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Threatened or protected species (tops) regulations

In last month's newsletter, PMSA reported on the withdrawal of the new TOPS regulations and TOPS lists promulgated by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment on 3 February 2023. The withdrawal came after urgent litigation by Wildlife Ranching South Africa (WRSA) and the Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa (PHASA) in the Gauteng Division of the High Court.

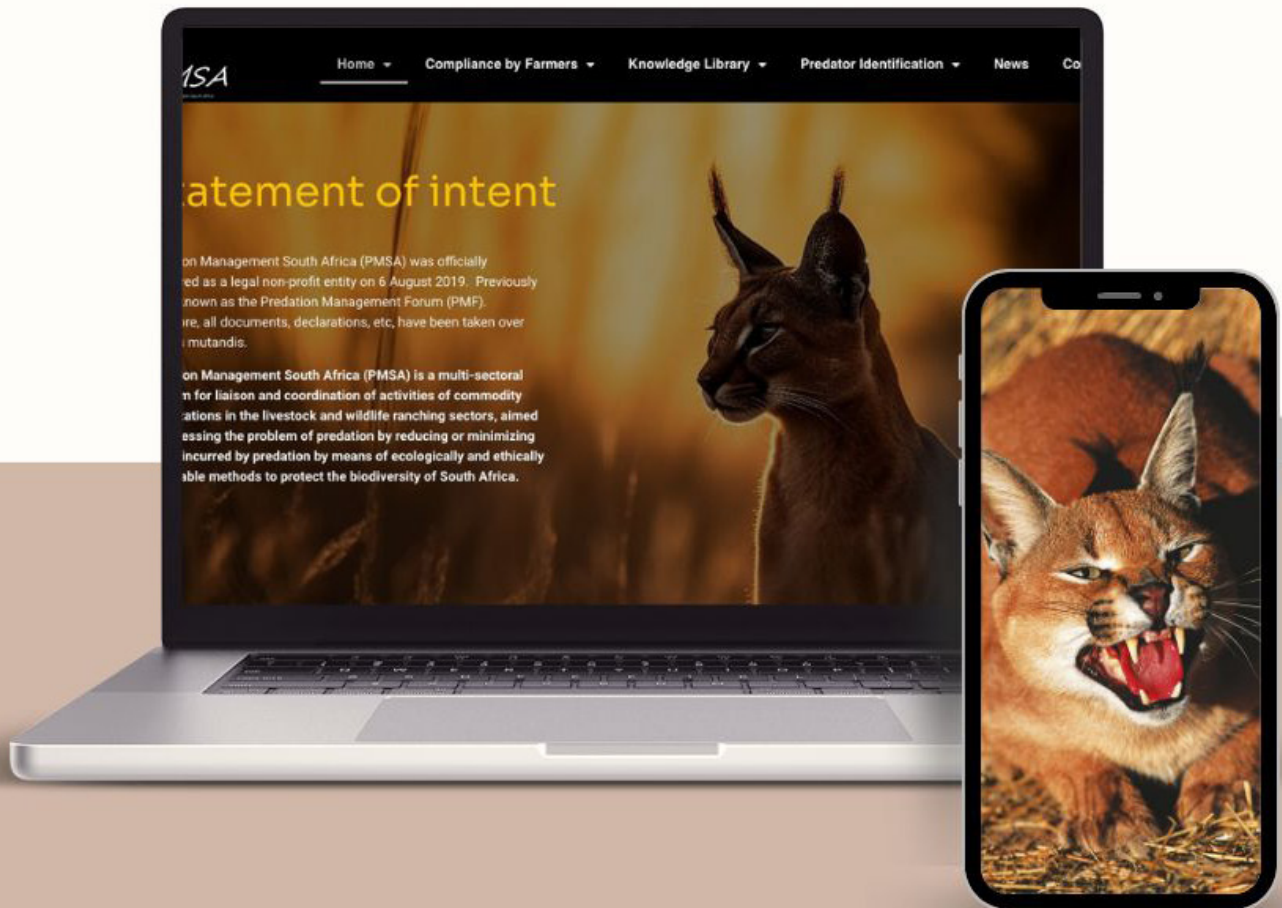
The previous regulations are therefore still intact. Click <https://pmfsa.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/TOPS-Regulations-1.pdf> for the current TOPS regulations of 2007. Please bear in mind that this version of the TOPS Regulations is not the official gazette version. Although it contains the original TOPS Regulations of 2007, as well as all the subsequent amendments that have been implemented to date, it remains only a reference document.



