

Ground Control to Major

Tom – ABS policy dialogue
in an odd South African
space

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Public-Private Sector Dialogue for an Enabling and Thriving Biodiversity Economy

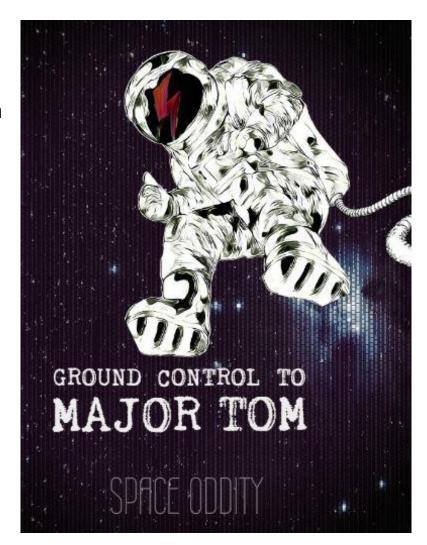
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Take your protein pills and put your helmet on

Now it's time to leave the capsule if you dare This is Major Tom to Ground Control I'm stepping through the door And I'm floating in a most peculiar way...

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Here am I floating 'round my tin can Far above the moon Planet Earth is blue And there's nothing I can do



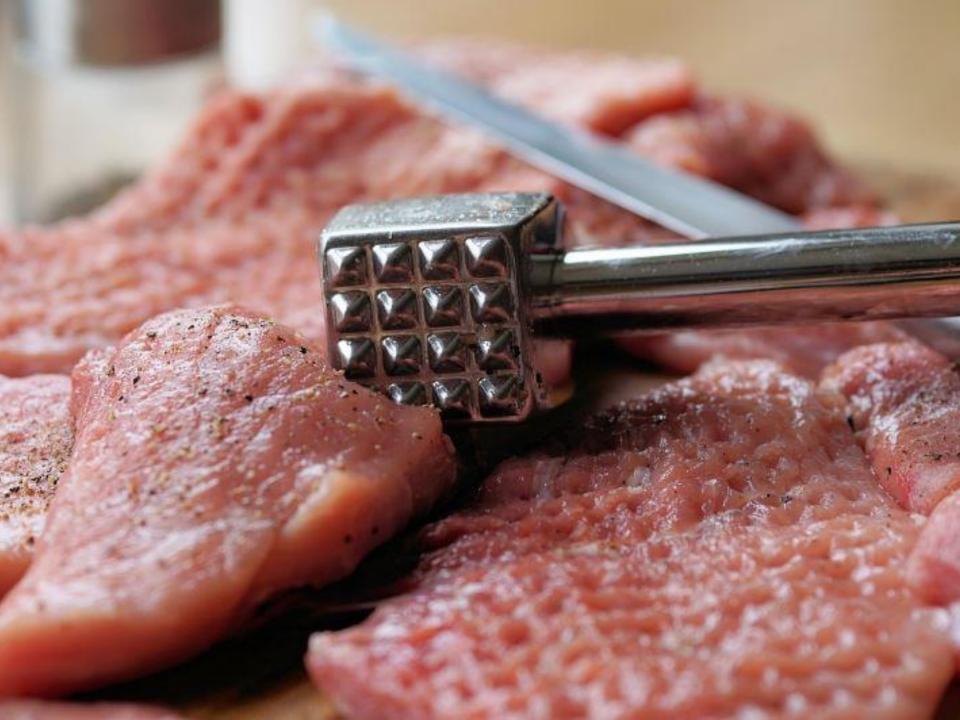
# ABS arrives in South Africa, with NEMBA





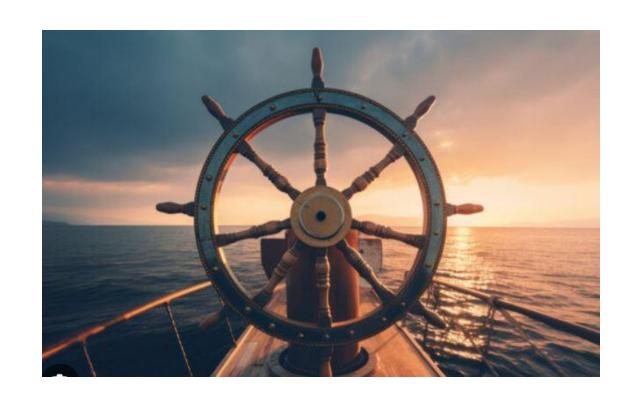
The new reality...

"It is no longer business as usual" in the post ABS world...



# What has the ABS regulator achieved in SA?

- Educated
- Sensitised
- Reorientated
- Corrected
- Redressed



Achieved buy-in to fair and equitable benefit sharing?



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#### DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

NO. 4887 24 May 2024

## PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY BILL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

I, Barbara Dallas Creecy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby publish for public comment, the draft National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Bill (the Biodiversity Bill) as set out in the Schedule hereto.

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (the Department) is the lead department responsible for the biodiversity sector, which includes the terrestrial, freshwater and marine subsectors. Biodiversity conservation within the country is currently achieved through the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) (NEM: BA), as well as provincial conservation legislation. As a result of the recent finalisation of the White Paper on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of South Africa's Biodiversity, 2023 and due to a number of implementation challenges being identified in NEM: BA, this has necessitated substantial amendment of its provisions.

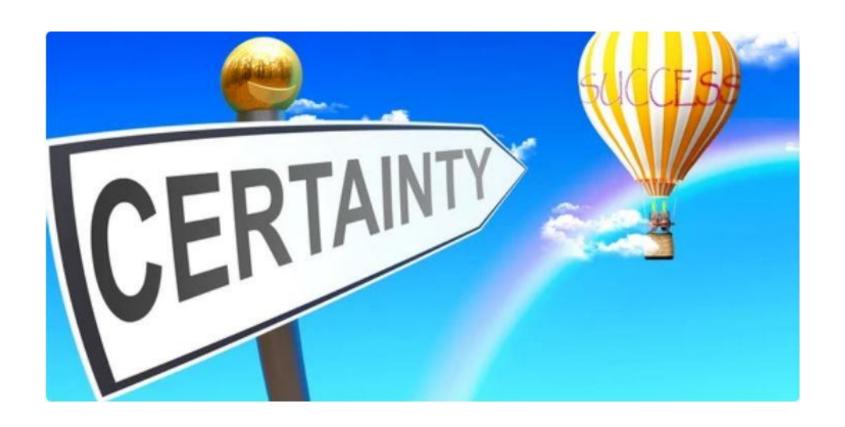
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#### DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND INNOVATION

NO. 2722 4 November 2022

PROTECTION, PROMOTION, DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE ACT, 2019 (ACT NO. 6 OF 2019)

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE PROTECTION, PROMOTION, DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE



Co-operative governance improves legal certainty

Legal certainty promotes investment confidence

Investment supports success...

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