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National Strategic Environmental Assessment for Aquaculture Development in South Africa

1st Project Steering Committee Meeting
Tuesday, 7 June 2016

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Agenda

<u>TIME</u>	<u>ACTIVITY/PRESENTATION</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
08:30 - 09:00	Registration with tea and coffee	
09:00 - 09:10	Welcome	DAFF: Asanda Njobeni
09:10 – 09:30	Background & need for Aquaculture SEA	DEA: Dee Fischer
09:30 – 09:40	Introduction to the Aquaculture SEA	CSIR: Paul Lochner
09:40 – 10:15	Approach to the Aquaculture SEA Discussion	CSIR: Lizande Kellerman
10:15 – 10:45	Scope & prioritisation Discussion	CSIR: Lizande Kellerman
10:45 – 11:15	Stakeholder consultation Discussion	CSIR: Lizande Kellerman
11:15 – 11:55	Outputs of the SEA Discussion	CSIR: Lizande Kellerman
11:55 – 12:00	Way forward & closure	DEA: Simon Moganetsi
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	



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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  **OPERATION PHAKISA** is to unlock the economic potential of South Africa's oceans.
planning | implementation | growth
- 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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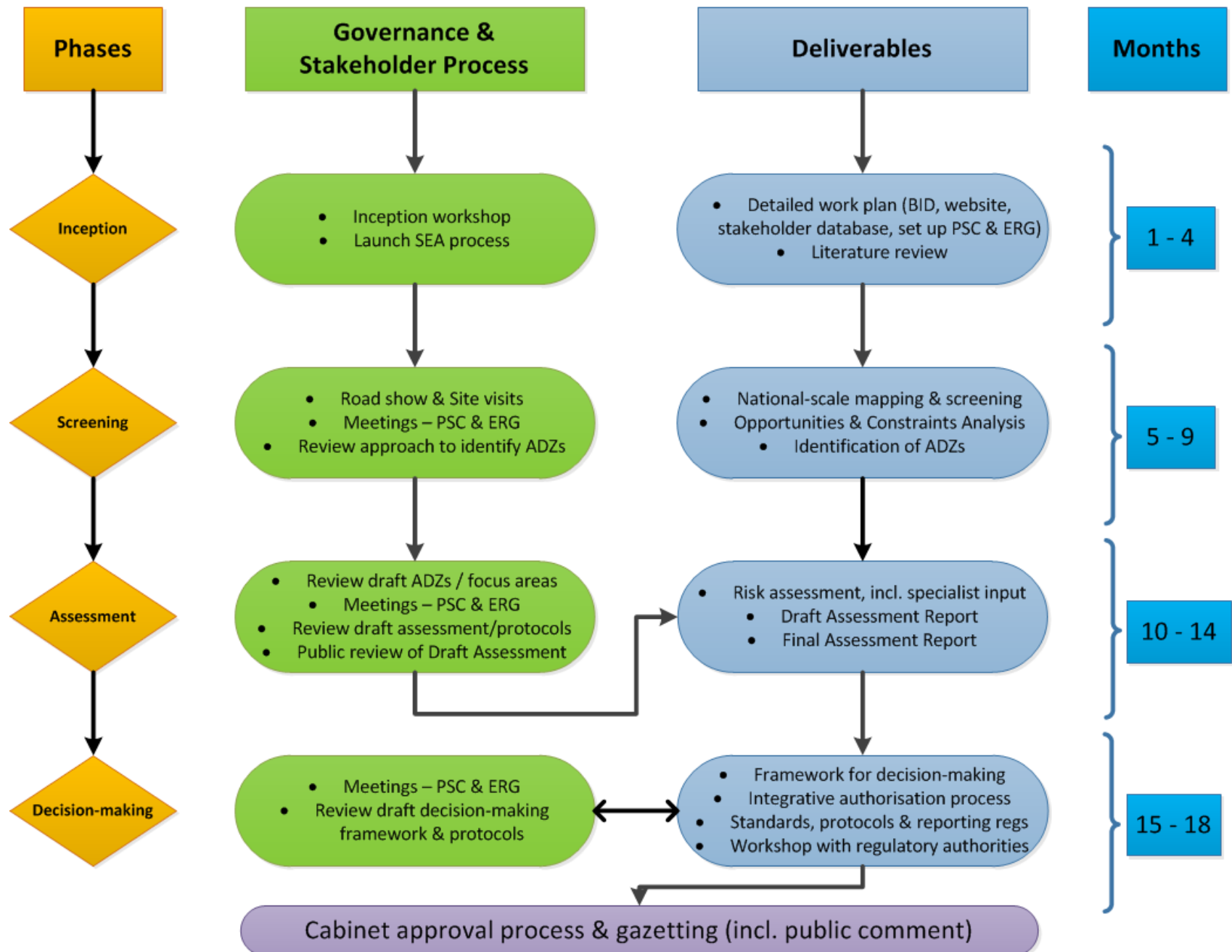


