

KZN OU TREE CUTTING DIRECTIVE FOR ESKOM CONTRACTORS

Indigenous (e.g. Acacia, Pompon tree, Forest Mahogany, etc.) and **Protected** trees (e.g. Milkwood, Marula, Yellowwood, etc.) are protected under the *National Forest Act (Act 84 of 1998)*.

Specially protected plants (e.g. Aloes, lilies, cycads, etc.) in KZN is protected under the *KZN Nature Conservation Ordinance*.

To trim, cut, disturb any of the above categories of trees, one **MUST** have a licence (permit) issued by the Department of Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF) and KZN Ezemvelo Wildlife.

NO Eskom electrical, construction and pole-replacement contractors are allowed to undertake any tree trimming, cutting, removal or disturbance, even for foundations, line access or stringing, line-of-sight survey, pole replacement or walking through. This applies to **all trees**, as contractors may not be aware of indigenous and protected trees or specially protected KZN plants.

All tree cutting, trimming, bush clearing or removal for **construction**, and **operations and maintenance** (servitude/wayleave) management related activities, will be undertaken by Eskom's appointed Bush Clearing Contractors only.

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