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# National Strategic Environmental Assessment for Aquaculture Development in South Africa

1<sup>st</sup> Expert Reference Group Meeting  
Tuesday, 7 June 2016

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# Agenda

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/PRESENTATION</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
12:30 – 13:00	Lunch	
13:00 – 13:10	Welcome	DAFF: Asanda Njobeni
13:10 – 13:30	Background and need for Aquaculture SEA	DEA: Dee Fischer
13:30 – 13:40	Introduction to the Aquaculture SEA	CSIR: Paul Lochner
13:40 – 14:15	Approach to the SEA Discussion	CSIR: Lizande Kellerman
14:15 – 14:45	Scope and prioritisation Discussion	CSIR: Lizande Kellerman
14:45 – 15:00	Tea and coffee	
15:00 – 15:20	Stakeholder consultation Discussion	CSIR: Lizande Kellerman
15:20 – 15:55	Outputs of the SEA Discussion	CSIR: Lizande Kellerman
15:55 – 16:00	Way forward and closure	DEA: Simon Moganetsi



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# Background & need for Aquaculture SEA



- Aquaculture – the breeding, rearing & harvesting of plants & animals in salt or fresh water – is the fastest-growing food production sector in the world.
- Aquaculture is one of the priority focus areas of Operation Phakisa, launched by national government in 2014.
- The goal of  is to unlock the economic potential of South Africa's oceans.
- Aquaculture industry in SA is hampered by challenges e.g. financial constraints, complex over-regulation of legislative requirements, limited skills, insufficient development, etc.
- Need to improve, integrate & streamline legislation to reduce complexity and to incentivise environmentally sustainable aquaculture.



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# Introduction to the Aquaculture SEA



- DEA in collaboration with DAFF has commissioned CSIR to undertake a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) to prioritise and incentivise sustainable aquaculture in SA.
- Best practice in SEA should satisfy these international principles:
  - Be a mandated, unbiased process conducted in a transparent manner to be legitimate in the eyes of both the public and decision-makers
  - Consider all the salient issues and legitimate concerns that are relevant to decision-makers and other stakeholders
  - Be conducted by suitable experts and in accordance with standards of scientific rigor and technical adequacy in order to have credibility.
- No fixed recipe for SEA → customise to be “fit for purpose”.
- SEA is often conducted to bridge the gap between national policies or programs and project level decision-making.



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# Approach to the Aquaculture SEA



The goal is to promote and support the growth of the aquaculture industry in South Africa:

- a) through identifying suitable areas where environmentally sustainable aquaculture development can be prioritised and incentivised; and
- b) by providing a streamlined and integrated management and legislative framework to reduce compliance complexities & improve decision-making processes.



