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**HANDOVER OF A DECLARATION CERTIFICATE ON NELSON MANDELA'S  
GIFTED COLLECTION**

**Mthatha:** The Nelson Mandela Museum, in partnership with the South African Heritage Resources Agency, invites the media to the official handover of the Declaration certificate, which recognises Nelson Mandela's Gifted collection. The South African Heritage Resources Agency has declared Mandela's gifts as **a specifically declared heritage collection**.

On the **18th May 2026**, at the **Nelson Mandela Museum Bhunga Building in Mthatha**, the Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, Gayton McKenzie, will formally hand over the declaration certificate, cementing the collection's status as a protected national treasure. Gazetted under Section 32 of the National Heritage Resources Act (No. 25 of 1999), this declaration ensures that the collection affectionately known as **the "Gifts of the Nation"** is safeguarded against sale, loss, damage, or fragmentation.

Media members interested in attending the event are requested to RSVP by the 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2026 to Mr Fumanekile Wisani, Communications Officer, **Email:** [fumanekile@nelsonmandelamuseum.org.za](mailto:fumanekile@nelsonmandelamuseum.org.za). For enquiries, contact: 076 842 9432

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