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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF
THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM
JANUARY – DECEMBER 2005**

CHAIRPERSON: MR L ZITA

1. OVERVIEW

This annual report of the Portfolio Committee accounts on all the monitoring and oversight activities conducted during the 2005 financial period. The report is structured into six sections. The first section reports on the briefing sessions conducted by the committee in order to ensure executive accountability on policy and programmes matters related to budget vote, annual reports, commercial fishing policies, short left campaign, environmental impact assessment. The second section reports on the oversight visits conducted to Visit to Sea Harvest Ltd & Oceana, W. Cape, Irvine & Johnson Ltd, W.Cape, Marine & Coastal Management, W.Cape, Koeberg Nuclear Power Station, W.Cape, St Lucia, KZN, Pondoland, Umtata and Port St Johns and, National Botanical Gardens in Johannesburg. The third section reports on the adoption and publication of oversight visits reports. The fourth section reports on the conferences members of the committee attended and participated. The fifth section reports on the papers referred by parliament to the committee for consideration and reporting. The last section deals with the 2004/05 budget allocation and expenditure.

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1.1. Mission

The overall goal of the Portfolio Committee on Environmental Affairs and Tourism is to improve the quality of life the people of South Africa based on the principles of Vukazenzele, Social Contract and Voluntarism

1.2. Vision

- To capacitate members of the committee to enhance effective participation, monitoring and oversight
- To monitor and evaluate the implementation of conservation and sustainable development of natural resources, environmental quality and protection, sustainable development, marine and coastal management, tourism, biodiversity and conservation.
- To monitor and ensure job creation and poverty eradication in the tourism and fishing industries
- To perform oversight and undertake National and International visits.
- To process and ensure passing of legislation and international protocols, conventions and instruments
- To participate in National Environment, Tourism and Sustainable Development conferences
- To confer with NCOP on Environmental, Tourism and Sustainable Development matters
- To facilitate public participation in legislative processes, pass and amend legislation.

2. PUBLIC ENTITIES ACCOUNTING TO THE COMMITTEE

This section provides information on the department and public entities accounting to the committee.

2.1. South African Tourism

The core business of South African Tourism, established in terms of the Tourism Act (1993) is to market South Africa internationally as a tourism destination through regulation of industry, maintaining and enhancing the standards of facilities and services for tourists, and coordinating the marketing activities of role-players in the industry.

2.2. South African National Biodiversity

The South African National Biodiversity Institute was established on 1 September 2004 in terms of the national environmental management: biodiversity Act (2004). The act expands the mandate of the national botanical institute to include responsibilities relating to the full diversity of South Africa's fauna and flora, and builds on the internationally respected programmes in conservation, research, education and visitor services developed over the past century by the national botanical institute.

2.3. South African National Parks

The South African National Parks established in terms of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (2003) manages a system of 20 national parks representatives of the country's most fauna, flora and unique natural features. Tourism, conservation and commercial development comprise the core competencies of the South African National Parks' biodiversity management mandate.

2.4. South African Weather Services

The South African Weather Service was established in accordance with the South African Weather Service Act (2001). The objectives of the South African Weather Service are to; maintain, extend and improve the quality of meteorological service; ensure the ongoing collection of meteorological data over south Africa and surrounding southern oceans; and fulfil government's international obligations under the Convention of the World Meteorological Organisation and the Convention of the International Civil Aviation Organisation as South Africa's Aviation Meteorological Authority

2.5. Marine Living Resource Fund

The marine living resource fund was established in accordance with the marine living resource act (1998). The aim of marine living resource fund is to finance activities related to managing the sustainable use and conservation of marine living resources, preserving marine biodiversity and minimising marine pollution. Other socio-economic objectives include broadening access to resources by restructuring the industry to address historical imbalances and promote economic growth.

2.6. Greater St Lucia Wetland Authority

The Greater St Lucia Wetland Park Authority, which began operating in April 2002, was established through the World Heritage Convention Act (1999). The objective of the Greater St Lucia Wetland Authority include conservation of Greater St Lucia Wetland Park areas' world heritage values, optimising tourism development and contributing to local economic development and transformation.

