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## DRAFT NATURE RESERVE BY-LAW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS

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# Nature Reserve By-law - Mandate

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- City's protected areas have recently been proclaimed in terms of the National Environmental Management: Protected Areas Act (the NEMPAA).
- The City is the designated management authority.
- The Nature Reserves are subject to the Norms and Standards for the Management of Protected Areas that are gazetted in terms of the NEMPAA.

## **Importantly;**

- Section 8 of the NEMPAA Norms and Standard requires the Management Authority to ensure that legislation is effectively enforced within a protected area through regulations and internal rules and that protected areas have a law enforcement programme and that protection systems are in place.

# Nature Reserve By-law - How

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- This by-law aims to give force and effect to the Regulations for the Proper Administration of Nature Reserves (GG No. 35021; 2012), gazetted in terms of the NEMPAA, at a local government level.
- City Reserve staff will be able to enforce the by-law in addition to their existing mandates in terms of other legislation (e.g Environmental Management Inspectors).
- It will empower City Law Enforcement to enforce the provisions of the by-law in partnership with reserve staff.

# Nature Reserve By-law - What

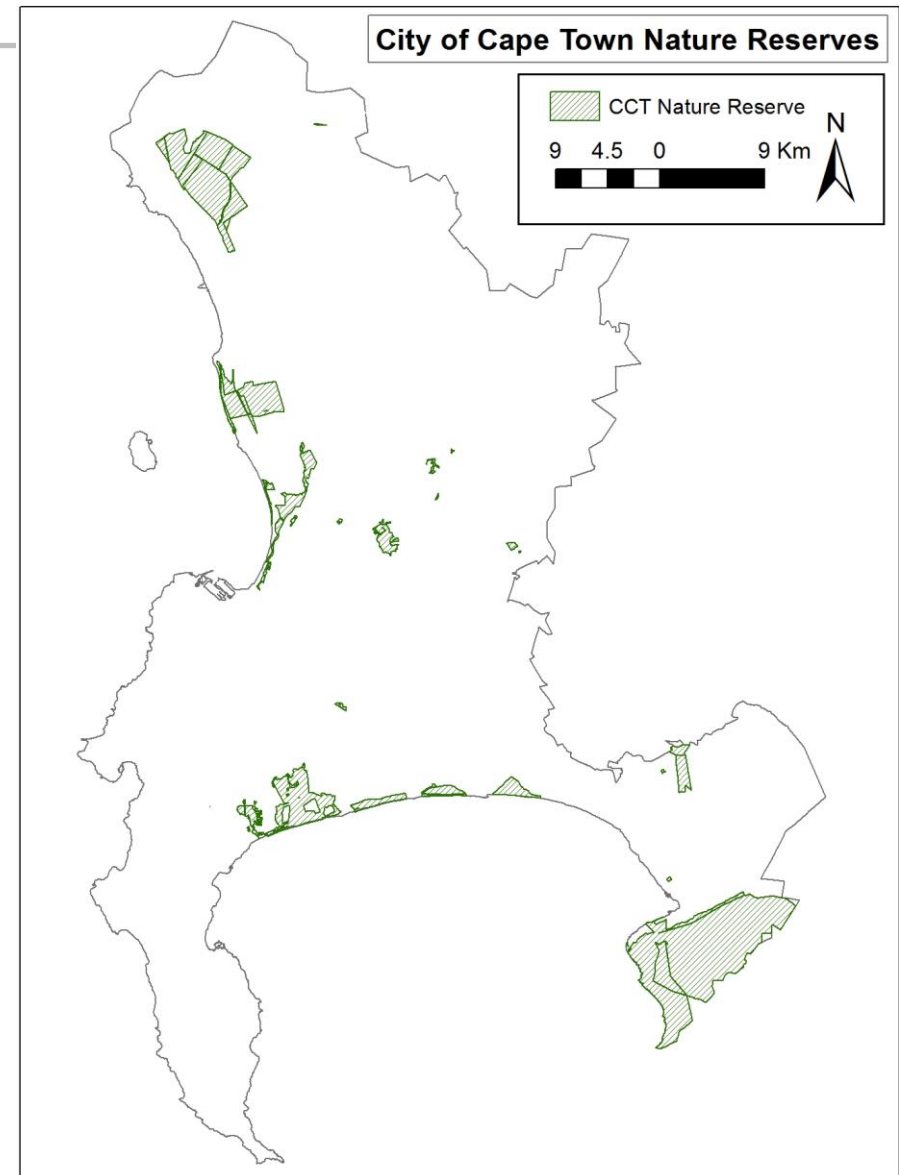
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- The by-law will regulate management, use, activities and access, engagement with user groups and stakeholders, provide for safe and environmentally sensitive recreation of nature reserves within the jurisdiction of the City of Cape Town;
- The by-law will also introduce administrative provisions, not currently available in the Regulations (e.g Compliance Notices).

# Nature Reserve By-Law - Area of Application

This By-law applies to areas which are –

- proclaimed or recognised as a protected area in terms of the NEMPAA;
- managed as a nature area with an in perpetuity agreement with the landowner and registered against the title deeds, or
- land acquired by the City for the express purposes of nature conservation and where such intent is adopted through a Council resolution.



# Nature Reserve By-Law – Arrangement of Sections

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- Chapter 1: Introductory provisions
- Chapter 2: Powers and Responsibilities of the City
- Chapter 3: The Use of Biological Resources
- Chapter 4: Access to Nature Reserves
- Chapter 5: Restricted Activities
- Chapter 6: Prohibited Activities
- Chapter 7: Fees and Tariffs
- Chapter 8: Compliance and Enforcement
- Chapter 9: Offences and Penalties

# The Nature Reserve By-law – Summary

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What the bylaw will do:

- Assist the City to fulfil its role as the designated Management Authority
- Promote the sustainable use of and access to City nature reserves
- Create a safer environment for visitors and staff

What the bylaw will not do:

- No new reserve staff will be needed as a result of the bylaw
- No new tariffs or charges are proposed in the bylaw
- No existing lawful activities will be prohibited by the bylaw



- We aim to place Cape Town at the forefront of marine and environmental enforcement and compliance at a local government level, ensuring Cape Town's natural heritage is protected and regarded as an asset by Cape Town residents and visitors.







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**Thank You**

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