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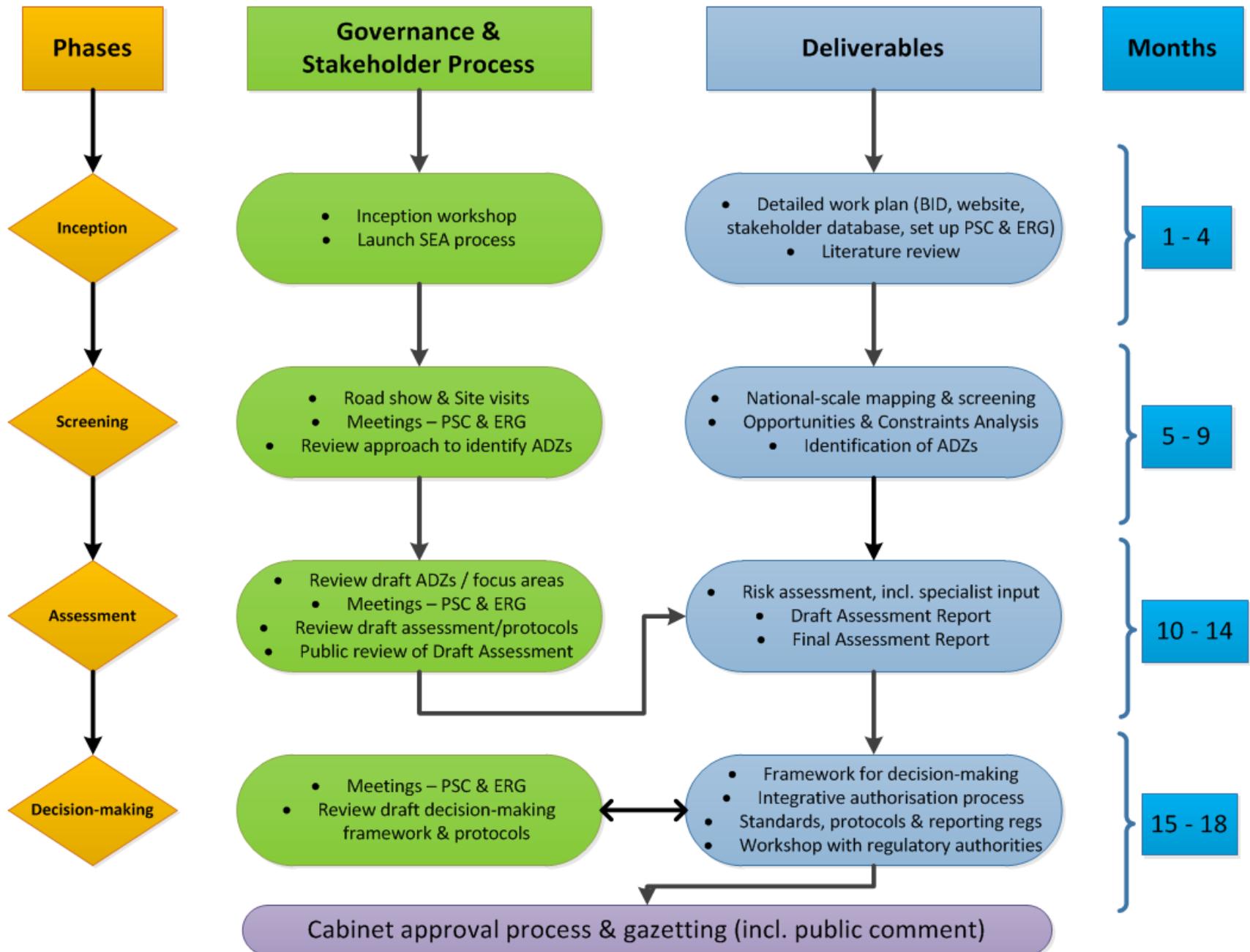


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# Approach to Aquaculture SEA



# Key objectives of the Aquaculture SEA



- To create an **enabling environment and incentivise sustainable aquaculture** development by:
  - reducing the need for environmental authorisations by use of instruments such as accepted “**norms and standards**”.
  - **streamlining and integrating** the applicable permits and authorisations from national, provincial and local authorities in order to promote efficient decision-making.



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# Key legislation governing aquaculture in SA



