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For attention Editors and Journalists

## MARULA SEASON 2024 'KU LUMA VUKANYI, U LUMA MUKUMBI, GO LOMA MORULA, TASTE OF THE FIRST FRUIT'

The Marula Season is officially opened. This coming Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of March, the Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts through Capricorn District Office in collaboration with Lepelle-Nkumpi Municipality and Mafefe Tribal Authority will commemorate Marula ceremony. The annual ceremony is aimed at promoting knowledge and awareness about the African Tradition associated with the golden fruit of Africa, "Marula" and bring people together.

'KU LUMA VUKANYI, GO LOMA MORULA' is aimed at preserving the tradition of celebrating Marula "food of kings and ancestors". The day will commence with a cleansing ceremony to be performed by local traditional healers, which will then be preceded by the cultural street parade to showcase culture diversity through dance, traditional cuisine, and traditional attire.

The day will not be complete without Marula beverage. The litres of Marula beverage will be consumed by the public on the day, after the formal programme. The communities call Marula the "food of kings and ancestors," and celebrate the "Feast of First Fruits by pouring offerings of fresh marula juice over the tombs of their late chiefs and family.

The event is scheduled as follows;

Date : 15 March 202

Venue: Mafefe Sport Complex; Lepelle Nkumpi Municipality

**Capricorn District** 

Time: 06:00 (Traditional Healers Session)

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