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Approach to Aquaculture SEA



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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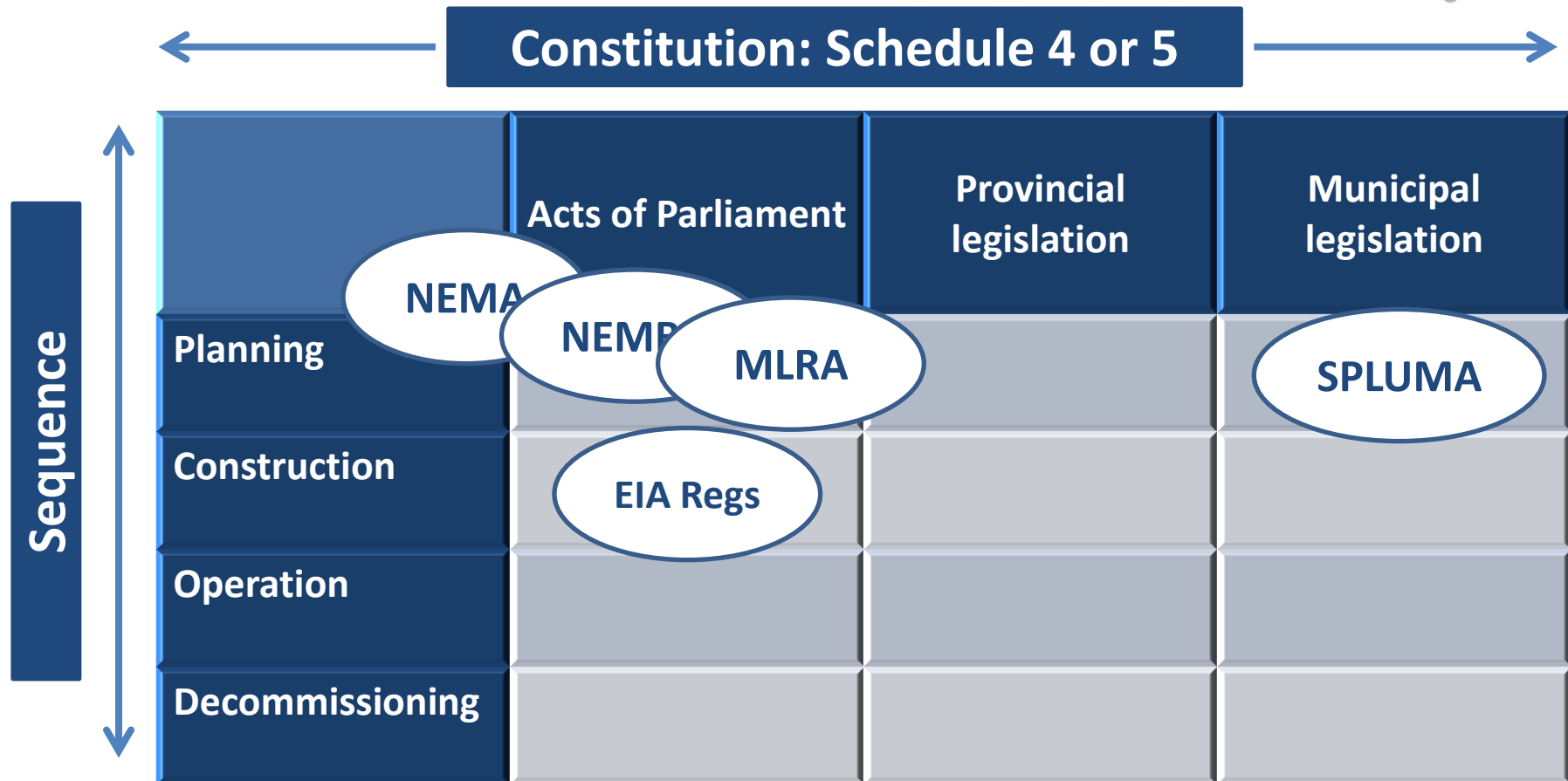


