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**New Commissioner and Alternate Commissioner for South Africa**

We have been informed that Dr Ashley Naidoo, Chief Director, Oceans and Coasts Research in the South African National Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment has been appointed as the new Commissioner for South Africa. Dr Naidoo replaces Mr Herman Oosthuizen who is to retire in 2023.

Mr Gcobani Popose, Director, Ocean Conservation Strategies, National Department of Environmental Affairs has also been appointed as Alternate Commissioner.

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Please join me in welcoming Dr Naidoo and Mr Popose to the Commission.

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