

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NOTICE

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES

NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF PARTICULAR TREES AND PARTICULAR GROUPS OF TREES "CHAMPION TREES" UNDER THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998), AS AMENDED.

By virtue of powers vested in me under Section 12 (1) (a) and (b) of the National Forests Act, 1998, I, Tina Joemat-Pettersson, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries hereby declare all particular trees and particular groups of trees set out in the schedule below as protected trees.

The effect of this declaration is that in terms of Section 15 (1) of the National Forests Act, 1998, no person may cut, disturb, damage or destroy any protected tree or possess, collect, remove, transport, export, purchase, sell, donate or in any other manner acquired or dispose of any protected tree or any forest product derived from a protected tree, except under a licence granted by the Minister or in terms of an exemption from the provisions of this subsection published by the Minister in the Gazette.

Contravention of this declaration is regarded as a first category offence that may result in a person who is found guilty of being sentenced to a fine or imprisonment for a period up to three years, or both a fine and imprisonment.

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SCHEDULE A

CHAMPION TREE NOMINATION REGISTER NUMBER	Tree Species / Tree Name	Other common names	General Description	Location (Province, district, farm/town, suburb, street) property registration names or approximate co- ordinates if available
1	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab) Sagole Tree, also known as Muvhuyu wa Makhadzi	Kremetart (A) / Seboi (Sep) / Mowana (Set) /Muvhuyu (V)	Largest indigenous tree of South Africa, and habitat of a rare colony of mottled spinetail swallows.	Zwigodini, Vendlan Limpopo Province S 22° 30' 0.078" E 30° 37' 59.592"

3	<i>Ficus salicifolia</i> (Wonderboom fig) "The Pretoria Wonderboom fig"	Wonderboomvy (A)	Largest Wonderboom fig. Old (about 1000 years) and historic – Ox wagon outspan area in earlier years, and legend that a local chief buried under the tree gives the tree its growing power.	Wonderboom Park, Pretoria (Tshwane metropolitan area) Gauteng S 25° 41' 14.037" E 28° 11' 30.512"
4	<i>Breonadia salicina</i> (Matumi) One of a trio of trees dubbed the Three Queens of Amorentia	Mingerhout (A) / Mohlomê (Sep) / Mutulume (Set)	Largest Matumi tree in South Africa.	Amorentia Estate, Politsi Valley, Modjadjiskloof Limpopo Province S 23° 45' 53.235" E 30° 2' 55.715"
5	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab) Platland Tree (also known as the Sunland Baobab)	Kremetart (A) / Seboi (Sep) / Mowana (Set)	Very large baobab and well-known tourist attraction.	Sunland farm, Platland, Modjadjiskloof, Limpopo Province S 23° 37' 15.760" E 30° 11' 52.606"
8	<i>Ficus sycomorus</i> (Common cluster fig)	Gewone trosvy (A)	Second largest cluster fig in South Africa.	Excellence farm, Mica Limpopo Province S 24° 10' 6.600" E 30° 51' 13.284"
10	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) King Edward VII Tree	Outeniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	Largest accessible Outeniqua yellowwood in South Africa.	Diepwalle State forest, Knysna Western Cape S 33° 57' 24.048" E 23° 9' 8.712"
15.	<i>Breonadia salicina</i> (Matumi) One of a trio of trees dubbed the Three Queens of Amorentia	Mingerhout (A) / Mohlomê (Sep) / Mutulume (Set)	Second largest Matumi tree in South Africa.	Amorentia Estate, Politsi Valley Modjadjiskloof Limpopo Province S 23° 46' 3.791" E 30° 2' 52.314"
27	<i>Ficus polita</i> subsp. <i>polita</i> (Wild rubber fig) Umtentweni Rubber Fig	Hartblaarvy (A) Umkhiwane (Z)	Largest Wild rubber fig in South Africa.	Eden Park, Umtentweni KwaZulu-Natal S 30° 42' 35.380" E 30° 28' 10.962"
29.	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (Sydney bluegum) The Twin Giants of Magoebas-kloof and surrounding grove	Salignabloekom (A)	Stand of Eucalyptus trees planted in 1906 by forestry pioneer A.K. Eastwood, including the two tallest trees in South Africa and Africa.	Woodbush Plantation, Haenertsburg Limpopo Province S 23° 50' 46.381" E 29° 59' 2.811"

