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**MINISTER**

**QUESTION NO. 1216 FOR WRITTEN REPLY: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

A draft reply to **Mr T Z Hadebe (DA)** to the above-mentioned question is enclosed for your consideration.

**MS NOSIPHO NGCABA**

**DIRECTOR-GENERAL**

**DATE:**

**DRAFT REPLY APPROVED/AMENDED**

**MRS B E E MOLEWA, MP**

**MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

**DATE:**

**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**(For written reply)**

**QUESTION NO. 1216 {NW1356E}**

**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER NO. 12 of 2016**

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 **Mr T Z Hadebe (DA) to ask the Minister of Environmental Affairs:**

With reference to the takeover by the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the function of monitoring the usage of marine resources from Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife, what measures and plans has her department put in place to ensure the conservation and monitoring of the marine resources on the KwaZulu-Natal provincial coastline? NW1356E

**1216. THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS REPLIES:**

The Department of Environmental Affairs continues to have a contract with Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife and iSimangaliso Wetland Park Authority. The Department of Environmental Affairs has structured monitoring plans and arrangements with Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal Wildlife. These include monitoring the KwaZulu-Natal Marine Protected Areas and the New Proposed Marine Protected Areas included in the recently gazetted 22 Network of Marine Protected Areas (for public comments) under Operation Phakisa: Ocean Economy.

The plan in this financial year 2016/2017 from 15 to 19 August 2016 is for the Department of Environmental Affairs to host another training programme for officials of Ezemvelo KwaZulu-Natal on the management of the Marine Protected Areas.

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