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**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS AND TOURISM**

**MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998)**

**GENERAL NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 16 OF THE MARINE LIVING  
RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT N0.18 OF 1998)**

The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, hereby publishes for general information that an emergency has occurred that endangers the stocks of wild abalone (*Haliotis*), as defined in regulation 1 of the Regulations promulgated in Government Notice 1111 of 2 September 1998 as amended. The wild abalone stock is at such a low level that a complete suspension of all fishing is required in order to promote the recovery and rebuilding of the abalone resource.

In terms of section 16 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998), all fishing in the aforesaid sector is accordingly hereby suspended until further notice.

The suspension will come into operation immediately.