31.	<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i> (milkwood) Grandfather Tree of Still Bay	Melkhout (A) / Ximfana (X) / Umakhwelafingqane (Z)	Largest milkwood in South Africa, estimated to be about 1000 years old	Langbos farm 8 km northwest of Stilbaai Western Cape S 34° 22' 16.945" E 21° 18' 58.682"
32.	<i>Sideroxylon inerme</i> (milkwood) Mossel Bay Post Office Tree	Melkhout (A) / Ximfana (X) / Umakhwelafingqane (Z)	Historic tree believed to have been the tree in which an old shoe was placed for exchange of messages by Portuguese seafarers in the 16 th century .	Dias Museum, Mossel Bay Western Cape S 34° 10' 49.703" E 22° 8' 28.573"
33.	<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> (Camphor tree) The Vergelegen Camphor Trees	Kanferboom (A)	Historic trees planted more than 3 centuries ago by Governor WA van der Stel – very large trees with large landscape impact.	Vergelegen Estate, Somerset West Western Cape S 34° 4' 37.091" E 18° 53' 23.012"
34.	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> & a large variety of other tree species (Sydney bluegum etc) Tokai arboretum - all mature trees	Bloekom en ander spesies (A)	Arboretum of historic significance with trees planted there since 1885. Laid out by Joseph Storr Lister at the beginning of the forestry industry. A major landmark and recreation area, and world famous among botanists, horticulturists and silviculturists. .	The Tokai arboretum situated in the Tokai State forest, as proclaimed in 1985 under the War Graves and National Monuments Act of 1969 (Act No 28 of 1969) – now replaced by the National Heritage Resources Act of 1999 (Act No 25 of 1999) S 34° 3' 42.840" E 18° 24' 48.020"
36.	<i>Platanus acerifolia</i> (London plane) Marriot's Avenue	Plataan (A)	Tree avenue of exceptionally old plane trees – of historic value – planted in 1908 by Mr WE Marriot (curator). The trees are a central landscape feature of the botanical gardens.	KwaZulu-Natal Botanical Gardens, Pietermaritzburg KwaZulu-Natal S 29° 36' 22.780" E 30° 20' 49.810"
45.	<i>Eucalyptus paniculata</i> , <i>E maculata</i> , & <i>E microcorys</i> (Grey ironbark, Spotted gum & Tallow gum), Commonwealth plantation	Grysystembas-bloekom (A) Gevlektebloekom (A) Kersvetbloekom (A)	Arboretum or sample plot of large Eucalyptus trees planted in the 1930s and protected to commemorate the Commonwealth Forestry Conference of 1935.	Middelkop Plantation, Haenertsburg Limpopo Province S 23° 49' 15.732" E 30° 4' 0.466"
46.	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (Sydney bluegum) Westfalia Showblock	Salignabloekom (A)	Stand of tall trees eucalypt trees planted in 1933 by the eminent Dr Hans Merensky.	Westfalia Estate, Tzaneen Limpopo Province S 23° 43' 52.812" E 30° 6' 31.027"

