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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **DAFF CONTINUES TO FIGHT AND UPROOT CORRUPTION –**

#### **Supports police in investigation of alleged corrupt activities of officials**

**Cape Town – Monday, 05 March 2018:** The Department of Agriculture Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) is determined to take a stand against corruption and continues to support the Police in investigating such conduct.

DAFF has supported and will continue to support the Police in their endeavour to investigate allegations of corruption amongst its Fisheries Control Officers who are mainly based in Overberg region. As a result nine Fisheries Control Officials have been arrested by the Hawks. This forms part of DAFF's efforts in enhancing discipline and integrity amongst its workforce by ensuring that reported allegations of corruption is dealt with through the relevant State systems.

Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing, which abalone poaching is classified under, is a global challenge that threatens world food security and ecosystems, and South Africa is not exempted from this phenomenon. DAFF galvanised other law enforcement agencies through Operation Phakisa Oceans Economy initiative in its endeavour to deal with IUU fishing.

DAFF understands there is a need for organised international communities to work collaboratively in dealing with IUU fishing. As a result, DAFF has ensured that South Africa ratifies the United Nations' FAO: Port State Measure agreement whose objective is to curb IUU fishing. DAFF also plays an integral role in enhancing collaborative efforts through relevant structures of SADC and Interpol in order to curb IUU fishing in the region.

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