Administration of the Sector

Environmental Impacts & Permitting

Impacts of Aquaculture on the Environment

Impacts of the Environment on Aquaculture

Product Safety and Quality

Animal Health and Disease Control

Importation of Inputs



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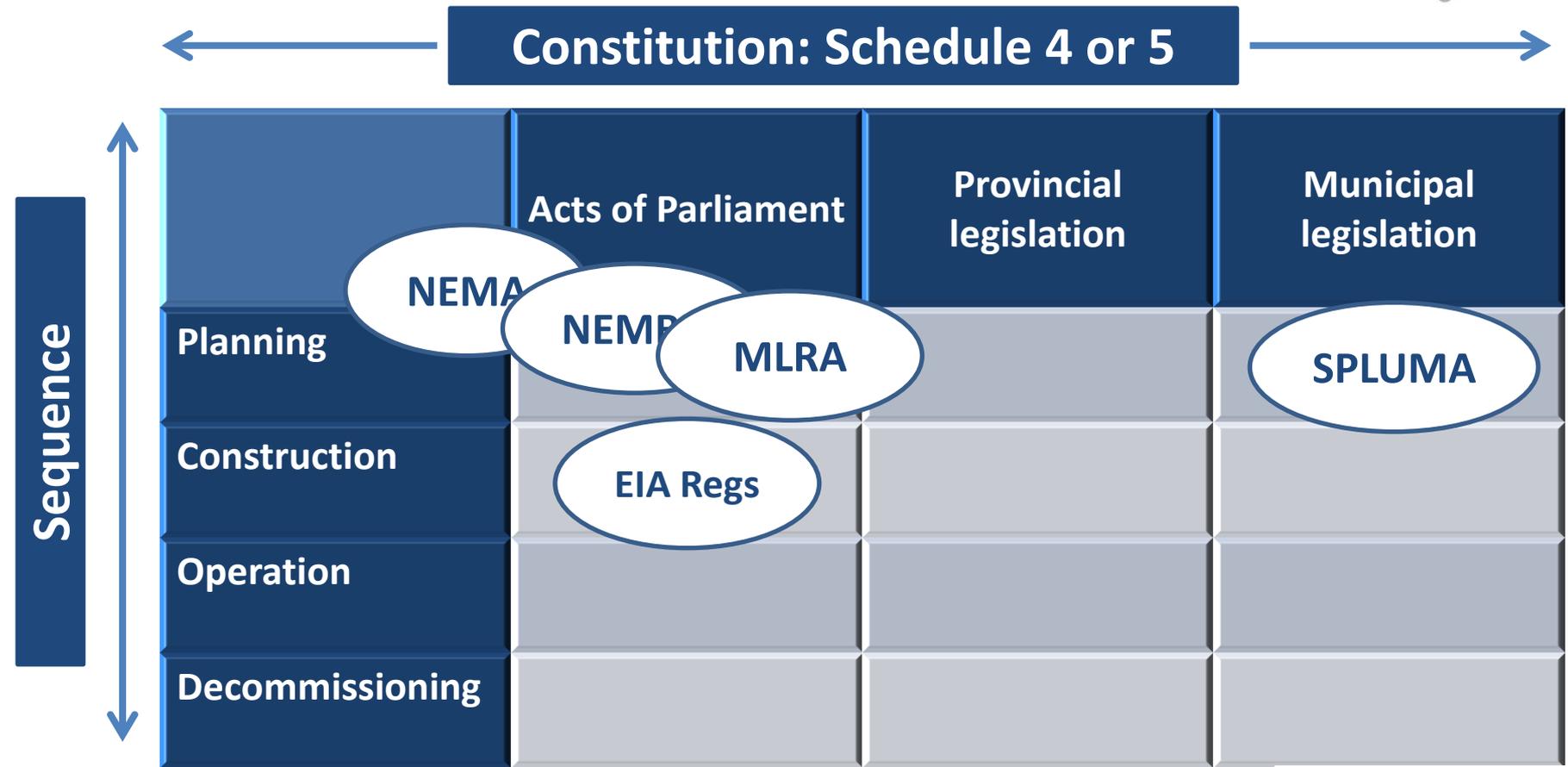


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# Approach to Legislative Framework



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# Summary of national legislation

## Department of Environmental Affairs

- National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998
- Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2010
- National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 10 of 2004
- Draft Alien and Invasive Species Regulations, GN 347 Of 3 April 2009
- Threatened or Protected Species Regulations, GNR.152 of 23 February 2007 (TOPS regulations)
- National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act, 57 of 2003
- National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act, 24 of 2008
- Sea-Shore Act, 21 of 1935
- Sea Birds and Seals Protection Act, 46 of 1973
- National Environment Management: Waste Act, 59 of 2008

## Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries

- Marine Living Resources Act 18 of 1998
- Marine Living Resources Regulations, 1998
- Genetically Modified Organisms Act, 15 of 1997
- Subdivision of Agricultural Land Act, 70 of 1970
- Animal Diseases Act, 35 of 1984
- Fertilizer, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, 36 of 1947
- Animal Improvement Act, 62 of 1998
- Agricultural Products Standards Act, 119 of 1990
- Agricultural Pests Act 36, of 1983
- Animal Protection Act, 71 of 1962

## Department of Water Affairs

- National Water Act 36 of 1998

## Department of Trade and Industry

- Consumer Protection Act No.68 of 2008
- CPA Regulations (GNR 293 of 1 April 2011)
- Standards Act, 8 of 2008
- National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications Act, 5 of 2008
- International Trade Administration Act, 71 of 2002 / The African Customs Union Agreement
- Customs and Excise Act, 91 of 1964
- Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 53 of 2003

## Department of Health

- Medicines and Related Substances Act, 101 of 1965
- Foodstuffs, Cosmetics and Disinfectants Act, 54 of 1972
- Health Act, 61 of 2003

## Department of Transport

- Perishable Products Export Control Act, 1983

## Department of Labour

- Occupational Health and Safety Act, 85 of 1993
- Basic Conditions of Employment Act, 75 of 1997
- Labour Relations Act, 66 of 1995
- Employment Equity Act, 55 of 1998

