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# Konsep NEMBA-wetgewing: publieke deelname proses nou oop

Die volgende konsepdokumente is onlangs in die Staatskoerant gepubliseer vir publieke deelname en ook in die *Sunday Times* en *City Press* op 22 Oktober 2023.

- Konsep gewysigde Threatened or Protected Species (TOPS) regulasies en spesielys: [topsconsultation@dff.gov.za](mailto:topsconsultation@dff.gov.za)
- Konsep verbode praktyke met leeuus: [lionprohibition@dff.gov.za](mailto:lionprohibition@dff.gov.za)

Enige kommentaar wat verband hou met skade veroorsakende predatore (*damage-causing animals*), kan na die Sekretariaat gestuur word, wat dan namens PMSA voorgelê sal word.

Die amptelike sluitingsdatum vir kommentaar is 21 November 2023. **KLIEK HIER om die dokumente te besigtig: [www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted-notices](http://www.dffe.gov.za/legislation/gazetted-notices)**

**DRAFT  
CONSERVATION  
POLICIES**

**Public comments  
needed**

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NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: BIODIVERSITY ACT, 2004  
(ACT NO. 10 OF 2004)

PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO LISTED THREATENED, PROTECTED TERRESTRIAL SPECIES AND FRESHWATER SPECIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

I. Barbara Creasy, Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment, hereby give notice of its intention to republish, for public comment, the draft Regulations Pertaining to Listed Threatened or Protected Terrestrial Species and Freshwater Species, which were published in Government Gazette No. 386, dated 16 April 2013, sections 99 and 100 of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004), as set out in the Schedule thereto.

Members of the public are invited to submit written comments on the draft Regulations Pertaining to Listed Threatened or Protected Terrestrial Species and Freshwater Species, within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of this notice in the newspaper, whichever date is the later date of publication, to the following address:

By post to: The Director-General, Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment  
Attention: Mr Khethato Mahenye  
Private Bag X1000  
PRETORIA 0001  
South Africa

By hand at: Environment House, 473 Davey Kilo Street, Arcadia, Pretoria, 0083.

By e-mail: [topsconsultation@dff.gov.za](mailto:topsconsultation@dff.gov.za)

Any enquiry in connection with the notice can be directed to Mr Khethato Mahenye at 012 399 8845 or 011 800 8728.

Comments received after the closing date may be disregarded.

The Threatened or Protected Species (TOPS) Regulations and the TOPS list were published for implementation under Government Notice No. R. 152, in Government Gazette No. 20697 on 23 February 2001. The regulations came into effect on 21 June 2001.

Draft revised TOPS regulations were submitted for public comment under Government Notice No. 386, Government Gazette No. 386, dated 16 April 2013. These draft regulations proposed substantial amendments to the TOPS Regulations of 2001.



# Consultation workshops: draft conservation policies

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) invites you to the roadshows on the following:

- The White Paper for conservation and sustainable use of South Africa's biodiversity including the Global Biodiversity Framework
- The Draft Policy Position on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Elephant, Lion, Leopard, and Rhinoceros, published on 19 September 2023 in Government Gazette No. 49322, for public comment
- The draft Revised TOPS Regulations and Species published on 12 October 2023, for public comment
- The Draft Notice Prohibiting Certain Activities Involving African Lion (*Panthera leo*), published in Government Gazette No. 49383 for public comment

The DFFE will be embarking on the provincial roadshows in the Eastern Cape per the invitation below. Please confirm your availability and indicate the areas where you will be able to attend the roadshows.

15 November	Port St. Johns
15 November	Aliwal North
17 November	Mthatha
17 November	Cradock

**RSVP by clicking on the link: [https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=51PiTGE5jEKrYh-Wzzqf2TyHoJ\\_cTUdPr3eQJa01kd9UOVJKU1dMVUpZQzdJTjkyQTYyNTZJTEw2TS4u](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=51PiTGE5jEKrYh-Wzzqf2TyHoJ_cTUdPr3eQJa01kd9UOVJKU1dMVUpZQzdJTjkyQTYyNTZJTEw2TS4u)**

PMSA attended Roadshow at Struandale, Gqeberha.



## Cracking down on illegal dog hunting in EC

The Eastern Cape Predation Management Forum (EC PMF) is on a fact-finding mission to determine the number of hunting dog packs operating in the Eastern Cape.

By filling in a questionnaire, farmers' associations and members will start the process by which available information on dog packs will be assessed.

The EC PMF raised concern over the number of hunting dog packs operating in the Eastern Cape. Through the survey, members were reminded of the procedure by which neighbours are to be notified in writing of scheduled hunts. In the event of a helicopter hunt, a permit needs to be obtained.



## Kraaiprobleem in die Overberg

Tydens die onlangse vergadering van die PMF Wes-Kaap is die probleem van 'n toenemende kraaibevolking in die Overberg bespreek. Bykomend tot die kraaie, word vele bosvarke, wilde makoue en kraanvoëls opgemerk.

Dit kan toegeskryf word aan die volgende:

- Intensiewe boerderypraktyke. Wanneer vee op plase gevoer word, word die natuurlike balans versteur en dit lok spesies wat nie natuurlik in 'n gebied voor-kom nie.
- Droogte en tekorte in ander gebiede veroorsaak dat diere invloei in 'n gebied waar daar geredelik kos beskikbaar is.

Wanneer 'n spesie se populasie vergroot, word die natuur se balans versteur en dit plaas ander spesies onder druk. Te veel kraaie veroorsaak byvoorbeeld dat skilpadgetalle drasties afneem en lammers met uitgepikte oë al hoe meer voorkom.



