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**NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 1497**

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**1497. Dr P J Groenewald (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Police:**

(1) (a)(i) How many cases of alleged illegal abalone poaching were reported to the SA Police Service (SAPS) in each year during the period 1 January 2013 up to the latest specified date for which information is available and (ii) what quantity of abalone was confiscated by the SAPS in each specified year and (b) what happened to the confiscated abalone;

(2) (a) how many (i) persons were arrested in each specified year in this regard and (ii) of the specified arrests were successfully prosecuted and (b) what did the sentence amount to in each case;

(3) whether any SAPS officials were alleged to have been involved in any illegal abalone poaching in the specified period; if so, what are the relevant details in each case;

(4) what measures has his department instituted to curb the illegal poaching of abalone and other marine resources;

(5) whether he will make a statement on the matter?

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**REPLY:**

(1)(a)(i)(ii)

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| **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| **Number of Cases** | **Quantity Confiscated** | **Number of Cases** | **Quantity Confiscated** | **Number of Cases** | **Quantity Confiscated** |
| 8 | 11995,70 kg | 5 | 11471 kg | 9 | 11906,02 kg |

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| **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
| **Number of Cases** | **Quantity Confiscated** | **Number of Cases** | **Quantity Confiscated** | **Number of Cases** | **Quantity Confiscated** |
| 12 | 8809,42 ka | 7 | 6326,30 ka | 2 | 1536,50 ka |

(1)(b) The abalone is handed over to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (Marine and Coastal Management), in terms of the Marine Living Resource Act, 1998 (Act No 18 of 1998).

[**Please find here: (2)(a)(i)(ii)(b)**](http://pmg-assets.s3-website-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/RNW1497reply.pdf)