

NEWSLETTER

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NEW NEMBA LISTS & REGULATIONS

The new NEMBA Lists and NEMBA Regulations were published in the Government Gazette on 1 August 2014. The lists however are not the same lists as SAPTA has agreed on. SAPTA will send the final amendments through soon. To obtain the lists, go to www.invasives.org.za.

For your convenience the pages were divided according to various species. NEMBA Invasive Species Lists and NEMBA Prohibited Species Lists are included.

Minister Molewa said that the most difficult category is the Category 2 species. These are species that have value, such as plantation trees and fish-farming species, and yet can invade with very negative consequences outside of where they are being utilized. The Department has taken an approach that seeks to optimize the economic benefits of these species, whilst minimizing the damage that they cause. Permits are granted for their utilization, but they must be controlled outside of what is allowed in terms of the Permit.

Category 3 invasive species are those that have the potential to become serious invasives, and whose spread must be contained.

The AIS Regulations have been through extensive public consultation, and have secured agreement from various key industries, including the nursery industry, landscape industry, plantation industry, game ranchers industry, agricultural industry, pet-traders industry, bass and carp angling representatives and other key groups.

Other key national Departments and Provincial Authorities have been part of the development of the Regulations, and have supported their promulgation, including the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation, and the Department of Health.

Minister Molewa warned that invasive species rival climate change in terms of the potential consequences of their destructive tendencies. "This is not a battle that Government can win on its own. We need to work together with all stakeholders to combat the scourge of invasive species. These Regulations, coupled with the investments made through the Working for Water programme, have the potential to reverse the cancer of invasions in our country," she said.

SAPTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ALL SAPTA MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE AGM ON:

WEDNESDAY, 1 OCTOBER 2014 AT 18:00

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PLEASE RESPOND BEFORE 22 SEPTEMBER 2014, WE NEED A QUORUM

WWW.SAPETTRADERS.CO.ZA—WEBSITE ADVERTISING

The SAPTA website received around 1300 visits/hits monthly. The committee has decided to allow SAPTA members to advertise their shops and or businesses at a reduced advertising rate of R500 until the end of the year. You can forward your banner with sizes 800px x 230px in a jpeg or png format. Should you be interested, kindly contact Daleen Buitendag on 083 288 7574 for more details.

EXOTIC SPIDERS IDENTIFIED AS INVASIVE

Three exotic spiders have recently been identified as invasive in South Africa. *Badumna longinqua* of the family Desidae is a native spider from Australia and was introduced into New Zealand, Japan, United States, and South America where it was recorded only from Uruguay. Recently, it was recorded in Germany as well.



This introduced spider is a medium-sized cribellate spider and commonly known as “grey house spider”. The webs consist of a retreat with numerous sheets, radiating at various angles. This species lives in tree trunks, rock walls and also is very common in human habitats, such as window frames, wall crevices, inside

or outside houses, and in urban parks. The first specimens of this species were recorded from Port Elizabeth and Bloemfontein in South Africa.

Distribution modelling has indicated that coastal areas in and around Port Elizabeth is particularly suitable for this species. Probability of occurrence decreases inland but still remains relatively large along the coast towards Cape Town and along the Eastern coast.

Messy web invader

Dictyna civica (Family: Dictynidae) is native to Europe or North Africa and has been introduced to Turkey and North America as well. This small spider has been spreading in Central Europe occasionally colonizing the outside surface of buildings in high densities. It lives inside buildings and causes regular cleaning activities due to

their web spinning activity. In South Africa, it has only been recorded in Roodeplaat near Pretoria in 2012.

They construct flat webs against the surface of walls, fences, window frames, ceilings, roofs, in and out of the buildings. Their impacts are largely linked to being a nuisance on walls where they can cover extensive surface areas.



Dictyna civica

Invasive daddy-long-legs

Crossopriza lyoni (Family: Pholcidae) is a predominantly Old World spider genus with only few records from the New World. It lives in association with humans. These species are native to Old World with type localities in India and

Sri Lanka and exotic in the New World (North America, South America and Oceania). Hoedspruit and Pretoria represent the first record for this species in South Africa. The subtropical climates of eastern escarpment and eastern coastal regions are predicted to be suitable for the spread of this species.



Crossopriza lyoni

These spiders are harmless to people.

Help needed:

If anyone has seen these spiders, please contact Prof Stefan Foord at the Department of Zoology, Centre for Invasion Biology, University of Venda.

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Committee Meeting Minutes—30 July 2014

- There are still SAPTA Membership Fees outstanding for 2014. Current members are listed on the SAPTA website.
- The Annual General Meeting will be on 1 October 2014. An exciting competition will be announced.
- The SAPTA website attracted many users during 2014. All members can advertise their banners on www.sapettraders.co.za