## Companies and Intellectual Property Commission/ Department of Justice

- Companies Act, 71 of 2008
- Trust Property Control Act, 57 of 1988
- Co-operatives Act, 14 of 2005

## Department of Public Works

- State Land Disposal Act 48 of 1961



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# Key objectives of the Aquaculture SEA



- To assess & integrate the best available spatial information to identify **focus areas** or **aquaculture development zones** (ADZs) with the following characteristics:
  - highest **commercial potential** for aquaculture (i.e. in terms of technical and operational requirements);
  - highest **social need** (i.e. need for development & job creation); and
  - lowest **environmental sensitivity** (i.e. fewest environmental risks or constraints).



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# Aquaculture SEA Project Team



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Project Manager: Simon Moganetsi	Project Manager: Fatima Daya	Project Manager: Lizande Kellerman
Project Administrator: Mpho Moilwa	Project Officer: Michelle Pretorius	Project Officer: Karabo Mashabela



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# Aquaculture species for SEA



## Marine

Abalone  
Finfish  
Mussels  
Oysters  
Prawns  
Seaweed

## Fresh-water

African  
sharptooth  
catfish  
Brown trout  
Rainbow trout  
Mozambique  
Tilapia  
Nile Tilapia  
Marron  
Red claw crayfish



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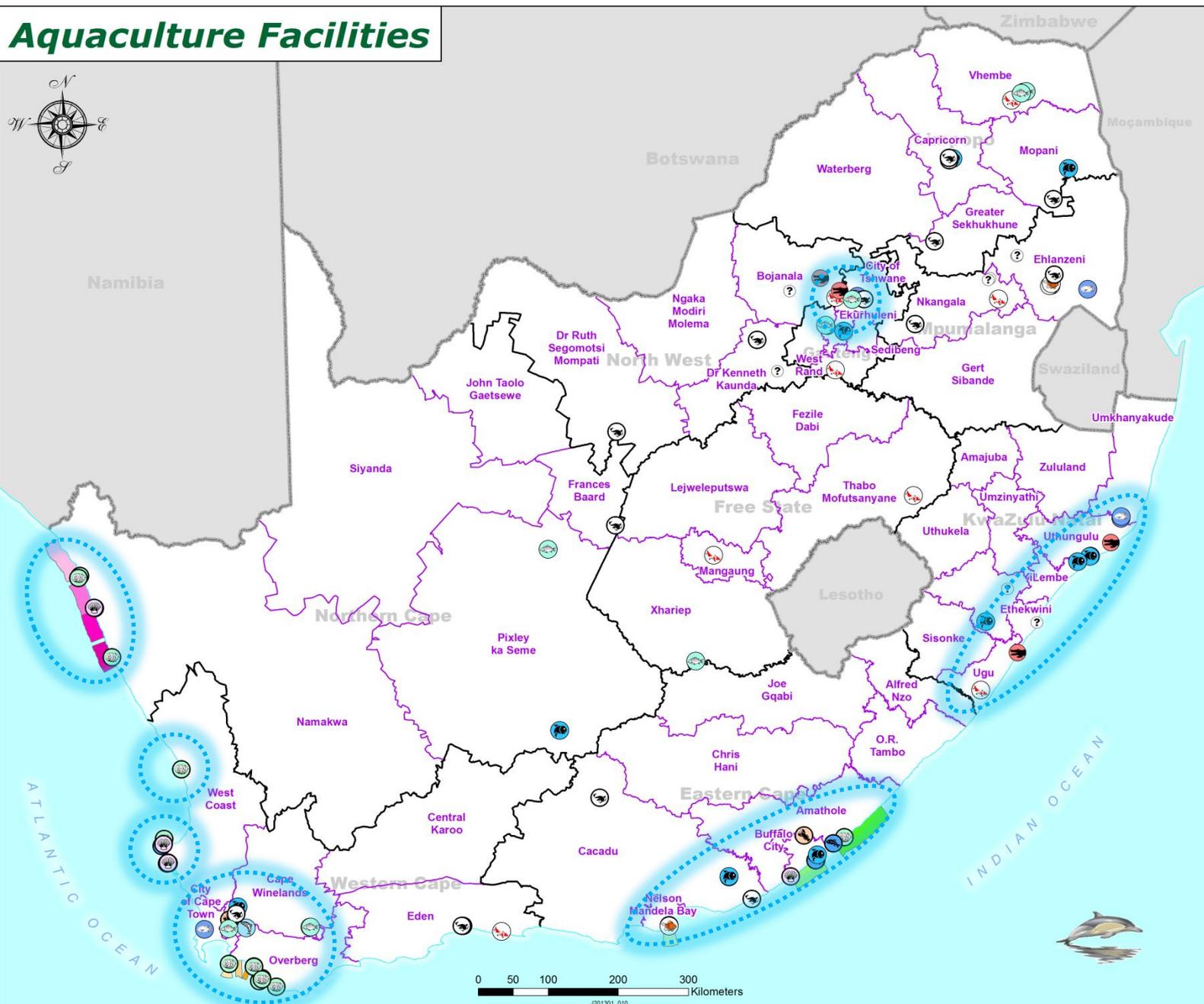
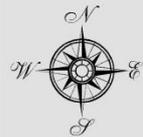
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# Marine (salt water) species