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Approach to Legislative Framework



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Summary of national legislation

Department of Environmental Affairs

DEA

- 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

DAFF

- 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

DWA

- National Water Act 36 of 1998

Department of Trade and Industry

DTI

- 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

DOH

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

Department of Transport

DOT

- Perishable Products Export Control Act, 1983

Department of Labour

DOL

- 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

CIPC/DOJ

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

Department of Public Works

DPW

- 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



DEA	DAFF	CSIR
Project Leader: Dee Fischer	Project Leader: Asanda Njobeni	Project Leader: Paul Lochner
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
sharp-tooth
catfish
Brown trout
Rainbow trout
Mozambique
Tilapia
Nile Tilapia
Marron
Red claw crayfish



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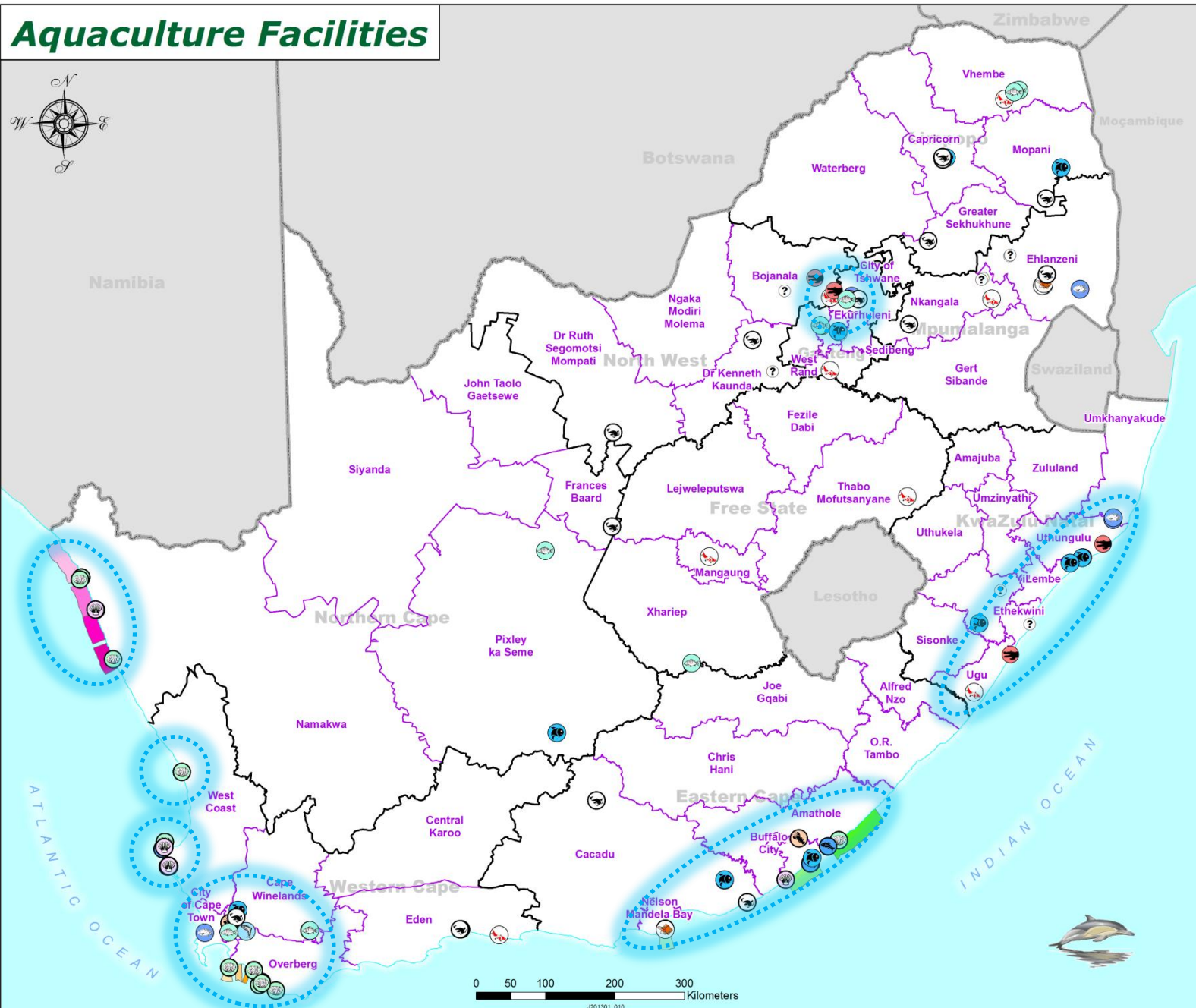
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Marine (salt water) species

