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(For written reply)

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Ms T Breedt (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- (1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 3316 on 3 November 2023, she and/or the Scientific Authority of South Africa shared the draft Non-detriment Finding document for giraffe species with any foreign scientific authorities, other than Germany, responsible for the effective implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, with which foreign scientific authorities;
- (2) With regard to the giraffe species in the Republic, what was the total population estimate for giraffes in (a) national parks, (b) provincial parks and (c) all private populations at the end of the 2022 calendar year;
- (3) What total number of giraffes were hunted for trophies in the Republic in the (a) 2020, (b) 2021 and (c) 2022 calendar years;
- (4) What total number of (a) giraffes hunted for trophies and (b) live specimens of giraffes were exported from the Republic in each specified calendar year?

3865. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- 1) No, the Non-Detriment Finding (NDF) was only shared with the Scientific Authority of Germany, as per their request. No other foreign Scientific Authority has requested the NDF. The position is that, should any other foreign Scientific Authority request the NDF, it will also be shared with them.

- 2) The most recent population data for giraffes is extracted from the NDF completed in July 2022: South African giraffes are considered as common species within the country, with an estimated population of between 21 053 and 26 919.
 - a) The population within State-protected areas is estimated between 10 000 and 15 000 individuals, of which between 7 962 and 12 366 occur within national parks;
 - b) An additional estimated 3 000 on provincial reserves; and
 - c) Approximately half of the population can be found on privately owned land.

- 3) (a)(b)(c)

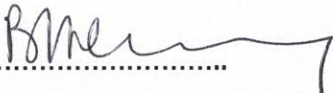
Section 87A(2) of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) (NEM:BA) states that the Member of the Executive Council (responsible for the conservation of biodiversity in the province) is the Issuing Authority responsible for deciding an application for any permit not listed in subsection (1). The information on the hunting of giraffe in the past three years can be obtained from the provinces. Hunting is prohibited in the national parks.

- 4) (a)(b)

The table below provides information based on the CITES annual reports consolidated for the years requested.

The numbers are not indicative of the actual number of giraffes hunted, but rather the number of products made out of giraffe derivatives. It is not possible for the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) to indicate the number of giraffes hunted from CITES annual reports.

EXPORT PERMIT ISSUED - GIRAFFE			
	2020	2021	2022
Giraffe Products (not individuals)	767	8 863	8 320
Live individuals	245	285	154



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MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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