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Permits for accredited predation managers

This is a pilot programme initiated in the Eastern Cape. It aims to train predation management specialists according to set standards on control methods that require a permit (i.e. call-and-shoot, trapping, etc.) and are regulated under legislation by government. After training, competent predation specialists may apply for a permit, which may then be awarded and would be valid for one year in all district municipalities of the province. This is a major benefit, as permits are normally only valid in one district for a limited time.

The permit also requires all predation specialists to submit information and statistics on predators controlled and managed under this permit.

Due to administrative challenges experienced with the provincial Department of Environmental Affairs over the past number of years, as well as communication breakdowns with applicants, PMSA Secretariat has recently taken responsibility to facilitate and coordinate the annual application process on behalf of the specialists.

The initiative has also been discussed with the Permit and Enforcement Planning Committee (PEPC) of DFFE in November 2022 for them to consider rollout and implementation in more provinces. It was generally well accepted and feedback from DFFE is expected in due course.

Predator training

Mr Niel Viljoen, predation management specialist since July 2022, trained 269 persons through predation management courses:

- Eastern Cape: three sessions
- Northern Cape: four sessions
- Free State: one session



Monitor farms

Monitoring of the impact of various control measures related to predator management continued for the 15th year (since 2008) on 27 monitor farms throughout the extensive livestock farming areas in South Africa. A monitor farm has also been established in the communal farming areas of Eastern Cape.

A progress report on this programme is expected by early March 2023 and is managed under the auspices of PMSA.



Predation management in South Africa – historical milestones



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"Predation management in South Africa – historical milestones" has been updated, with version 7.0, January 2023, available on this link: https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/predationmanagement-in-south-africa---historical-milestones-january-2023.pdf

This 706-page document, compiled by H.O. de Waal from ALPRU (African Large Predator Research Unit) contains information pertaining from official reports, letters, minutes and publications, detailing the course of predation management in South Africa since the 1950s. The document was compiled as part of efforts to recreate institutional memory about the way predation management has been conducted in South Africa to date. Such institutional memory may provide the foundation on which to build future efforts at coordinated predation management.

For further information, contact the Predation Management Centre through their website **https://www.ufs.ac.za/pmc**, or email **PredationMC@ufs.ac.za**.



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