross-provincial movement; and</li> <li>• is not done during the curfew timeframes.</li> </ul>

Column 1: Sub-sector	Column 2: Activity	Column 3: Restrictions
	Conveying, moving or otherwise translocating	<p>Conveying moving or otherwise translocating raw materials or finished products is permissible, provided that such conveying:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• is for essential purposes;</li> <li>• does not involve conveyance across provincial borders; and</li> <li>• is not done during the curfew timeframes.</li> </ul>
	Selling or otherwise trading in, donating, giving, buying, receiving, accepting as a gift of milled, powdered, dried, sliced or extract of indigenous genetic and biological resources for further commercial exploitation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No new applications for permits will be assessed; and</li> <li>• No application will be assessed for the inclusion of new species to existing permits.</li> </ul>
	Import into the Republic	Not permissible
	Export from the Republic	Permissible, excluding for research other than bioprospecting, provided that an import permit, or authorisation for import where an import permit is not required, by the importing country is issued first.
	Manufacturing of product for sale such as pharmaceuticals, complementary medicines, nutraceuticals, industry enzymes, food flavours, fragrances, cosmetics, emulsifiers, oleoresins, colours, extracts and essential oils	Permissible, except for the manufacturing of liquor final products.
<b>Professional hunting</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Professional hunting courses may not be conducted.</li> <li>• On-line marketing by hunting outfitters of the hunting of indigenous or non-indigenous wild animals is permissible; and</li> <li>• Sport or recreational hunting is prohibited.</li> </ul>

**ANNEXURE 3**

**PERMIT TO PERFORM ESSENTIAL SERVICES/ ACTIVITIES OR PERMITTED SERVICES/ ACTIVITIES FOR THE BIODIVERSITY SECTOR**

In terms of Regulation 16(2)(b) and Regulation 28(4)

ESSENTIAL SERVICES/ ACTIVITY

PERMITTED SERVICES/ ACTIVITY

*The person to whom this permit is issued must at all times present a form of identification together with this permit. If no identification is presented, the person to whom the permit is issued will have to return to his or her place of residence.*

I, with the below-mentioned details:

<b>Surname</b>				
<b>Full names</b>				
<b>Identity number</b>				
<b>Contact details</b>	<b>Cell number</b>	<b>Tel number (w)</b>	<b>Tel number (h)</b>	<b>E-mail address</b>
<b>Physical address/ description of locality where service/ activity will take place</b>				
<b>Capacity in which the permit is issued</b>				

Hereby certify that the below-mentioned person is performing the following services/ carrying out the following activity:

WITHIN THE PROVINCE

ACROSS PROVINCIAL BORDERS

<b>Surname</b>	
<b>Full names</b>	
<b>Identity number</b>	
<b>Place of residence</b>	

Date for which permit is valid \_\_\_\_\_; or period for which permit is valid \_\_\_\_\_

Signed at \_\_\_\_\_ on this the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of person/ institution  
issuing this permit

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the holder of  
this permit

Official stamp in the case of an institution

**Conditions subject to which this permit is issued (if any):**





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