



Welcome to the Cape Flora Newsletter Dec 2022

Cape Nature permit requirements

CFSA has sent out various emails about the matter but we want to warn our members again, that CapeNature is focussing on the fynbos cut-flower industry and is sharpening their efforts to police permits*. It is not only veld pickers who need permits – all growers, exporters and sellers need permits to grow, transport, sell and export fynbos. And the permits must be renewed on a regular basis, depending on what the permit states (annual or 3-yearly renewal). Applications for renewal must reach CapeNature 3 months before the expiry date. All product being transported must be accompanied by an invoice or delivery note and the permit number must be stated on the document. Should you fail to comply with the regulations, you could be issued with a hefty fine or be ordered to stop operations until you comply with legislation.

CFSA is in negotiation with CapeNature about the current ordinance and plans on participating in the public comment process for the new Biodiversity Act, but until such time as a successful outcome can be reached, members need to comply to the current legislation.

* The permits referred to is related to the Western Cape Province. Members residing in other provinces need to adhere to their provincial legislation.



IFTF 2022 – Vijfhuizen, The Netherlands

Where you there?

CFSA wasn't but we're glad to see that Table Mountain was there.

CFSA Training planned

CFSA plans to host an Advanced Production Training Course during May 2023 in Paarl. You can send an email to Karien@hortgro.co.za if you want to register your interest.

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Who's who on the board?

These are the different regions and their board representatives. Please speak to your area representative if you haven't heard from them recently!

Francois Prins – Overberg
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Ben Grib – West Coast
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Bryan Michell – Boland
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Colin Fair – Southern and Eastern Cape
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James Christopher – KZN and other areas
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If all else fails, speak to CFSA manager,
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Statistics on Kings



Hortgro recently did an in depth analysis on Kings and the results were discussed in a letter that was sent to members. If you missed or lost the letter you can download it from the CFSA website (<https://www.capeflorasa.co.za/news-publications/minutes-reports/>).

The board would like to urge all members to complete the annual tree census. CFSA has tasked Hortgro to collect information on fynbos production (eg hectares, cultivars etc) so that the pooled data can be shared with the industry. If the board, growers and exporters don't have accurate data on the industry, it is impossible to plan for the future.

Hortgro uses the AgriHub platform to gather the data, therefore all growers need to register on the platform and then update the info annually. Since Hortgro collects data for various industries, they send out the tree census request during Sept/Oct, which is CFSA's peak season. We don't expect you to complete the census in the middle of the season, but we do expect you to complete the census every 12 months. Once your info is on the platform, you can just update it (no need to upload everything every year). Please contact Hortgro (Tel 021 8702900) if you need assistance.



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Research – what is in the pipeline?

CFSA recently submitted a proposal to the Post Harvest Innovation Fund for a project titled ‘Analysing the failure of existing cartons used for the export of Cape Flora, and improving the structural integrity through design changes’. Should the application be successful, and a suitable student be identified, the project will kick off in Feb 2023. Prof Corne Coetzee from the Engineering Faculty of Stellenbosch University will be the project leader.

CFSA is also funding a project on micro-nutrients, ‘The effect of micronutrient sprays on the leaf colour and leaf nutrient analyses of *Leucospermum* and *Protea*’. Dr Eugenie-Lien Louw is the project leader and it is expected that the trials will be completed by June 2023.

Should you have any technical issue that requires research, please communicate it to your area’s board member or to the CFSA manager (Karien@hortgro.co.za). You can also post it on the website Technical Forum...



A Blessed Festive Season to all our members



Fear of missing out? Then don't! Register on the CFSA website (About/Forums page) and join the producers' forum to talk about matters relevant to fynbos cut-flower production.