

**SCHEDULE****PART A: BACKGROUND, EFFECTIVE PERIOD, DESCRIPTION OF THE AREA, LOCATION, LOCAL MUNICIPALITY, LAND OWNERSHIP, PROHIBITIONS AND STEPS TO BE TAKEN BY THE OWNER**

- Background:** The locality forms the principal part of the global distribution of an endemic tree species: *Umtiza listeriana*. A number of rare forest fauna species also occur within this landscape of diverse types of forest cover. The conservation value of this area has long been recognized. The first portion of Fort Grey State forest was proclaimed prior to the Union of South Africa and subsequently expanded. Umtiza Nature Reserve was declared within the Fort Grey State forest on 5 July 1985 (Government Notice No. 1453 of in Government Gazette No. 9830 of 5 July 1985). In recent years an illegal settlement has sprung up in the proximity of this forest and has gradually encroached into the natural forest areas during the last decade. This encroaching informal settlement results in illegal harvesting of forest produce within the forest, degradation of the forest and in some parts have led to deforestation. This invasion of the forest threatens the future existence of the forest and priority species.
- Effective time period:** The declaration will be valid for a period of 5 (five) years with effect from the date of publication of this Notice.
- Description:** The description of the area to be declared is as follows:  
The controlled forest area covers 1 846.272 ha. It consists of natural forest that incorporates lesser areas of planted forest and open land. The natural vegetation consists of Scarp Forest (forest type: FOz 5); Buffels Thicket (type AT 12) and incorporate embedded portions of Albany Coastal Belt Thicket (type AT 9) as well as Southern Afrotemperate Forest (type FOz 1). This vegetation mosaic functions as an integrated ecosystem with the natural forest.
- Location:** Eastern Cape Province.
- Local Municipality:** Buffalo City Metropolitan Municipality
- Properties:** The controlled forest area includes the properties listed in Part B of this Schedule to this Notice (also depicted in a map below):
- Landownership:** State and Private
- Prohibitions:** No person may-
- (i) access the land to which this Notice applies except for:
    - (a) owners of enclosed private properties (farms), their legal tenants, authorized visitors and workers;