

03 February 2023 – The Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment (DFFE) published the *National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (10 of 2004) List of terrestrial species and freshwater species that are threatened or protected, restricted activities that are prohibited, and restricted activities that are exempted* in the Government Gazette.

This document includes the following legislative tools:

- Revised TOPS Regulations,
- Revised TOPS List,
- Revised Elephant Norms and Standards,
- Leopard Norms and Standards, and
- Rhino Commencement Notice.

All these notices will come into effect on 01 April 2023.

The Department will be conducting implementation awareness-raising workshops in all the provinces, as well as some online sessions, and will communicate the details of these shortly.



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