

ANNEXURE F:

CITY OF CAPE TOWN'S
LIST OF TARGET TREES

Pearl acacia | *Acacia podalyriifolia*: One of the most popular and widely cultivated wattles. It is an evergreen tree, growing 3-6 m high, with silvery-grey to dull green, oval, velvety leaves. Flowers are bright yellow and spherical, and appear in long, showy sprays from June to August. Greyish brown, velvety seed pods are usually 30-80 mm long and 15-20 mm wide.



Sweet hakea | *Hakea drupacea*: A dense spreading or erect tree up to 6 m high. The leaves are smooth and up to 100 mm long, and form sharp-pointed needles of 30-50 mm long and of a dark-green to grey-green colour. There are 46-84 flowers, cream in colour and fragrant, forming elongated, axillary clusters up to 20 mm long, and flowering from June to September. Seeds consist of woody capsules approximately 25 mm long and 20 mm wide.



Australian cheesewood | *Pittosporum undulatum*: An evergreen tree growing up to 12 m high, with slender branches and native to eastern Australia. It has smooth, grey bark and leaves, which are up to 150 mm long, thin, shiny and dark green. The flowers are white and fragrant, up to 13 mm long with five downward-curving petals, flowering from August to September. Fruits are showy, two-halved capsules up to 13 mm in diameter, orange turning brown, and the seeds are surrounded by a sticky pulp.



Tree of heaven | *Ailanthus altissima*: A fast-growing deciduous tree from China that can grow 20 m tall or more. It has smooth stems with pale grey bark and twigs that are light chestnut brown, especially in the dormant season. In late spring, clusters of small, yellow-green flowers appear near the tips of branches. Seeds are produced on female trees in late summer to early autumn. Fruits are papery, somewhat twisted, winged structures called samaras, which are tan to pink-coloured.



Hop wattle | *Acacia stricta*: An erect or spreading shrub or tree of 3-6 m tall, native to Australia. The bark is smooth and flowers appear from July to October. Seed pods are more or less straight, raised over seeds, straight-sided, usually 4-10 cm long and 2-5 mm wide, and have a papery to leathery texture.



Red-flowering tea tree | *Melaleuca hypericifolia*: A multiple-branched small tree from New South Wales in Australia that grows up to 4,5 m tall. It is erect at first, and then starts to spread. It has a very firm papery to corky bark, and the oblong leaves occur in opposite pairs. Small orange-red flowers are borne on showy, dense spikes from spring to early summer.



Screw-pod wattle | *Acacia implexa*: An erect or spreading tree native to Australia, which grows 5-12 m high and often suckers (shoot rising from a woody plant, often some distance away from the main stem) freely. Pale yellow to cream, fluffy, ball-shaped flowers appear in summer. There are usually four to eight flowers on each raceme. A highly distinguishing feature is the seed pods, which are curved to twisted or coiled, raised over seeds, 6-20 cm long, 4-7 mm wide, and papery to leathery in texture.



Peppertree wattle | *Acacia elata*: A large, oval-shaped thorn-less evergreen tree growing 12-18 m tall, native to Australia. Pale yellow or cream, globular flower heads appear in panicles from October to December. Trees produce 4-17 cm long seed pods, which are more or less flat and straight-sided, or slightly constricted between seeds.