

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS?

These include greatly improved protection of marine habitats and species, fisheries management, and education and research. The new Sanctuary Zones will protect almost all the environmentally significant sections of coastline and will affect few of the major fishing areas. It is also simpler than the existing combination of sanctuaries, partial marine reserves and fishery reserves. The MPA will be part of the Table Mountain National Park and, like Australia's Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, will be an important draw card for tourists

HOW WILL IT BE MANAGED?

The MPA will be managed in partnership by Marine and Coastal Management (MCM) and TMNP with biodiversity conservation as the key focus, in accordance with the Marine Living Resources Act. Where fishing is permitted, no additional restrictions will be imposed, other than those that apply to the rest of South Africa. No fishing of any sort will be permitted in the Sanctuary Zones. This includes removal of any marine species and any activity that could lead to the disturbance or harvesting of any marine species.

The MPA will be managed together with the existing terrestrial parts of the Table Mountain National Park in accordance with its management plan.

HOW CAN I COMMENT?

Written comments, to be received by 16h00 on Tuesday 18 May 2004, can be directed to:

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Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism
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Roggebaai 8012

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CALL FOR COMMENTS

A Marine Protected Area for Table Mountain National Park



A MARINE PROTECTED AREA FOR TABLE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

YOUR LAST CHANCE TO COMMENT

The Minister of the Environment and Tourism wishes to proclaim the waters around the Cape Peninsula a Marine Protected Area. This will help conserve the marine environment, but will affect where you can fish. You have a chance to comment until 18 May 2004. Be part of deciding the future of our precious marine environment.

WHY A MARINE PROTECTED AREA?

The Cape Peninsula is an area of exceptional marine and coastal biodiversity which is negatively impacted by fishing activities, pollution, coastal development and recreational use. To improve the conservation and management of the marine environment on a sustainable basis, it is proposed that the existing network of fragmented Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) be replaced by a single MPA managed in partnership by Table Mountain National Park (TMNP) and Marine and Coastal Management (MCM).

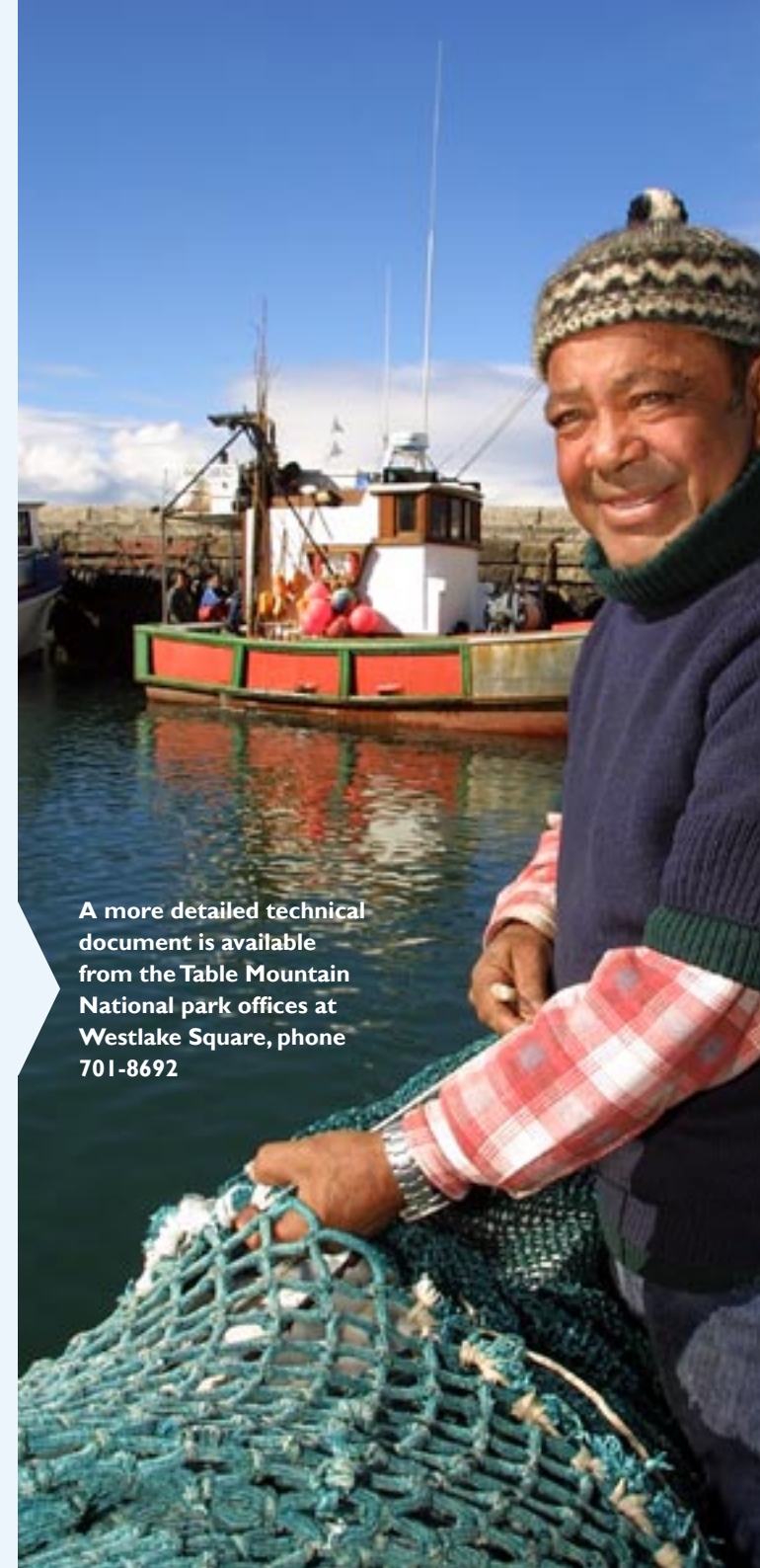
HAVE PEOPLE BEEN CONSULTED?