## Aquaculture Facilities



### Aquaculture Facilities

- Abalone (17)
- Marine Finfish (6)
- Mussel Farms (5)
- Oyster Farms (8)
- Carp (8)
- Catfish (16)
- Crocodiles (6)
- Goldfish (6)
- Koi (12)
- Marron Crayfish (2)
- Ornamentals (16)
- Prawns (2)
- Salmon (1)
- Tilapia (18)
- Unknown Species (17)

— International Boundaries

— Provincial Boundaries

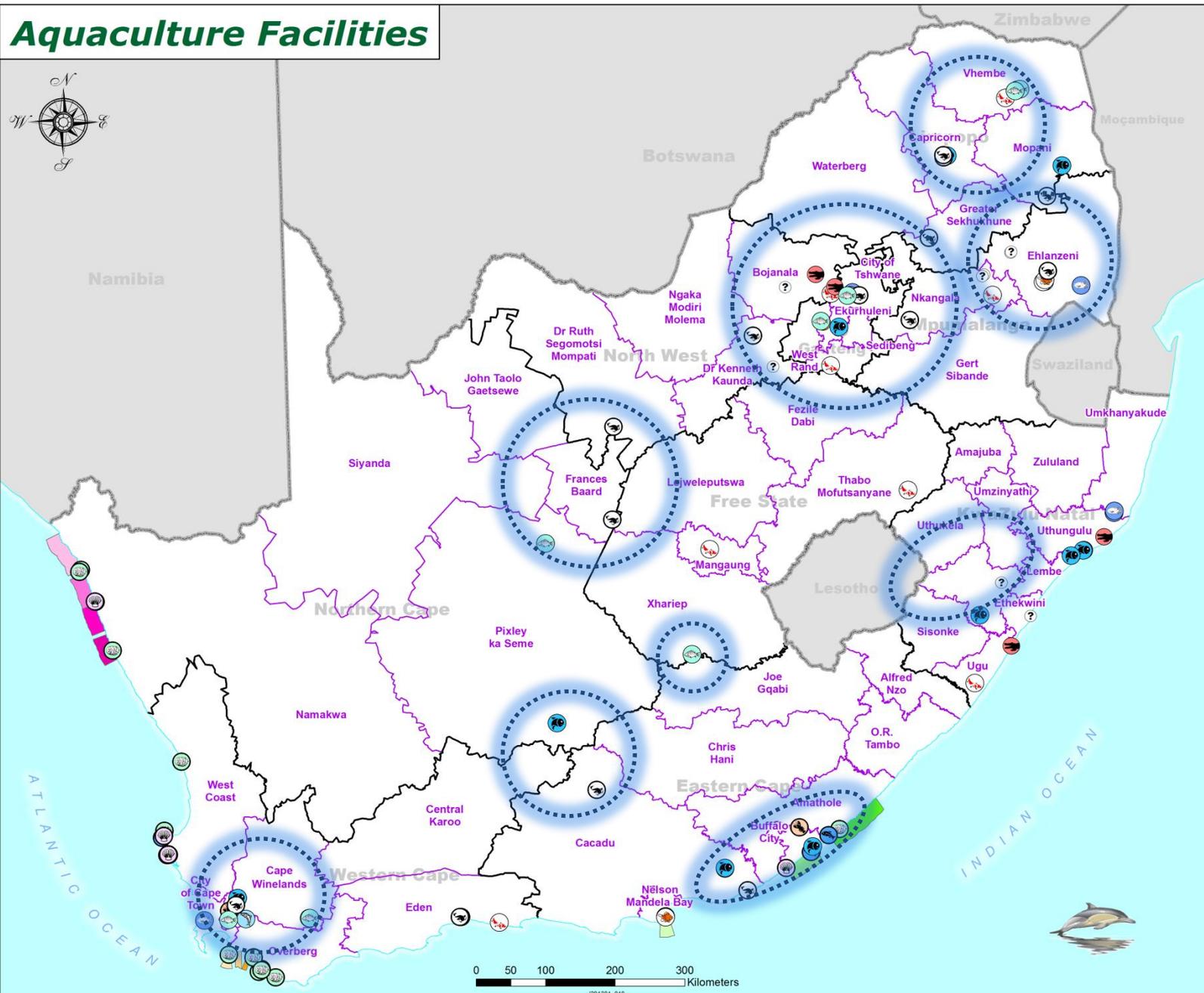
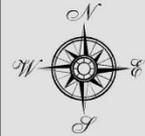
— Coastline

