

Biodiversity Transformation Wildlife Auction

Rustenburg – The first ever Mebala Ya Rona Biodiversity Transformation Wildlife Auction was held on Friday, 10 March 2017, at the Molokwane Lodge & Conference Centre in Rustenburg. Following the many other critical hindrances to growth and transformation of the sector, the auction culminated the official launch of the Roma-Nna Legacy Foundation to address the key funding challenges to the development of the new entrant's projects. In heeding the clarion call by the Honourable Premier of the Bokone Bophirima Province, SOR Mahumapelo, to be fearless in achieving greatness; the Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (READ), has taken the first step in responding to the need for radical transformation of the sector by accelerating the outcomes of the Mebala Ya Rona Biodiversity Conference held in October 2016. About 155 lots of game including rare and high-value species from various sellers and some donations from private game farmers were on auction. Speaking about the initiative, the MEC for READ, MEC Manketsi Tlhape stated that it was significant for the Department to fulfil the mandate of the 5th Provincial administration by implementing the five (5) concretes with a Vision to Rebrand, Reposition and Renew (RRR) the Province in line with the National Development Plan (NDP), Vision 2030, using our precious biodiversity resources. The five Provincial concretes included the Agriculture; Culture & Tourism (ACT); Villages, Townships & Small Dorpies (VTSD); Reconciliation, Healing & Renewal (RHR); Setsokotsane and the Saamtrek-Saamwerk Philosophy. The MEC Tlhape further inaugurated the Mebala Ya Rona Provincial

Biodiversity Transformation Advisory Committee, which comprises of 10 independent members of the public industry with the purpose to serve, support and advise on the implementation of this biodiversity transformation initiative including the management of the Roma-Nna Legacy Fund. As a Province, the Department of READ recognises and appreciates the support from the industry; private businessmen and the general public in making this initiative a success.extracts of READ press release



MEC Manketsi Tlhape inaugurating the Mebala Ya Rona Trans Provincial Biodiversity Transformation Advisory Committee.

Temporary traffic restrictions N4 Groot Marico Bridge



Groot Marico

Groot Marico – The Bridge on the N4 that crosses the Groot Marico River in Groot Marico was damaged due to recent storms and rain in the region from December to February.

Liam Clarke, commercial manager of Bakwena Platinum Corridor Concessionaire, operator of the N1N4 toll route, explains that one side of the bridge is damaged. For safety reasons, traffic restrictions on the bridge were introduced from Friday, 13 January 2017. These temporary restrictions will continue until the bridge has been repaired which is estimated to be about 6 months.

“Bakwena has implemented a manual stop/go system. Vehicles will be able to use only the one side of the bridge that isn't damaged, while Bakwena assesses the full extent of the damage. Only then can we establish what remedial action is required and how long it may take. We are confident the bridge is in no immediate danger to road users. Restricting traffic to one side of the bridge will reduce the amount of traffic on the bridge at the same time. This is in the interest of the safety of road users,” Clarke said.

This option was determined the most effective by Bakwena's team of engineers. They also considered the alternative of completely closing the bridge. “However, closing the bridge altogether would have meant a 36km detour for motorists,” says Clarke. Due to further heavy rains and the recent flash floods in early March, the preparation works for the Groot Marico bridge repairs have been delayed and as a result commencement of the repairs will take place during the autumn and winter months when the possibility of rain is minimal. The anticipated completion date for the repairs is August 2017, weather permitting.

The recent rain also resulted in the flooding of the Selons River which caused extensive damage to the road surface on the bridge crossing the river. As a result, a temporary stop/go was put in place for a period of one week in order to allow clean up works to be carried out.

“We call on motorists to exercise caution and restraint along the N1N4 route, particularly when approaching low lying areas after or during heavy rains. We thank you for your patience while we carry out the necessary clean up and repair works,” Clarke said.



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The North West Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development (READ) invites all Employed and Unemployed Graduates in Agriculture (Diploma, Bachelor Degree and/or Post Graduate) to register in the departmental data base. Registration with the Natural Scientific Professions Act No. 27 of 2003 (SACNASP) may determine future deployment.

The purpose of the exercise is to help the Department and the sector to ascertain the number of unemployed agricultural graduates and assess the level of employability.

Those who qualify and are interested in registering please provide the department with following information to the addresses below:

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- Surname**
- Names**
- Identity Number**
- Gender**
- Race**
- Disability**

CONTACT DETAILS:

- Cell No.**
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LOCATION -MUNICIPALITY:

- District**
- Local**
- Ward No.**

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Type**
- Institution**
- Year Obtained**

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