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DWAF stated in the Executive summary of the Draft Strategic Framework for the development of the Adopt-a-River Programme that the aim of the Adopt-a-River programme is to create an understanding among all water users and in particular the previously marginalised communities of the concepts of integrated water resource management and to encourage them to become actively involved in the protection and management of these water resources.

The Inception Report for the development of an Implementation Plan confirm this view and reiterate that once awareness of water resource and its problems/benefits is created, stakeholders, including volunteers, can gain knowledge and insight into the causes of the problems affecting the quality of the water resources in their area. They will then be able to act as watchdogs, but also be part of the prevention and problem solving fraternity for the specific water resources in their area.

Capacity building of historically disadvantaged individuals in the fields of water resource planning and development, and environmental management, is viewed as an integral part of this study.

One of the objectives of the Development of an Implementation Plan is to develop a detail list of stakeholders.

## **1. DEVELOPMENT OF A DETAIL STAKEHOLDER LIST**

### **1.1 INTRODUCTION**

The current premise is that the Adopt-a-River Programme has to function at all levels in society: i.e., local community, commercial entity, local authority, river catchments, provincial government and national level.

The purpose of this database is to identify and link names to the proposed governance structure of the Adopt-a-River Programme as identified in the Draft Strategic Framework for the development of the Adopt-a-River Programme.

### **1.2 METHODOLOGY**

The compilation of the database was done in three phases:

#### **a) Key stakeholders**

This list was identified in the Draft Strategic Framework for the development of the Adopt-a-River Programme and comprise of the following:

- National
  - The Minister;
  - Director General;
  - Deputy Director General: Regions;

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- Deputy Director General Policy and Regulation;
  - Chief Director: Water Resources Information Management;
  - Chief Director: institutional Oversight;
  - Chief Director: Water use;
  - Chief Director: Resource Directed Measures;
  - Chief Director: Integrated Water Resources Planning;
  - Directorate: Resource Quality Services;
  - Working-for-Water;
  - National DEAT;
  - Working-for-Wetlands;
  - SANParks;
  - National Department of Agriculture (Land care);
  - Department of Health;
  - Department of Education;
  - Department of Minerals and Energy;
  - SALA; and
  - Water Boards (e.g. Rand Water, Umgeni Water etc.)
- Regional
    - DWA regional Offices;
    - MEC of Environment;
    - Provincial departments of the environment, conservation and agriculture;
    - Provincial department of Land Affairs;
    - Provincial Parks Board;
    - Catchment Management Agencies (CMAs);
  - Local
    - Municipalities;
    - Water User Associations (WUAs);
    - Local communities;
    - Landowners;
    - River catchment forums
    - Water Users (farmers, industry, recreation, etc.);
    - NGOs; and
    - Schools and tertiary institutions.

b) Compilation and dispatch of an e-mail inviting stakeholders to come forward

An e-mail stating the purpose of the Adopt-A-River Programme was forwarded to identify potentially interested parties in the community. This had a good response and the current database was compiled from correspondence received.

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c) Updating the database

The initial compilation phase was completed. Updates took place weekly and no further active recruitment will be done. However, it will serve the Programme to continue updating the database until the Development of the Implementation Plan.

### **1.3 RESULTS**

A database with a variety of information and detail was compiled. These include representatives of Government Departments, Municipalities, Water Associations, NGOs, Universities and Educational Centres, Industry and the broad public. As this is the initial phase of the Development of the Implementation Plan, the purpose is to establish what volunteer monitoring, cleaning and training activities exists and to which extent these stakeholders can play a role in the Adopt-a-River Programme.

The database was compiled primarily from the RQS database of DWA. Further investigation lead to an individual in WESSA who compiled an e-mail requesting their members to submit their details to the Adopt-A-River team. From this overwhelming response, many further contacts came forward, which details were used in updating the database. It came to the attention of the team that certain individuals use the printed media to promote the Adopt-a-River Programme. Refer to the summary of the database (Annexure A).

### **1.4 RECOMMENDATIONS**

DWA, as custodian of South Africa's water resources is involved in a number of programmes and initiatives. It is proposed/requested to avail all other databases that are available to be included in the Adopt-a-River database as it is envisage to provide a framework for integration of al other volunteer programmes, such as 2020 Vision for Water and Sanitation Education Programme, Catchment fora, Groups known as "Friends of ..", etc.

The database needs to be updated continuously. It is recommended that an awareness campaign be launched to inform the broad public of the proposed programme and encourage them to participate. This information can be used to expand the database.

It is recommended that a web page be created to inform the public who are interested in the programme. This is an important and cost effective link to the public.

### **1.5 NETWORKING**

This is one of the most effective networking opportunities available. There are a vast number of interested involved people who are willing to share their knowledge and expertise. It is recommended that a registry of Adopt-a-River programmes be developed as part of the centralised information system.