3. PAPERS REFERRED

This section provides information on the papers referred to the committee by the National Assembly For consideration and reporting. The main focus is on the date of referral, date of consideration and date of Publication and reporting to the house

PAPER REFERRED	REFERRAL	CONSIDERATION	REPORTING
Human Rights Commission Chapter on Education and Environment	12/05/05	07/06/05	08/06/05
Proposed Exclusion of Portion 89 of the Farm Groenkloof 358 JR from National Parks, situated in the administrative District of Pretoria, tabled in terms of section 2(3) of the National Parks Act 1976 (Act No 57. 1976)	30/09/ 05	11/11/05	15/11/05

4. BRIEFING SESSIONS

This section provides information on the briefing sessions held by the committee during the period under review

DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITY	DATE	AGENDA
South African National Parks and South African Weather Service	15/02/2005	Briefing on SA National Parks and SA Weather Services 2003/04 Annual Reports
Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism	24/02/2005	Briefing on 2005/06 Budget Vote 27
Marine and Coastal Management	05/04/2005	Briefing on Commercial Fishing Allocation Process and Adoption of 2 nd Term Committee Report
Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism	17/05/2005	Briefing on Environmental Impact assessment Regulations
Marine and Coastal Management	14/06/2005	Update on Processes Leading to Allocation of Long-Term Fishing Rights
South African Tourism	21/06/2005	Briefing on short left campaign 1 and adoption of oversight visit report on Nuclear Power Station
Department of environmental Affairs	08 11/ 05	2004/05 Annual Report and Financial Statement s
South African Tourism	08/11/05	2004/05 Annual Report and Financial Statements
St Lucia Wetland Authority	08/11/05	2004/05 Annual Report and Financial Statements
National Biodiversity Institute	08/11/05	2004/05 Annual Report and Financial Statements
South African Weather Service	08/11/05	2004/05 Annual Report and Financial Statements

5. OVERSIGHT VISITS

This section reports on the provincial visits undertaken by the committee during the period under review. The focus of the section is on the provinces visited, date of the visit, purpose of the visit and the date in which the committee adopted the oversight visits reports.

VISITS	OBJECTIVES	DATE	ADOPTION BY THE COMMITTEE	REPORT ON ATC
Sea Harvest Ltd & Oceana, W.Cape	Monitor transformation and environmental management	09/02/2005	31/05/2005	08/06/2005
Irvine & Johnson Ltd, W.Cape	Monitor the progress made in respect of transformation, environmental management and its business operations.	28/02/2005	31/01/2005	09/06/2005
Marine & Coastal Management, W.Cape	Monitor the progress made in respect of transformation, environmental management and its business operations.	18/02/2005	31/05/2005	08/06/2005
Koeberg Nuclear Power Station, W.Cape	Monitor the progress made in respect of transformation, environmental management and its business operations.	19/01/2005	21/06/2005	23/06/2005
ST Lucia Wetlands, KZN.	Assess the economic impact of 4x4 on Durban Beaches and eco-tourism development strategy	02/02/05	16/11/05	17/11/2005
Pondoland & Coega Development Corporation	Monitor progress in respect of eco-tourism and N2 toll road	02/02/05	16/11/05	17/11/05

6. BUDGET VOTE

This section provides information on consideration of the Budget Vote 27 of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. The main focus is on the dates of referral by the house, consideration by the committee and publication on ATC

REFERRAL	CONSIDERATION	REPORT PUBLICATION
16 /02/05	24 FEB 2005	16/03/ 05

7. DEPARTMENTAL AND PUBLIC ENTITIES ANNUAL REPORTS

This section provides information on the consideration of the 2005/06 annual reports of the department of environmental affairs and tourism and public entities namely, South African National Parks, South African Tourism, South African Weather Service,

DEPARTMENT/ PUBLIC ENTITIES	TABLING	REFERRAL	CONSIDERATION	DEBATING IN THE HOUSE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURSIM	6 SEP 2005	30 SEP 2005	11 OCT2005	9 NOV 2005
SOUTH AFRICAN TOURISM	6 SEP2005	30 SEP 2005	11 OCT2005	9 NOV 2005
SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL PARKS	6 SEP2005	30 SEP 2005	11 OCT 2005	9 NOV 2005
SOUTH AFRICAN WEATHER SERVICES	6 SEP 2005	30 SEP 2005	11 OCT 2005	9 NOV 2005
SOUTH AFRICAN BIODIVERSITY INSTITUTE	6 SEP2005	30 SEP 2005	11 OCT 2005	9 NOV 2005
ST LUCIA WETLAND AUTHORITY	6 SEP 2005	30 SEP 2005	11 OCT 2005	9 NOV 2005

LEGISLATION

The committee's jurisdiction under for consideration

SUPPORT

This section provides supervision, procedure, and research services during the period under review

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