

CONSTITUTION OF CAPE COLUMBINE CONSERVANCY

1. NAME

The conservancy is called the **Cape Columbine Conservancy (Cape Columbine Bewarea)**, hereafter called the Organisation.

2. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the Organisation is to:

- a) Promote the protection of the West Coast Ecosystem.
- b) Promote the eviction of alien plants.
- c) Conserve undisturbed vegetation areas
- d) Control and limit activity on sensitive areas.
- e) Co-operate with the Western Cape Nature Conservation Board to achieve conservation objectives.
- f) Promote the goals of the Organisation to all the stakeholders and the broader community.
- g) The conservancy accepts that development will take place. We will support responsible development by providing the necessary expertise to create awareness to preserve nature and wildlife.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Organisation shall be open to any landowner within the defined conservancy and any other owner of adjacent land who wants to add his land to the defined area. Landowner means the registered owner of the land or in case of land leased the lessee of such land. Members will pay membership fees at the tariff as determined at the Annual General Meeting. If the membership fees are not settled on the due date the membership will be terminated immediately and all rights and privileges will be forfeited by the Organisation. Membership can be cancelled by giving 30 days' notice.

4. DEFINED AREA

The defined area of the Organisation includes the land that the conservancy consists of. The prescribed farming area resides on the border of the Cape Columbine Nature Reserve and includes the Paternoster Fishery area, Koeltebaai, Varswaterbaai, Holbaai, Noodhulp and Besterskraal. The area is displayed on the map attached as in Annexure A. The map will be adjusted as members come on board or as members resign.

5. LEGAL PERSONALITY

The Organisation is a legal entity and may institute lawsuits.

6. FINANCIAL

The financial year of the Organisation extends from **1 March to 28 February** (the following year). All financial transactions of the Organisation shall be duly recorded by the Secretary/Treasurer who shall submit annually at the close of the financial year, to the annual general meeting a complete financial report signed by himself, the Chairman and the full executive committee. The Organisation shall have the authority to receive, invest and spend funds, to open and operate a current account and to open and operate an electronic banking account.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An annual general meeting of members of the Organisation shall be held annually within 60 days of the close of the financial year at a place and time determined by the executive committee. Written notice of such annual general meeting shall be given to each member at least 21 days to the intended meeting.

Matters to be dealt with at the annual general meeting are as follows:

- Chairman's report of activities
- Financial report
- Election of office-bearers for following year
- Determination of membership fees
- Any other matters on the agenda

A third of the enrolled members shall form a quorum at the annual general meeting. An ordinary majority of votes shall be conclusive in all cases where decisions are made.

8. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

A special general meeting may at any time be convened by the executive committee, provided that notice is given in the same manner as for an annual meeting and the matters to be discussed are clearly stated in such notice. No other matters shall be discussed at such special meeting. A special general meeting shall be convened if one-third or more of the members whose fees are paid request such special meeting. A written request for such special general meeting shall be addressed to the executive committee, the matter to be discussed shall be contained therein, it shall contain the signatures of the members requesting the special meeting and shall reach the executive committee at least 30 days prior to the proposed date of such special general meeting.

9. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee of the Organisation shall be elected annually at the annual general meeting and shall consist of the following persons:

- Chairman
- Vice-chairman
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Additional members as required and decided by the annual general meeting.

The executive may co-opt additional members as needed and such co-opted member shall have the right to attend and vote at all meetings of the executive for the period he/she remains co-opted.

Members of the executive committee shall hold office until election of their successors at the following annual general meeting. Members of the executive committee may be re-elected.

10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The executive committee shall meet at least four times a year at a place and time determined by the Chairman.

11. MINUTES

The Secretary shall duly record the minutes of each meeting. Minutes, after having been approved, shall be signed by both the Chairman and the Secretary. A copy of the minutes of the annual general meeting together with the financial statements and the names of the elected members of the executive committee shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of Western Cape Nature Conservation Board within 30 days of the annual General meeting.

12. CONSTITUTION

Immediately after the establishment of a conservation area the minutes of the inaugural meeting, the accepted constitution together with the names of the executive committee members shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of Western Cape Nature Conservation Board in view of registration with that Department.

Amendments to the constitution may be only at an annual general meeting or at a special general meeting convened specifically for such purpose. Any amendment to the constitution shall be approved by at least a two-thirds majority of the members present. Any notice of a meeting convened to amend the constitution shall contain full particulars of the proposed amendment.

13. STAFF

The executive committee shall be authorised to appoint staff for the promotion of the Organisations objectives and to determine and pay the remuneration and benefits of such staff. Such staff shall be under the direct supervision of the Chairman or a person appointed by the committee.

14. DISSOLUTION

The Organisation may be dissolved only if two-thirds of the members present at a special general meeting convened specially for such purpose vote in favour of such dissolution. Upon dissolution all aspects shall be divided among the members whose fees are paid. The Chief Executive Officer of Western Cape Nature Conservation Board shall be notified of such dissolution.

15. INTERPRETATION

During all meetings of the Organisation the Chairman shall have both a deliberative and a deciding vote, and his interpretation of any matter shall be conclusive and final.

NAMES OF FOUNDERS/MEMBERS	Title Deed No.	Hectare
1. G.W. Bester Varswaterbaai Homeowners Association	T24563/1996	131.7
2. J. Vorster, Koeltebaai Properties (Pty) Ltd	T84683/2002	7.7
3. J.C. Cilliers, Koeltebaai Trust, Besterskraal	T66766/2013	850
4. Jeanette Ciliers, on behalf of Holbaai	T55809192	23
5. J.H. van der Westhuizen, Klein Paternoster Beleggings (Pty)Ltd	Farm 948	950
6. R. Butt - Groot Paternoster Private Nature Reserve	Portion 1 of the Farm No. 1014	169
7. P.D. Pickford - Groot Paternoster Private Nature Reserve	Remainder Farm No. 1014	65
8. Bernardo Ooshuizen, Duyker Eiland	Farm 5/6 Erf 2663	1012.55
9. S.A. Jordaan, Farm 108, Paternoster	T20362/89 + T23537/86	10.1717
10. Caelis Nature Reserve (Pty) Ltd	Caelis Nature Reserve	110
11. Deon Brand		
TOTAL		3329.12