There has already been extensive consultation with the public and fishing stakeholders as well as a lengthy, scientific process to determine the most suitable boundaries for the new MPA. Now is your final chance to comment on the proposed proclamation.

WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?

- A single MPA around the Peninsula from Mouille Point to Muizenberg (Baileys Cottage), as shown in Figure 1.
- Fishing to be allowed except in certain Sanctuary Zones where no fishing of any kind will be permitted. These no-take zones include:
 - ON THE ATLANTIC COAST**
 - Karbonkelberg Sanctuary Zone—from Oudekraal to the southern tip of the Sentinel (Hout Bay), seawards to $018^{\circ}17'.797E$
 - Cape of Good Hope Sanctuary Zone, from Scarborough to Hoek van Bobbejaan, seawards to longitude $018^{\circ}21'.800E$ (between Scarborough and Olifantsbos) and $018^{\circ}22'.300E$ (between Olifantsbos and Hoek van Bobbejaan)
 - ON THE FALSE BAY COAST**
 - Paulsberg Sanctuary Zone, from Venus Pool (Bordjiesrif) to Smitswinkel Bay Point, seawards to longitude $018^{\circ}29'.000E$
 - Castle Rocks Sanctuary Zone, from Whale Rock (Smitswinkel Bay) to Boat Rock (Millers Point), seawards to longitude $018^{\circ}29'.300E$
 - Boulders Sanctuary Zone, from the A-frame (Murdock Valley) to Seaforth (Simonstown), seawards (northwards) to latitude $34^{\circ}10'.581S$ and
 - St. James Sanctuary Zone, between Kalk Bay station and St. James station, seawards to a position $34^{\circ}07'.567S; 018^{\circ}27'.568E$
- Strict enforcement of fisheries regulations (such as bag limits and minimum size limits) throughout the MPA, as well as regulations controlling the disturbance of marine life, pollution, shipping etc.

Detailed boundaries and co-ordinates of the proposed MPA are listed in the Legal Notice. This can be obtained from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism or downloaded from www.environment.gov.za.



A more detailed technical document is available from the Table Mountain National park offices at Westlake Square, phone 701-8692