

DIANA'S PEAK NATIONAL PARK PROCLAMATION

(Gazette Notice 36 of 1996)

WHEREAS:

It is fitting and to the benefit of the people of St. Helena that there be established on St. Helena a National Park being an area of land which contains representative samples of features or scenery where plant and animal species, geomorphological sites and habitats are of special scientific, educational and recreational interest and which also contains one or several entire ecosystems that are not materially altered by human exploitation and occupation;

It is also fitting that there be constituted for the National Park a management authority with jurisdiction over the Park that is empowered to take steps to prevent or eliminate as soon as possible exploitation or occupation in the Park, that is also empowered to take measures to protect the ecological, geomorphological or aesthetic features which led to the Park being established and that is further empowered to ensure that the Park is managed and developed so as to sustain recreational and educational activities on a controlled basis, and that is thereby able to ensure by virtue of its proper and effective exercise of those powers that the Park remains in a natural or near natural state with visitors entering under special conditions for inspirational, educational, cultural and recreational purposes.

NOW THEREFORE I, the Governor of St. Helena and its Dependencies, as the person having, by virtue of section 51 of the Constitution of St. Helena, authority on behalf of Her Majesty to make and execute grants

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and dispositions of land in St. Helena which may be lawfully granted and disposed of by Her Majesty, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM the area of Crown land known as parcel number 170 in the Diana's Peak Ring Road Registration Section extending to 155.89 acres, the boundaries and extent of which are shown on the plan annexed hereto, to be the DIANA'S PEAK NATIONAL PARK and I DO HEREBY FURTHER PROCLAIM that the Park is to be managed by a body of persons, to be known collectively as the Diana's Peak National Park Management Authority, appointed by me by notice in the *Gazette* who shall hold office at my pleasure and who shall manage the Park in accordance with the following principles, namely they are required to ensure that measures are taken—

- to protect and restore natural vegetation within the Park;
- to increase diversity of endemic and indigenous species inhabiting the Park;
- to retain and secure genetic diversity of threatened species in the Park;
- to protect the character of the landscape where this represents an asset to the natural beauty of St. Helena;
- to encourage access for visitors and to develop interpretation facilities to enhance their enjoyment and appreciation of the Park's natural assets;
- to publicize, both on St. Helena and overseas, the existence of the Park;
- to promote research to develop a better understanding of the Park's ecology;
- to protect and enhance water catchments to optimize sustained yields of good quality water;

and who shall also undertake such other measures and act in such manner as I may from time to time direct and who shall advise me in respect of the Park as I may from time to time require or they may from time to time consider appropriate.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of St. Helena at the Castle, Jamestown this 3rd day of April, 1996.

ANNEXURE

Plan Showing the Boundaries and Extent of the Diana's Peak National Park.

