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Dear stakeholder,

South Africa is endowed with approximately 300 estuaries along a coastline of about 3200km, which are under threat due to poor management. It was recognized that this was due to the fact that legislation pertaining to the management of estuaries is fragmented under different organs of state. In this light, a more effectively cooperative approach had to be adopted through the development of National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (Act No. 24 of 2008) which states the requirements to develop estuary management plans in accordance to a National Estuary Management Protocol (the Protocol). The Department of Environmental Affairs published the Protocol on 10th May 2013. This was a culmination of the collaborative efforts with many partners who were engaged in estuary management over the past four years, where about 30 estuary management plans were developed as pilot cases.

Some of the estuary management plans can be accessed from the web link below:
<http://www.saeonmarine.co.za/saemp/>

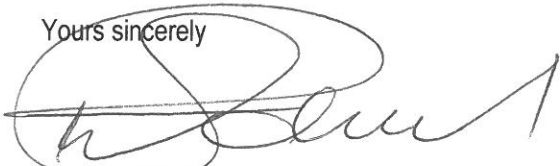
This DVD contains the following file:

1. The National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (Act No. 24 of 2008)
2. The National Environmental Management: Integrated Coastal Management Act (Act No. 24 of 2008) National Estuary Management Protocol
3. National Biodiversity Assessment 2011: Volume: 3 Estuary Component (Technical Component)
4. Nine C.A.P.E. Estuarine Management Guidelines
 - G1. Interpretation of legislation pertaining to management of environmental threats within Estuaries
 - G2. Sustainable tourism in estuaries of the Cape Floristic Region
 - G3. Collection of bait organisms in estuaries
 - G4. Preliminary zoning of human use of C.A.P.E estuaries based sensitivity mapping and carrying capacity
 - G5. Promoting appropriate water quality and quantity in estuaries Management in estuaries
 - G6. Monitoring Programmes for implementation in South African estuaries

- G7. Sustainable fishing in estuaries
- G8. Education and awareness of estuaries
- G9. Maximizing the economic value of estuaries

Any correspondence regarding estuary management can be forwarded to the contact details supplied above.

Yours sincerely



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