— District Municipalities



# Freshwater species

## Aquaculture Facilities



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- International Boundaries
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- Coastline
- District Municipalities



# Stakeholder Consultation



- Consultation is undertaken to facilitate buy-in and commitment from the different key role players, including:
  - Relevant government departments and organs of state;
  - Key stakeholders (e.g. aquaculture industry, academia and NGOs); and
  - The general public.
- The successful and sustainable growth of aquaculture in South Africa depends on effective coordination between these parties in order to reduce barriers to the development of this industry.
- Consultation through e.g. newspaper adverts, BID, website, online media releases, roadshow, focus group meetings, sector meetings, conferences, etc.



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# Project Steering Committee (PSC)



The PSC comprises authorities with a legislated decision-making mandate for aquaculture development in SA.

## The PSC consists of representatives from:

- DEA (Environmental Programmes, Oceans and Coasts, etc.)
- DAFF (Operation Phakisa, Aquaculture & Economic Development, etc.)
- Dept. of Mineral Resources (DMR)
- Dept. of Public Enterprises (DPE)
- Dept. of Public Works (DPW)
- Dept. of Rural Development and Land Reform (DRDLR)
- Dept. of Trade and Industry (Dti)
- Dept. of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
- Dept. of Science and Technology (DST)
- Transnet National Port Authority (TNPA)
- Representatives from the nine provinces.



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# Main purpose of the PSC



- To inform, guide and monitor the implementation of the SEA process;
- To coordinate the mandates of all organs of state in an integrated manner;
- To facilitate sustainable development and ensure legal compliance; and
- To facilitate discussion on the outcomes of the SEA so that they may be adopted and implemented by government.



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# Expert Reference Group (ERG)



## The ERG comprises representatives of the following:

- South African Aquaculture Industry Associations
- Directorates from the DEA Oceans and Coasts & DEA Environmental Programmes
- DAFF Fisheries Branch
- Department of Water and Sanitation (DWS)
- South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
- South African Institute for Aquatic Biodiversity (SAIAB)
- Agricultural Research Council (ARC)
- Provincial representatives (e.g. from nature conservation & planning departments)
- NGOs e.g. WWF South Africa, etc.
- Relevant research bodies and academia.



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# Main purpose of the ERG



- The **purpose of the ERG** is to:
  - provide technical knowledge and expert insights from a range of sectors; and
  - to ensure that the important issues are identified and addressed in a balanced and scientific manner.
- The ERG's inputs will inform the approach to the SEA tasks and they will review draft outcomes from the SEA.



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# Outputs of the Aquaculture SEA



- Aquaculture development zones (ADZs) or focus areas/suitable habitats in South Africa.
- Environmental compliance framework (standards) for streamlined & integrated decision-making to reduce (or limit) the need for permitting & authorisations.
- Environmental screening & risk assessment for aquaculture in SA that can be continuously updated & maintained by DEA & DAFF.
- Generic Environmental Management Plan (EMP) for the management of aquaculture activities in South Africa.



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# Way forward & closure



- Minutes of this meeting will be circulated to all ERG members for review and comments.
- The draft schematic legislative framework (as discussed today) will also be circulated to all ERG members for review and to provide additional inputs.
- Feedback provided from the ERG members will be discussed at the next ERG meeting scheduled during November 2016 (date to be confirmed).
- Acknowledgements & meeting closure.



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