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CONGRATULATIONS

John Hurter of Wildlife Ranching SA was awarded the Chairman's Award by Wildlife Ranching SA. Congratulations, John! PMSA is honoured to have someone of your calibre on the Executive Committee providing valuable input to benefit all farmers.



WC predation forum research request approved

PMSA is happy to learn that Red Meat Research Development SA (RMRDSA) awarded R25 000 to Dr Liaan Minnie from the University of Mpumalanga for a literature study on the use of various repellents and comparing their effectiveness and labour costs with that of known effective methods. The known methods are livestock guarding dogs, predator-proof kraaling at night, herders, and a control group (with no protection methods in place).

During a meeting of the predation management forum of the Western Cape (WC PMF), it was mentioned that an effective deterrent that could be put onto livestock would be an ideal solution for many farmers.

Dr Minnie will write a project proposal (including funding requirements) and identify good study sites for both the captive and the field experimental phases to get funding for such a project.



PMSA makes presentation to permit committee

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment provided Niel Viljoen, predation specialist, and Leon de Beer, general manager of the National Wool Growers' Association (NWGA), an opportunity to present a framework for predation management to ensure qualified and experienced professional support is provided to producers in this field to the Permit and Enforcement Planning Committee (PEPC) meeting. To benefit the accreditation process, the conservation authority in the Eastern Cape made a concession to provide accredited hunters with a permit for five municipal districts, valid for one year.

As all provincial conservation authorities will participate at the PEPC meeting, the approach for possible roll out to other provinces, will be discussed. The role of Government in this process will further be highlighted.

Niel Viljoen



Leon de Beer



Farmers, please be on the lookout for wire snares



During the annual meeting of the Predation Management Forum, Jaco van Deventer of CapeNature reported the huge increase in use of wire snares since 2017 in the Western Cape. The catalysts for snaring are food insecurity in local communities, the use of animal parts in traditional medicine, and hunting for skins. CapeNature, in partnership with the Cape Leopard Trust (CLT), has launched the following projects to create awareness, remove snares from the landscape, and implement management strategies:

- Appointment of dedicated snare officers. During a patrol of 1 400 km on foot, 670 snares were removed. Patrol data and other variables created a predictive risk map with a larger study area.
- CLT has set up a Snare Aware site, where indications of increase are recorded. In 2020, 51 reports were received versus 64 cases in August 2022.

According to Van Deventer, this silent killer is causing huge losses of biodiversity. Habitual stock killers (leopards and caracal) then start to hunt unnaturally due to injury, replacing predators with new predators, increasing at an alarming rate. There is huge concern over the prey base, which is depleted and will increase predation on farmland.

The seriousness of the situation should not be underestimated, and he urged farmers to do the following:

- Intentionally look for snares in fences and around properties
- Landowners to be alert when appointing seasonal workers and categorically state in contracts that they will be prosecuted and fired when caught in dealings with snares.





John Hurter referred to the example of conservancies in the Eastern Cape that manage large pieces of land as a collective to use game species. Part of the management is security and anti-poaching activities. Several had been using endangered or vulnerable species, which resulted in an incentive for farmers to invest resources in anti-poaching. Patrolling and snare patrolling alongside fences have been effective and expanding. Several new conservancies have been registered in the Eastern Cape.

Lizanne Nel referred to SA Hunters' initiative called "snare busters", where their branches are sweeping areas for snares. Snares are not only used for livelihoods but have become a commercial operation.

Frikkie Wentzel, a private landowner, shared a practical way in which he deals with snares. He charges his farm labourers when he roams his farmland and finds snares. If labourers pick them up and bring them to him, there is no charge.



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The Predation Management Centre (PMC) and the African Large Predator Research Unit (ALPRU) attended the first meeting of the Free State Wildlife and Biodiversity Stakeholders earlier this month and are now members of its Wildlife Forum. The entity was established to provide a platform for constructive interaction between stakeholders in wildlife management issues, for example.





Deel u bestuurs- praktyk met ons!

Daar is menige boere wat predatore doeltreffend bestuur en daarom wil ons graag sulke suksesstories aanhoor en deel met medeboere. U geslaagde bestuurspraktyk sal in die maandelikse PMF- nuusbrief verskyn en ook op die webtuiste geplaas word. Skakel Bonita Francis by (041) 365 5030 of per e-pos by nwga@nwga.co.za.



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