

SANParks CEO on special leave following sexual assault allegations

South African National Parks (SANParks) CEO Fundisile Mketeni has taken special leave following assault and sexual assault allegations made against him on Friday, 7 May. Mketeni appeared in court on Monday, 11 May, together with three other individuals on similar charges.



SANParks CEO Fundisile Mketeni. Image source: [SANParks](https://www.sanparks.org)

In a statement, SANParks board chairperson Joanne Yawitch said that Mketeni has requested to take special leave until such time that this matter has been resolved and the law has taken its course.

“The board of SANParks views the allegations made in an extremely serious light and will allow the court proceedings to take their course and reach conclusions on the allegations. The board will, however, investigate whether the circumstances surrounding the allegations led to any improper or illegal conduct which may affect the employment relationship,” concluded Yawitch.

Dr Luthando Dziba, managing executive: conservation services, has been appointed as acting CEO.

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