

NOTICE 810 OF 2007**DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS AND FORESTRY****INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED DECLARATION OF KATHU FOREST AS A PROTECTED WOODLAND UNDER SECTION 12(1)(c) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 84 OF 1998), AS AMENDED**

The Minister of Water Affairs and Forestry intends to declare the Kathu "forest" as a protected woodland under Section 12(1)(c) of the National Forests Act, 1998.

In terms of Section 13(1)(a) of the said Act, interested and affected parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposal by 31 July 2007.

Comments must be submitted to-

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Description:

Background: Kathu "forest" is a unique woodland of exceptionally large Camelthorn trees (*Acacia erioloba*) north of the town of Kathu in the Northern Cape Province. This woodland of about 4 000 ha is one of the only of its kind occurring in the world. It was deproclaimed as State forest in 1956 to allow for the development of the town of Kathu town. The woodland was registered as a National Heritage Site in 1995 under the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism programme.

Location: Northern Cape Province, north of Kathu town

Properties: Portion 1 & 2 of the farm Hartnolls No. 458, remainder of the farm Hartnolls No. 458, Portion 1 & Remainder of the farm Uitkoms No. 463, The farm Kathu No. 465, Khai Apple Nature Reserve, Remainder of the farm Sims No. 462, Remainder of the farm Bestwood No. 459

Landownership: Private

Magisterial District: Kgalagadi