49.	<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> (Norfolk Island Pine) The Kweekskool Araucaria	Norfolkeiland den (A)	Tallest Norfolk Island Pine planted in 1826 by wife of the last landdrost of Stellenbosch.	Theological Seminary, Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch Western Cape S 33° 56' 19.366" E 18° 51' 50.959"
50.	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (River red gum) Bergzicht Market Tree	Rooibloekom (A)	Planted in 1880. Prominent tree providing shade for an entire informal market.	Bergzicht market square, Stellenbosch Western Cape S 33° 55' 57.464" E 18° 51' 30.325"
51.	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) The Ryneveld Oak	Engelse Eik (A)	Planted in 1812. One of only 5 oak trees remaining from the previous generation of planted oak trees.	6 Ryneveld Street, Stellenbosch Western Cape S 33° 56' 17.868" E 18° 51' 47.003"
60.	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) The Zandvliet Oak	Engelse Eik (A)	One of the biggest oaks in the district, located at a historic farmhouse of an old wine estate.	Zandvliet Delta Farm, Franschoek Western Cape S 33° 51' 47.216" E 18° 59' 23.869"
61.	<i>Populus nigra</i> (Lombardy poplar) The Ruth Fischer Tree	Italiaanse populier (A)	The tree stands at the site where Ruth Fischer, daughter of Braam Fischer (a prominent founder member of the SA Communist Party) ran a safe house for fugitives from the Apartheid security forces. The tree served as landmark for those seeking refuge in this safe house.	C/o Lothbury & Fawley Street, Johannesburg, Gauteng S 26° 10' 56.038" E 28° 0' 23.957"
82.	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) Tsitsikamma Big Tree	Outeniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	One of the most accessible and famous big trees in Tsitsikamma forest. Visited by more than 80 000 tourists each year.	Storms River State forest, Storms River Eastern Cape S 33° 57' 53.411" E 23° 53' 58.325"
83.	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) Woodville Big Tree	Outeniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	One of the largest yellowwoods in the Knysna forests, receiving substantial numbers of visitors.	Bergplaas State forest, Collin's Hoek Western Cape S 33° 56' 4.094" E 22° 38' 37.512"
84.	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) Eastern Monarch	Outeniekwa geelhout (A) / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	One of the largest trees in Eastern Cape, known as the Eastern monarch, and located next to the Tyume hiking trail.	Auckland Nature Reserve Keiskamma State forest Hogsback Eastern Cape S 32° 36' 7.991" E 26° 56' 39.738"

85.	<i>Podocarpus falcatus</i> (Outeniqua yellowwood) The Dalene Matthee Big Tree (previously known as Krisjan se Nek Big Tree)	Outeniekwa geelhout / Mogôbagôba (Sep) / Umkhoba (X) / Umsonti (Z)	Landmark tree towering above the forest, and the site of a memorial to writer Dalene Matthee.	Goudveld State Forest, Garden Route National Park Western Cape S 33° 55' 0.060" E 22° 57' 28.260"
89.	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) The Slave tree of George	Engelse Eik (A)	Very large oak tree planted in 1811 – one of the biggest in the southern hemisphere. The popular name comes from a belief that slaves were chained to the tree in the early part of the 17 th century.	George Tourism Bureau, 124 York Street, George Western Cape S 33° 57' 23.649" E 22° 27' 32.634"
95	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) Sophiatown Oak	Engelse Eik (A)	The first individual tree proclaimed as protected under the National Forests Act. Was mutilated and died, but the site is still of historic significance. Tree was part of the history of Sophiatown and the struggle against the forced removal of the community in the 1950s.	8 Berthastreet, Sophiatown Johannesburg Gauteng S 26° 10' 48.131" E 27° 58' 48.553"
96	<i>Breonadia salicina</i> (Matumi) One of a trio of trees dubbed the Three Queens of Amorentia	Mingerhout (A) / Mohlomê (Sep) / Mutu-lume (Set)	Third Largest Matumi tree in South Africa (forms part of a trio of large Matumi trees).	Amorentia Estate, Mooketsi Valley Limpopo Province S 23° 46' 7.716" E 30° 2' 51.336"
99	<i>Eucalyptus ficifolia</i> (Red flowering gum) The Ida's Valley Princess	Rooiblombloekom (A)	Very large and attractive tree, estimated to be more than 2 centuries old. A landmark on an old historic farm.	Ida's Valley Homestead, Stellenbosch District Western Cape S 33° 54' 54.896" E 18° 53' 14.523"
109	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English Oak) The Johannesburg Oak	Engelse eik (A)	The largest and perhaps the oldest Oak tree in Gauteng, and an impressive landmark.	Kirchmont Heights, 4 Koelenhof Road, Northcliff Extension 19 Johannesburg Gauteng S 26° 9' 57.774" E 27° 57' 32.951"
117	<i>Pyrus communis</i> (Saffron pear) Company's Garden Pear Tree	Gewone peer (A)	Tree brought from the Netherlands as seedling and planted in the Company's Gardens about 3 centuries ago, and thus the oldest surviving fruit tree in the country.	Company's Garden, Cape Town Western Cape S 33° 55' 35.062" E 18° 25' 1.907"

