

## **Grassland Stewardship Alliance, Management Authority of the Crocodile River Reserve**

From: National Environment Management: Protected Areas Act, 2003

### 38. Management authorities

[...]

The MEC in writing –

- a. Must assign the management of a nature reserve to a suitable person, organisation or organ of state; and
- b. May assign the management of a protected environment to a suitable person, organisation or organ of state, provided that the owners and lawful occupier have requested or consented to such assignment and the MEC has given the owner and lawful occupier notice in writing in terms of section 33 [Public Participation]

[...]

### 40. Management criteria

The management authority must manage the area-

- a. Exclusively for the purpose for which it was declared; and
- b. In accordance with-
  - i. The management plan of the area;
  - ii. This Act, the Biodiversity Act, the National Environmental Management Act and any other applicable national legislation;
  - iii. Any applicable provincial legislation...;
  - iv. Any applicable municipal by-laws...

[...]

### 44. Termination of mandate to manage protected area

1. If the management authority of a protected area is not performing its duties in terms of the management plan for the area, or is underperforming with regard to the management of the area or the biodiversity of the area, the MEC must-

- a. Notify the management authority in writing of the failure to perform its duties or of the underperformance; and
  - b. Direct the management authority to take corrective steps set out in the notice within a specific time.
2. If the management authority fails to take the required steps, the MEC may-
  - a. Terminate the management authority's mandate to manage the protected area; and
  - b. Assign any other organ of state as the management authority of the area.