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**FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**QUESTION 693**

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**693. Mr P van Dalen (DA) to ask the Minister of Police:**

Whether he has put any plans and/or strategies in place to control the (a) abalone and (b) rock lobster poaching problem; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details of each programme?  
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**REPLY:**(a) and (b)   
The management and protection of all marine resources, which includes abalone and rock lobsters, falls within the ambit of the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (OAFF), as stipulated in the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No 18 of 1998). The South African Police Service (SAPS), in close cooperation with DAFF, combats poaching by investigating individual poaching cases, as well as identified syndicates.  
  
The National Integrated Strategy to Combat Wildlife Trafficking, is a draft strategy document, in which all wildlife trafficking, which includes abalone, is addressed. Rock lobster is not addressed by this strategy, as it does not feature on the "Threatened or Protected Species" list.  
  
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