123	<i>Ficus macrophylla</i> (Moreton Bay fig) The Arderne Fig Tree	Australiaanse baniaan (A)	Largest tree in Western Cape according to size index, planted more than a century ago by John Arderne and his son.	Arderne Gardens, Claremont Cape Town Western Cape S 33° 59' 14.244" E 18° 27' 53.352"
124	<i>Araucaria heterophylla</i> (Norfolk Island Pine) The Arderne Tower Tree	Norfolkeiland den (A)	Exceptionally tall tree, even for its kind, planted more than a century ago by John Arderne and his son.	Arderne Gardens, Claremont Cape Town Western Cape S 33° 59' 14.244" E 18° 27' 53.352"
128	<i>Eucalyptus diversicolor</i> (Karri gum) Brackenhill Gum Trees	Karriebloekom (A)	Tallest stand of Karri gum in the country, planted in 1922.	Kruisfontein State Forest Harkerville, Western Cape S 34° 2' 22.488" E 23° 8' 37.788"
131	<i>Cassuarina cunninghamia</i> (Beefwood) Scanlen's Lane	Kasuarisboom (A)	Lane of large casuarinas planted in the 1860s by Charles Scanlen.	Municipal Recreation grounds, Cradock Eastern Cape S 32° 9' 47.243" E 25° 36' 49.187"
133	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English Oak) Van der Stel's Oak Tree	Engelse eik (A)	Oak tree planted 3 centuries ago – largest and oldest oak tree in the country.	Vergelegen Estate, Somerset West, Western Cape S 34° 4' 33.088" E 18° 53' 22.274"
135	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (Sydney bluegum) The 'O'Connor tree lane	Salignabloekom (A)	Very tall tree lane –planted around 1920 by forestry pioneer AJ O'Connor. Landmark visible from various viewpoints. Situated next to O'Connor's memorial.	Woodbush Plantation, Haenertsburg, Limpopo Province S 23° 51' 3.675" E 29° 59' 13.790"
137	<i>Quercus suber</i> (Cork oak) The Arderne Cork Oak	Kurkeik (A)	One of the largest and oldest trees in Arderne Gardens, planted more than a century ago by John Arderne and his son.	Arderne Gardens, Claremont Cape Town Western Cape S 33° 59' 14.244" E 18° 27' 53.352"
138	<i>Quercis serris</i> (Turkey oak) The Arderne Turkey Oak	Turkse eik (A)	One of the largest and oldest trees in Arderne Gardens, planted more than a century ago by John Arderne and his son.	Arderne Gardens, Claremont Cape Town Western Cape S 33° 59' 14.244" E 18° 27' 53.352"
139	<i>Pinus halepensis</i> (Aleppo pine) The Arderne Pine	Aleppoden (A)	One of the largest and oldest trees in Arderne Gardens, planted more than a century ago by John Arderne and his son.	Arderne Gardens, Claremont, Cape Town Western Cape S 33° 59' 14.244" E 18° 27' 53.352"

