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Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) (a) What is the exact amount of revenue generated for the Marine Living Resource Fund from the sale of confiscated marine products in the past 10 years and (b) what percentage of the overall fund is derived from the revenue generated by the sale of confiscated marine products;
- (2) what is the rationale behind selling confiscated marine products instead of destroying them as in the case of alcohol;
- (3) whether there is currently any stock of confiscated marine products; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what does the stock comprise?

1692. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1) (a) The Table below indicates the exact amount of revenue generated for the Marine Living Resource Fund (MRLF) from the sale of confiscated marine products in the past 10 years.

FINANCIAL YEAR	REVENUE GENERATED	BUDGET OF THE FUND	PERCENTAGE OF OVERALL FUND (%)
2020 / 2021	R36,657,716.36	R677,773,000.00	5.41%
2019 / 2020	R18,475,545.07	R575,390,000.00	3.21%
2018 / 2019*	-	R571,499,000.00	0.00%

2017 / 2018	R22,346,376.57	R558,841,000.00	4.00%
2016 / 2017	R33,388,709.04	R464,980,000.00	7.18%
2015 / 2016	R27,386,301.56	R475,737,000.00	5.76%
2014 / 2015	R14,016,698.56	R378,155,000.00	3.71%
2013 / 2014	R6,382,190.83	R307,767,000.00	2.07%
2012 / 2013	R18,117,702.59	R516,166,000.00	3.51%
2011 / 2012	R46,665,173.24	R427,122,000.00	10.93%
TOTAL	R223,436,413.82	R4,953,430,000.00	
	AVERAGE		4.58%

* There was no sale of confiscated marine products during the 2018/2019 financial year.

(b) The average percentage of the overall fund derived from the revenue generated by the sale of confiscated marine products is 4.58% per annum.

(2) The Marine Living Resources Fund is bound by the provisions of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) (MLRA). In terms of the MLRA, the MLRF was established in terms of section 10 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998). Section 2 (a) of the MLRA states as follows:

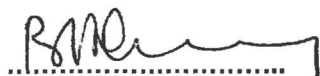
(2) Into the Fund there shall be paid, notwithstanding the provisions of any other Act, but subject to section 22—

(a) money paid in respect of fines, penalties and interest for any offence committed in terms of this Act, including any proceeds from the sale of any vessel, vehicle, aircraft, gear or fish forfeited or seized in terms of this Act;

The MLRF is obliged to sell the confiscated marine products and to pay the proceeds thereof into the MLRF. Furthermore, section 63 of the MLRA provides the necessary mandate for the sale of fish or other thing of a perishable nature at a price that is reasonable under the circumstances.

(3) The MLRF currently has stock of confiscated dried and wet abalone in storage.

Regards



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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