The City of Cape Town, Coastal Management, originally provided comment on the Draft Marine Spatial Planning Bill on the 23rd of May 2016. Upon review of the Draft Marine Spatial Planning Bill the City notes that substantive issues, in particular the lack of information on how local government, as a key coastal governance actor, will be engaged with in respect of the formulation, administration and regulation of the Marine Spatial Planning Bill. For purposes of clarity the original comment is listed as follows:

"The Draft Bill is not strong enough on identifying and detailing channels of communication between the marine component and interested and affected parties such as the City at local government level. The draft Bill should acknowledge the constitutional obligation of municipalities to give priority to the basic needs of the community and to promote their social and economic development, in particular the fishing community that depend on harbours for their livelihood. The respective constitutional mandates of municipalities to promote local tourism and administer trading, cleansing, and markets in harbours, must also be taken into account. It is therefore, imperative that appropriate, robust and transparent structures of communication be established to address the interests and concerns that the City may have. The establishment of proper communication structures will also assist the City in integrating harbour development and planning into its long term planning for the built environment and the proposed marine spatial planning frameworks."

In this regard the City re-iterates its comments and trusts that these concerns will be addressed in the latest review of the Marine Spatial Planning Bill.

Kind regards,

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