140	<i>Agathis robusta</i> (Queensland kauri) The Arderne Kauri	Queenslandse kauri (A)	One of the largest and oldest trees in Arderne Gardens, planted more than a century ago by John Arderne and his son.	Arderne Gardens, Claremont, Cape Town Western Cape S 33° 59' 14.244" E 18° 27' 53.352"
142	<i>Eucalyptus regnans</i> (Mountain ash) The Benvie Mountain Ash	Bergessebloekom (A)	The biggest trees measured in KwaZulu-Natal midlands to date. Situated on the scenic Benvie arboretum established by Scottish emigrant John Geekie more than 80 years ago.	Benvie Farm, New Hanover KwaZulu-Natal S 29° 15' 52.766" E 30° 22' 7.295"
150	<i>Pinus radiata</i> (Monterey pine) The Isidenge Sentinel	Radiataden (A)	Tallest pine tree in the Eastern Cape. Planted in the late 1880s by forest workers as part of an early tree plantation.	Isidenge State forest Eastern Cape S 32° 40' 2.419" E 27° 16' 45.092"
152	<i>Eucalyptus citriodora</i> (Lemon-scented gum) The Paul Roos Gymnasium Lane	Lemoenbloekom (A)	Very attractive group of big trees in scenic setting on the campus grounds.	Campus of Paul Roos Gymnasium Welgelegen Stellenbosch Western Cape S 33° 56' 25.692" E 18° 51' 53.278"
153	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English oak) The Bonniemile Oak	Engelse eik (A)	Large oak tree on farmyard next to the original wagon route linking Stellenbosch with Cape Town. Local claim that Governor Simon van der Stel granted land to his coachmen, who planted the trees.	Bonniemile Stellenbosch Western Cape S 33° 57' 6.867" E 18° 47' 3.032"
154	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (River red gum) The Ruth Steer Tree	Rooibloekom (A)	The tree plays a very prominent role in the landscape on the river plateau of Stellenbosch Same size as the Bergzicht tree and was thus probably also planted ca 1880.	60 Jonkers-hoek Avenue Stellenbosch Western Cape S 33° 56' 4.457" E 18° 52' 59.502"
168	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (River red gum) Wits Campus Tree	Rooibloekom (A)	Large Eucalypt planted more than 80 years ago adjacent to the entrance to Johannesburg on the old Rustenburg road which does not exist anymore.	Gavin Relly Green West campus WITS, Johannesburg Gauteng S 26° 11' 15.540" E 28° 1' 30.518"
171	<i>Liriodendron tulipifera</i> (Tulip Tree) The Baynesfield Tulip Tree	Tulpboom (A)	Tree planted by Joseph Baynes in 1882 on the historic Baynesfield Estate.	Baynesfield Estate, Richmond KwaZulu-Natal S 29° 45' 51.933" E 30° 20' 32.617"
175	<i>Sequoia sempervirens</i> (Californian Redwood) The Grootvadersbos Redwood Grove	Kaliforniese Rooihout (A)	Stand of tall Redwoods planted at Grootvadersbosch more than 80 years ago.	Grootvadersbosch Nature Reserve Western Cape S 33° 58' 55.581" E 20° 49' 48.709"

185	<i>Eucalyptus saligna</i> (Sydney bluegum) Herbert Baker Chapel Trees	Salignabloekom (A)	Group of scenic trees standing next to a chapel designed by Sir Herbert Baker.	Porter Estate, Orpen Road Western Cape S 34° 2' 57.900" E 18° 25' 23.340"
191	<i>Acacia galpinii</i> (Monkey thorn) The Marico Tree	Apiesdoring (A) / Mooka-leselo (Sep)	Tallest thorn tree measured in South Africa to date.	Veeplaas, Skuinsdrift, Groot Marico Northwest Province S 25° 23' 25.620" E 26° 22' 42.327"
196	<i>Ficus burkei</i> (Common wild fig) Umtentweni Giant	Gewone wildevy (A) / Moumo (Sep) / Umthombe (X) / Umthombe (Z)	Largest Common wild fig in South Africa.	Eden Park, Umtentweni KwaZulu-Natal S 30° 42' 34.910" E 30° 28' 5.511"
199	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (Red river gum) The Infruitec Gum Tree	Rooibloekom (A)	Large tree planted about 130 years ago, and now a landmark.	Infruitec, Helshoogte pass, Stellenbosch Western Cape S 33° 55' 23.082" E 18° 52' 11.581"
200	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> (Red river gum) Wilgenhof Grandfather	Rooibloekom (A)	Large tree planted about 130 years ago, and now a landmark.	Wilgenhof residence, Victoria Street, Universiteitsoord Stellenbosch Western Cape S 33° 56' 3.241" E 18° 51' 47.689"
203	<i>Adansonia digitata</i> (Baobab) The King of Ga-Ratjeke	Kremetart (A) / Seboi (Sep) / Mowana (Set) / Muvhuyu (V)	Newly discovered and one of the big 5 biggest indigenous trees in South Africa.	Ga-Ratjeke Village Limpopo S 23° 29' 54.922" E 30° 30' 6.436"
208	<i>Quercus robur</i> (English Oak) Akkerdraai Oak Tree	Engelse eik (A)	Large Oak tree, possibly older than 175 years. Prominent landmark.	Akkerdraai Lodge Annandale Road Stellenbosch Western Cape S 33° 59' 48.508" E 18° 49' 46.516"

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