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(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 24 {NW24E}

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Mr D W Bryant (DA) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) With reference to her reply to question 3509 on 14 October 2022, what (a) steps will she be taking to protect threatened baboon sub-populations in KwaZulu Natal from extinction and (b) has she found to be prevailing circumstances that led to the impending extinction of baboon sub-populations in KwaZulu-Natal;
- (2) whether she intends to raise the impending extinction of baboon sub populations with the relevant Minister of Executive Council in KwaZulu-Natal; if not, why not; if so, on what date;
- (4) on what date is it envisaged that the SA National Parks will publish its Draft Cape Peninsula Baboon Strategic Management Plan?

24. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- (1)(a) The National Red List status of Chacma baboon has been indicated as Least Concern since 2004, and the species is not threatened with extinction in South Africa, and therefore no steps will be taken at national level to protect threatened sub-populations of baboon in KwaZulu-Natal (KZN).
- (b) There is no pending extinction of Chacma Baboons at a national level. Nature conservation is a functional area of concurrent national and provincial legislative competence. If there are specific issues regarding sub-populations; these should be referred directly through KwaZulu legislature.
- (2) No; the Minister does not intend to raise the alleged impending extinction of baboon sub populations with the relevant Minister of Executive Council in KwaZulu-Natal due to the fact that the issue can be raised directly through KZN legislature.
- (3) The draft Baboon Strategic Management Plan for the sustainable management of the Chacma Baboon population in the Cape Peninsula (draft Strategic Management Plan) was jointly developed by City of Cape Town, South African National Parks and CapeNature. These three entities form the Cape Peninsula Baboon Management Joint Task Team (JTT). The JTT recently made the draft Strategic Management Plan available on their respective entity websites, for public comment. Residents of Cape Town, interested and affected parties, and stakeholders can submit written comments by 31 March 2023, and attend a stakeholder meeting at Kirstenbosch on 3 March 2023.



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

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