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Die volgende kan oorweeg word om kraaigetalle te beheer:

- Karkasse kan verwijder of begrawe word.
- Grondeienaars of aangewysde jagters mag sonder toestemming/permitte op kraaie jag omdat hulle nie 'n beskermde spesie is nie.

Thomas Barry, voorsitter van die Wes-Kaap Predasieforum doen 'n beroep op grondeienaars om nie gif te strooi in hulle stryd teen kraaie of wilde voëls nie, aangesien dit 'n kettingreaksie veroorsaak waar onskuldige diere in die proses doodgemaak word.



## The brown hyaena



The first leaflet in the series covering the brown hyaena is available on the Predation Management Centre (PMC) website. It provides a general description of the predator, its diet, behaviour, predation signs, and control methods to manage livestock losses. The PMC operates under the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the University of the Free State.

The brown hyaena is mainly a nocturnal scavenger. Although they rarely hunt large prey, an individual having developed the habit of killing livestock may cause extensive damage on livestock farms. Understanding this predator, its interactions with other predators, and general management practices on a particular farm or larger area can help develop effective predation management practices.

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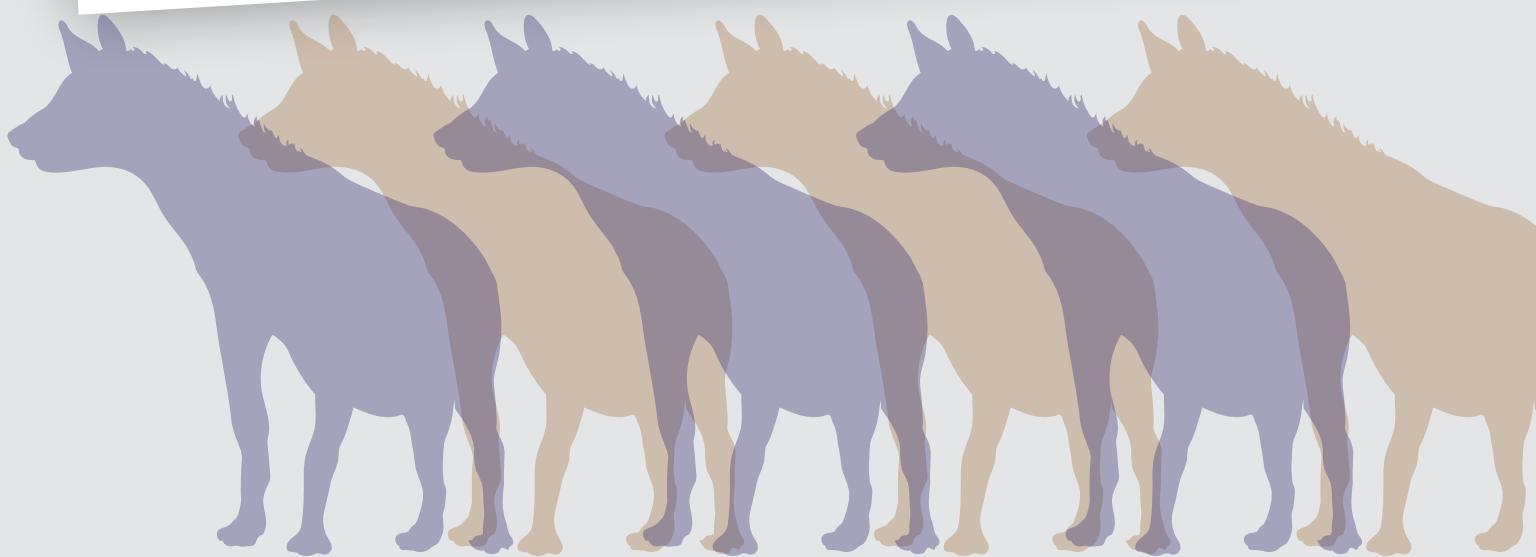
**Read the leaflet here:**

[https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/05\\_01-brown-hyaena\\_newlogo.pdf](https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/05_01-brown-hyaena_newlogo.pdf)

**The leaflet has been composed using the following resources:**

[https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/bibliography\\_brown-hyaena\\_new-logo.pdf?Status=Master&sfvrsn=42db3320\\_3/Bibliography\\_Brown-hyaena\\_New-Logo.pdf](https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/bibliography_brown-hyaena_new-logo.pdf?Status=Master&sfvrsn=42db3320_3/Bibliography_Brown-hyaena_New-Logo.pdf)

Contact the PMC through their website <https://www.ufs.ac.za/pmc> or email **PredationMC@ufs.ac.za** for more information on the methods described here or specialists in the field of predator control.



# Coming soon: Conservation Kraal Challenge

Please note: from January 2024, the Cape Leopard Trust will be hosting the Conservation Kraal Challenge. This national competition will call for designs for a “mobi-kraal” – an affordable, durable, and mobile predator-proof kraal that will encourage coexistence by people and predators in agricultural landscapes, reducing livestock losses and protecting predators, biodiversity, and critical ecosystems.

The Conservation Kraal Challenge will be open for entries by individuals or teams (up to five people) from 1 February 2024 to 30 June 2024. Any South African citizens or permanent residents 18 years old and above may enter. Participants will stand a chance to win a cash prize of up to R50 000 and travel and accommodation costs valued at R20 000 to help the Cape Leopard Trust build and test the design.

More details on the registration, criteria, and entry processes will be provided in the coming months.





## 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.  
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