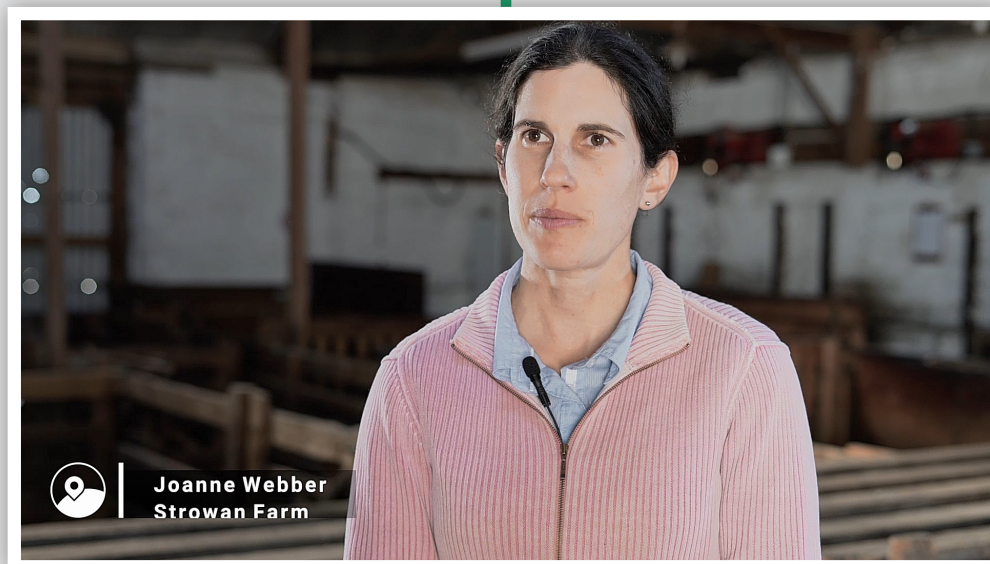
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New Website Launch

LIVE NOW!



FarmRanger: the first step in preventing stock theft and predators



On a farm just outside Grahamstown in the Eastern Cape, Joanne Webber makes her living farming with merino sheep, cattle, and Angora goats. It was Joanne's father who started using FarmRanger GPS collars in 2004 and has been using them with great success ever since. Since Joanne succeeded her father, she has achieved similar results with the GPS technology provided by FarmRanger.

"I like the live tracking GPS part of it (during an alarm), because you can go exactly to where the first alarm happened, and you can track from the starting point to where the sheep have moved. This is often where the main problem happens."

Detect stock theft with instant alarms

There was a theft attempt at one of their camps. The GPS collar alarm sounded, and when they inspected the state of the camp, some rope and plastic cable ties were found under a tree in the camp. "When we went out the following day to count the sheep, they were all there but there was one with a rope around its leg. The thieves had caught it, but we obviously disturbed them. We haven't had any stock theft attempts since."

When asked how they knew that there was something wrong in the camp, Joanne explained that they usually look for movement towards the corner of the camp by checking the live tracking feature during an alarm on the FarmRanger app. The alarm went off a few times, indicating that the sheep were still moving and that something was amiss.

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Before Joanne's father got FarmRanger, he had to go out at night and wait for stock thieves to come to the farm to catch them. Now the Webbers can rely on the alarms from the FarmRanger GPS collars to know when to go out to the camps when predators or thieves are near, instead of putting themselves at risk every night.

Reduce losses by detecting predator attacks

"We also have jackals in the camps quite frequently. We have Anatolian dogs, which help with that, but sometimes they aren't in the camp, and jackals come in and chase the sheep. With FarmRanger, we get the alarms and scare them away when we go out. FarmRanger GPS collars have reduced our losses and are used in conjunction with other farm management practices including dogs and electric fences around the farm. This has made a difference on our farm. I always enjoy the customer service side of FarmRanger. When there is a problem, they are easy to get hold of and the process is simple."

Joanne's husband has another farm with sheep and Angora goats nearby and he also uses FarmRanger GPS collars to protect his animals from stock thieves and predators.





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- nuusbriëf 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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