

NOTICE 408 OF 2013

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES
GOVERNMENT GAZETTE NOTICE**

**INVITATION TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE RE-DECLARATION
OF KATHU FOREST AS A PROTECTED WOODLAND UNDER SECTION
12(1)(C) OF THE NATIONAL FORESTS ACT, 1998 (ACT NO 84 OF 1998).**

I, Avhashoni Renny Madula, on behalf of the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, hereby give notice of intent to re-declare the "Kathu Forest" as a protected woodland under Section 12(1)(c) of the National Forests Act, 1998, along newly defined cadastral boundaries.

In terms of Section 13(1)(a) of the said Act, interested and affected parties are invited to submit written comments on the proposal within sixty (60) days of publication.

Comments must be submitted to: -

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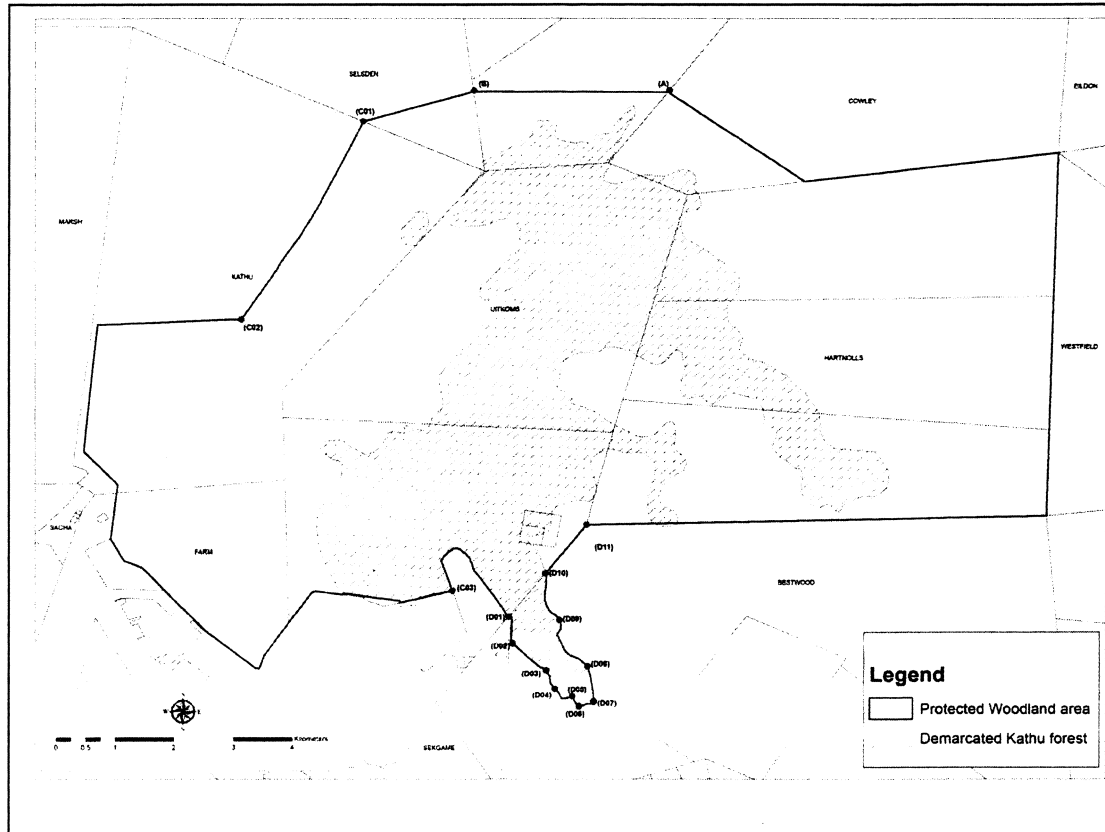
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DIRECTOR: FORESTRY REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT**

DESCRIPTION

- Background:** Kathu forest is a unique woodland of exceptionally large Camel thorn trees (*Acacia erioloba*) north of the town of Kathu in the Northern Cape Province. This woodland of about 4 000 ha is one of its kind in South Africa. Kathu forest was first declared a State forest in 1919. It was deproclaimed in 1956 and registered as a Natural Heritage Site in 1995 by the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism. On 10 July 2009 Kathu forest was declared a Protected Woodland, as an ecological unit, in terms of Section 12(1)(c) of the National Forests Act (Act no 84 of 1998). This re-declaration serves the purpose of establishing a wider buffer area, necessitated by constant encroachment of various developments, as well as aligning the area intended for declaration with cadastral boundaries.
- Location:** In the Gamagara Local Municipality, Northern Cape Province.
- Properties:** Demarcated portions of the farms Hartnolls No. 458, Uitkoms No. 463, Kathu No. 465, Khei Apple Nature Reserve (also known as the Wildkamp), Sims No. 462, Seldsden 464 and Cowley 457, as well as demarcated woodland portions on the farms of the farm Bestwood No. 459 as indicated by the map and specified GPS coordinates. The map and coordinates indicating these boundaries, and included in this notice, takes precedence over property descriptions in the event of any disputes.
- Landownership:** Private
- Magisterial District:** Kgalagadi

Map and Coordinates:

Map point	LONGITUDE (X-Co-ordinates)	LATITUDE (Y-Co-ordinates)
A	23° 5 49.402"E	27° 36 18.875"S
B	23° 4 2.73 "E	27° 36 18.526"S
C01	23° 3 1.886"E	27° 36 34.859"S
C02	23° 1 54.52"E	27° 38 22.913"S
C03	23° 3 51.412 "E	27° 40 51.254"S
D01	23° 4 22.49"E	27° 41 5.651"S
D02	23° 4 24.686 "E	27° 41 20.414"S
D03	23° 4 42.848"E	27° 41 35.002"S
D04	23° 4 47.536"E	27° 41 45.463"S
D05	23° 4 57.295"E	27° 41 49.312"S
D06	23° 5 1.014"E	27° 41 54.816"S
D07	23° 5 9.269"E	27° 41 52.339"S
D08	23° 5 5.827"E	27° 41 32.798"S
D09	23° 4 50.084"E	27° 41 7.598"S
D10	23° 4 42.427"E	27° 40 41.93"S
D11	23° 5 5.514"E	27° 40 15.272"S



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