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## 1.6 EXPANCION OF DATABASE

In order to add and expand the database the following suggestions are made:

- Use the existing list (Attached as a separate Excel spreadsheet);
- Add names of institutions as well as their representatives;
- Contact individuals on the database, provide feedback and request additional referrals.

The following list should be considered as a guideline:

- DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS
  - The Minister;
  - Director General;
  - Deputy Director General: Regions;
  - DWA regional Offices;
  - Deputy Director General Policy and Regulation;
  - Chief Director: Water Resources Information Management;
  - Chief Director: Institutional Oversight;
  - Chief Director: Water use;
  - Chief Director: Resource Directed Measures;
  - Chief Director: Integrated Water Resources Planning;
  - Directorate: Resource Quality Services;
  - Working-for-Water;
  - Working-for-Wetlands.
- DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
  - The Minister;
  - Director General;
  - Deputy Director General: Regions;
  - MEC of Environment;
    - Eastern Cape Provincial Government;
    - Free State Provincial Government;
    - Gauteng Provincial Government;
    - Kwazulu-Natal Provincial Government;
    - Limpopo Provincial Government;
    - Mpumalanga Provincial Government;
    - North West Provincial Government;
    - Northern Cape Provincial Government;
    - Western Cape Provincial Government.
  - HODs of Environment;
    - Eastern Cape Provincial Government;
    - Free State Provincial Government;
    - Gauteng Provincial Government;
    - Kwazulu-Natal Provincial Government;

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- Limpopo Provincial Government;
  - Mpumalanga Provincial Government;
  - North West Provincial Government;
  - Northern Cape Provincial Government;
  - Western Cape Provincial Government.
- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
    - The Minister;
    - Director General;
    - Deputy Director General: Regions;
    - MECs;
    - HODs.
  - DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE <sup>1</sup>
    - The Minister;
    - Director General;
    - Deputy Director General: Regions;
    - MECs;
    - HODs.
  - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
    - The Minister;
    - Director General;
    - Deputy Director General: Regions;
    - MECs;
    - HODs.
  - DEPARTMENT OF MINERALS AND ENERGY
    - The Minister;
    - Director General;
    - Deputy Director General: Regions.
  - DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING;
    - The Minister;
    - Director General;
    - Deputy Director General: Regions
  - DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
    - The Minister;
    - Director General;
    - Deputy Director General: Regions.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the Departments of Land Affairs and Agriculture have different provincial structures.

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- SANParks;
    - Eastern Cape Parks Board;
    - Mpumalanga Parks Board and
    - Kwa-Zulu Natal Parks Board.
  - SALGA.
  - Provincial Premiers:
    - Eastern Cape Provincial Government
    - Free State Provincial Government
    - Gauteng Provincial Government
    - Kwazulu-Natal Provincial Government
    - Limpopo Provincial Government
    - Mpumalanga Provincial Government
    - North West Provincial Government
    - Northern Cape Provincial Government
    - Western Cape Provincial Government
  - Provincial Departments of the Environment, Conservation and Agriculture<sup>2</sup>;
  - Catchment Management Agencies (CMA's);
  - Water Boards (e.g. Rand Water, Umgeni Water etc.)
  - District Municipalities (45);
  - Metropolitans (6)
  - Local Municipalities (230);
  - Water User Associations (WUAs);
  - Local communities;
  - Ratepayers Associations;
  - Landowners;
  - River catchment forums;
  - Water Users (farmers, industry, recreation, etc.);
  - NGO's;
  - WESSA;
  - Schools and tertiary institutions
  - House of Traditional Leaders (Prince Mlimandlela Ndamase and Chief Nganagombhlaba Matanzime)

## 1.7 AVAILABILITY OF DATABASE

The database was compiled in Microsoft Excel and is available on request from Ninham Shand Cape Town. This data will be included as a hard copy in the Final Report as well as on a CD.

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<sup>2</sup> Or similar departments

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## 1.8 CONCLUSIONS

- a. In order to obtain the maximum benefit and cover the entire country it is paramount that the database is extended to include more groups and individuals.
- b. The establishment of a central network office will ensure that many years of knowledge and experience be shared.
- c. There are many able, capable and willing people in our country that wants to be involved.
- d. By linking the Adopt-a-River Programme to ISO 14000 systems, and adding the monitoring of water quality in local water bodies to such a system, compliance is monitored frequently and reporting will be compulsory.
- e. Law enforcement can be promoted by making use of the public that will be able to act as watchdogs. The authorities will be held accountable for enforcing the law.
- f. The database can be used as the basis of interacting with a wide community in terms of progress in the Adopt-a-River Programme.