Aquaculture Facilities



Aquaculture Facilities

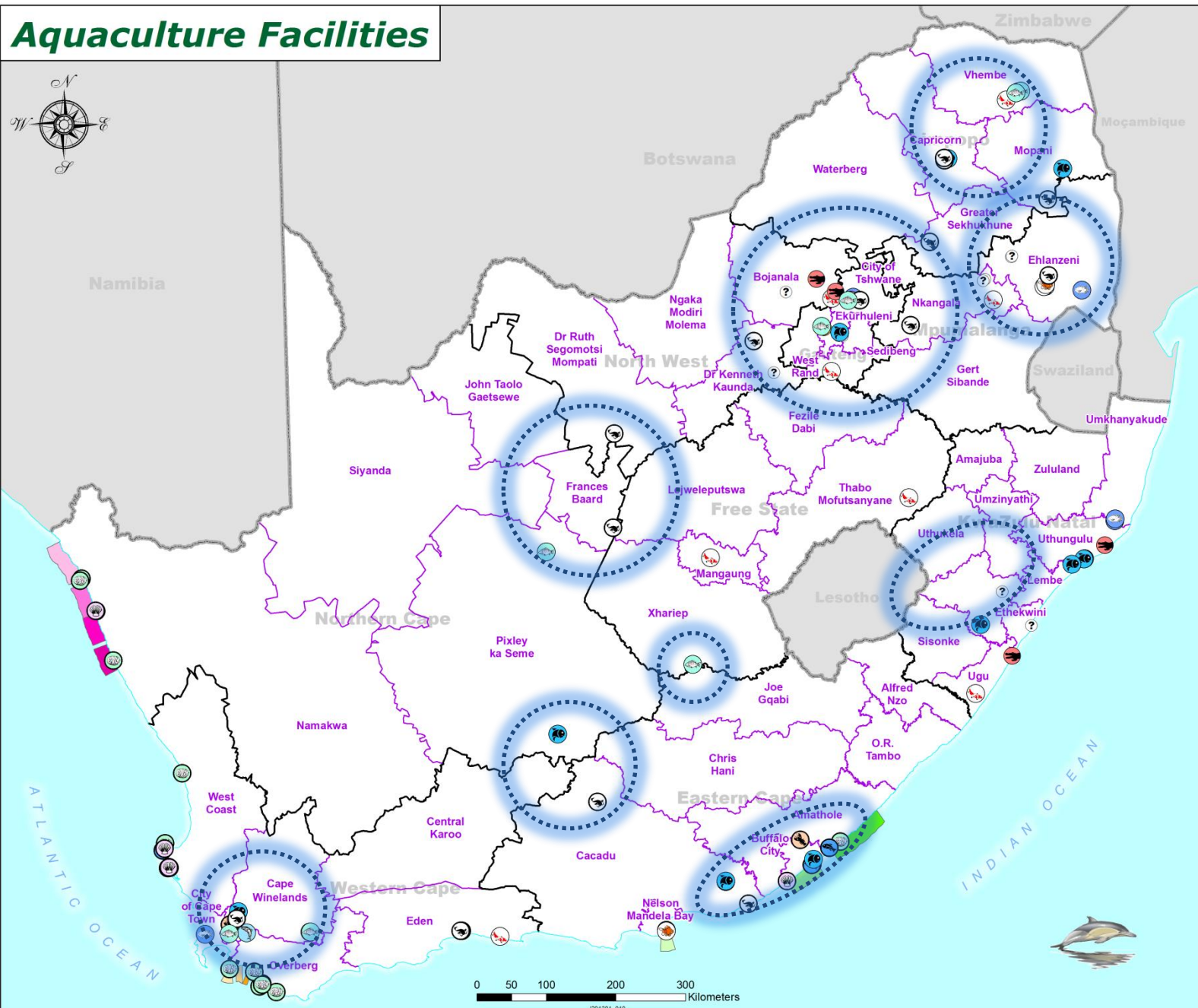
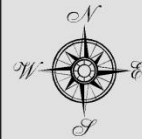
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- Marine Finfish (6)
- Mussel Farms (5)
- Oyster Farms (8)
- Carp (8)
- Catfish (16)
- Crocodiles (6)
- Goldfish (6)
- Koi (12)
- Marron Crayfish (2)
- Ornamentals (16)
- Prawns (2)
- Salmon (1)
- Tilapia (18)
- Unknown Species (17)

