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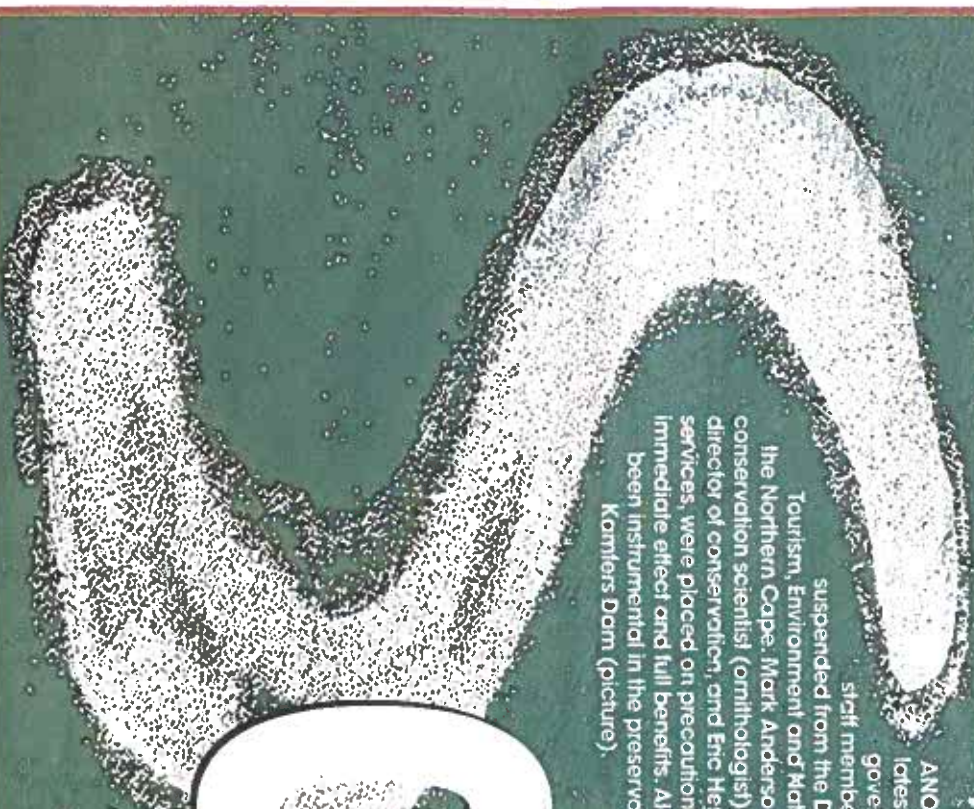
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**Today:** 6  
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**Forecast:** Fine and warm

# BIRD MENDS FLAMINGO FIGHTERS SUSPENDED

# BIRD MENDS REPORT

**ANOTHER SHOCK:** In the latest shock move by government, three senior staff members have been suspended from the Department of Tourism, Environment and Nature Conservation in the Northern Cape. Mark Anderson, special nature conservation scientist (ornithologist), Julius Koen, deputy director of conservation, and Eric Heitmann from scientific services, were placed on precautionary suspension with immediate effect and full benefits. All three officials have been instrumental in the preservation of flamingos of Komlars Dam (picture).



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## SUSPENDED



CONSERVATIONIST Mark Anderson, as well as two senior officials at the Department of Tourism, Environment and Nature Conservation, Julius Koen and Eric Hermann, have been suspended. All three have been actively involved in the conservation of the flamingos at Kamfers Dam.

Picture: Supplied

# Department gives scientists the bird

SANDI KWON HOO  
STAFF REPORTER

**I**N THE latest government shock move, three senior staff members have been suspended from the Department of Tourism, Environment and Nature Conservation in the Northern Cape.

Yesterday the department confirmed that Mark Anderson, special nature conservation scientist (ornithologist), Julius Koen, deputy director of conservation, and Eric Hermann from scientific services, were placed on precautionary suspension with immediate effect and full benefits.

All three officials have been instrumental in the preservation of flamingos at Kamfers Dam.

Deputy director-general for the department Pat Mokhali stated that an investigation would take place regarding "certain complaints received about the alleged role individuals played in the flamingo saga both privately and as employees of the department".

She stated that it was not certain how long the investigation would take.

This follows the recent contro-

Complaints about their alleged roles in the flamingo saga will be investigated.

Pat Mokhali

versy surrounding the proposed Northgate property development in Roodepan where wildlife groups objected to the threat the development would pose to the near threatened species.

Kamfers Dam is the sixth lesser flamingo breeding site in the world and the first artificial breeding site in South Africa.

Managing director of Ekapa Mining Jahn Hohne, who sponsored the building of the flamingo breeding island, indicated that 9 000 chicks had hatched on the island this season.

"It has been an immensely successful project. If it is indeed the case that these officials have been suspended on this basis, we are ap-

palled and disgusted at the actions taken against these professionals who have excelled in their jobs and who have exceeded their job prescriptions. They have done fantastic work in conserving the environment and nature."

He added that as part of the Save the Flamingo campaign, he was concerned about the amount of raw effluent that was still being pumped into the wetland.

"Several meetings have been held in an attempt to rectify the problem. However, the Homevale sewerage plant is malfunctioning and there appears to be no plans to upgrade it. It cannot adequately process Kimberley's sewage and effluent is rising beyond the acceptable levels with very high levels of water contamination.

"The flamingos and other wildlife that depend on the dam, as well as the numerous people who live in surrounding suburbs, are now in danger."

He added that while they were in no way against any property developments he was concerned that the moving of the boundary of the Northgate development, without due process, would disturb the flamingos.