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## SOUTH AFRICA

### Drilling Proposed in Sensitive EcoTone

Proposal for Exploration Drilling within Block 11B/12B, off the South East Cape Coast of South Africa.

While we were thrilled to hear last week that Sasol has abandoned a controversial gas-drilling venture on the doorstep of the Bazaruto tropical island paradise in Mozambique after a massive public backlash and adverse environmental impact studies, we need all hands on deck to stop exploratory drilling on the sensitive Cape coastline. It appears that the Government and fossil fuel industry are hellbent on 'business as usual' - as if we are not in the midst of a pandemic and a looming climate crisis climax.

SLR Consulting (for the Total Brulpadda exploration project) has put out a **proposal to drill 11 more exploration wells at sea between Cape St Francis and Mossel Bay**. This area is where the warm and cold currents meet, a sensitive and biodiverse ecotone. This area is fundamental to the marine biodiversity of our coastline. There is a marine protected area just south of the prospecting block.

Register asap as an Interested and Affected Party with Candice at [csadan@slrconsulting.com](mailto:csadan@slrconsulting.com) and, if possible, submit written comments by email to 20th July 2020. SLR has asked for a virtual meeting with stakeholders on 16th July - an invitation will be sent out to all registered Interested and Affected Parties. The Draft Scoping Report is available for public review on the SLR website: <https://slrconsulting.com/za/slr-documents/tepsa11b12b>

Don't be intimidated. This must be stopped. We have a constitutional right and responsibility to protect our natural resources and heritage for future generations. Join the online meeting. Use the chat function to pose questions. Think of the questions you want to ask beforehand. There are risks that they cannot mitigate against, that will impact artisanal fishing and impact marine life. For their own profit they will destroy the livelihoods of others and the rights of future generations to enjoy the marine life. Will they put a financial guarantee in place against future impacts? Very unlikely.

On the Total South Africa website, they state that that 'Total is committed to development that is sustainable throughout our business. This begins with the development of our employees and extends to the communities around our operations, depots, service stations and more. It also encompasses our entire value chain of products and services, with our view on development that is both environmentally friendly and customer-centric.'

Note: the Sasol/ENI application to drill off KZN coastline is in the appeal phase.

Register as I&P for Block 11B/12B  
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