- International Boundaries
- Provincial Boundaries
- Coastline
- District Municipalities



Freshwater species

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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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Terms of Reference for the PSC



- PSC shall have DEA as lead agent & chairperson.
- CSIR to provide secretariat function on behalf of PSC.
- PSC members must avail themselves for each scheduled meeting.
- PSC members wish to withdraw must do so in writing, provide alternate.
- PSC members can be national or provincial depending on who is competent authority i.t.o legislation relevant to aquaculture development.
- PSC members must have relevant knowledge/skills/experience in his/her field of work to enable PSC to function effectively & expeditiously.
- PSC members must have decision-making authority on behalf of his/her organ of state, excl. decisions to grant approvals, permits, licenses, etc.
- PSC members must have direct access to the head of their organ of state they represent, the Management Committee and the Secretariat or any of its members.



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Terms of Reference for the PSC



- Each member of the PSC must evaluate the SEA from the perspective of his or her organ of state to:
 - Identify plans, policies or legislation which are relevant to the SEA;
 - Identify what is required for the expeditious and effective implementation of the SEA;
 - Identify challenges faced by the SEA that will impede or delay implementation thereof, and identify associated remedial actions required;
 - Identify amendments required to plans, policies or legislation to ensure proper implementation;
 - Identify to the PSC the amendments to be considered by the SEA to streamline and enable compliance with applicable laws; and
 - Provide inputs on protocols which will be enforced in the Aquaculture Development Zones (ADZs).



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Terms of Reference for the PSC



- Frequency of meetings
 - PSC scheduled to meet 4x during 18-month SEA process.
 - Meetings planned for Jun & Nov 2016, Apr & Aug 2017.
 - Venues to be in Cape Town/Stellenbosch or Pretoria.
- Methods of communication
 - Email distribution list to be set up by PSC Chair or Secretariat.
 - SEA website to incorporate relevant documents e.g. meeting minutes, progress reports, presentations, etc.



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



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