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Communal farmers benefit from predation training

During February, predation specialist Niël Viljoen presented two courses in Matatiele and Lady Frere, where nearly 100 communal farmers gained insight into the Livestock and Predation Management programme.

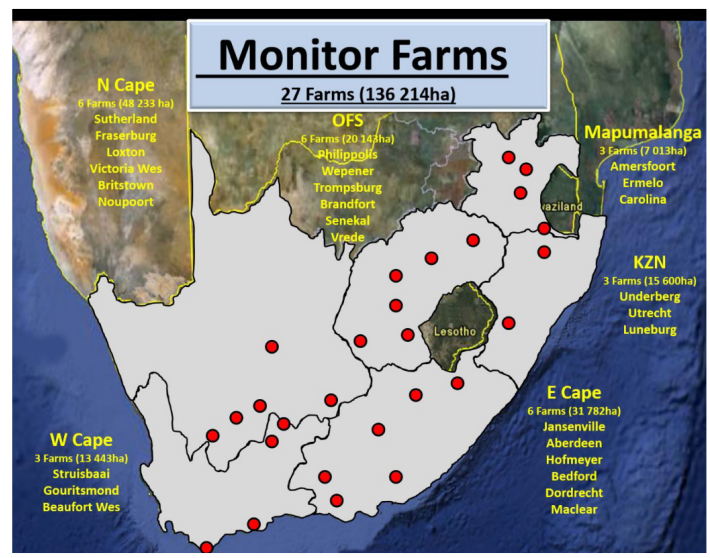
In Matatiele, Viljoen was assisted by NWGA production advisor Lusanda Nteta. The 53 farmers took much interest in the slides, specifically on jackal and caracal, as these two species of predators were most likely to threaten their livestock. The presentation was focused on small stock management and the farmers were happy to gain the necessary knowledge and some skills to manage predation in their communities.

In Mount Frere, Viljoen was assisted by NWGA production advisor Sibusiso Ndwanya. Mr Qhaba from the Department of Rural Development and Agrarian Reform (DRDAR) and Nosipho Salmani (OVK) were also present.



Monitorplase

In Suid-Afrika is die totale grondgebruik vir kommersiële landbou ongeveer 46,4 miljoen hektaar, wat 37,9% van die totale grondoppervlakte van ons land beslaan. 'n Oppervlakte van 136 214 hektaar (27 plase) van die 46,4 miljoen hektaar is spesifiek geïdentifiseer om die evaluering en toetsing van metodes te verteenwoordig. Die doel is om aanpasbare bestuurstrategieë te identifiseer, wat volhoubaar en werkbaar vir die unieke Suid-Afrikaanse boerderytoestande is.



Die monitorplase verteenwoordig gebiede met verskillende reënval, plantegroei en ekosisteme. Dit vorm 'n wye verteenwoordigende platform vir die inisiëring en eksperimentering met volhoubare bestuurstrategieë vir die vee- sowel as die wildbedryf.

Noordkaap (6 plase – 48 233 ha)

- Sutherland
- Fraserburg
- Loxton
- Victoria Wes
- Britstown
- Noupoot

Vrystaat (6 plase – 20 143 ha)

- Philippolis
- Wepener
- Trompsburg
- Senekal
- Vrede

Mpumalanga (3 plase – 7 013 ha)

- Amersfoort
- Ermelo
- Carolina

KwaZulu Natal (3 plase – 15 600 ha)

- Underberg
- Utrecht
- Luneburg

Oos-Kaap (6 plase – 31 782 ha)

- Jansenville
- Aberdeen
- Hofmeyr
- Bedford
- Maclear
- Dordrecht

Wes-Kaap (3 plase – 13 443 ha)

- Struisbaai
- Gouritsmond
- Beaufort Wes

News from PMC desk



Over the past six years, the Predation Management Centre (PMC) at the University of the Free State (UFS) has made considerable progress in various areas of predation management in southern Africa. These include building institutional memory, dissemination of information, and collaborative efforts among various role players and stakeholders – local as well as international.

Dr Quinette Kruger, who has been managing the PMC since 2017, will be handing over management duties to Dr Beanélri Janecke from the Department of Animal Sciences, UFS. While Dr Kruger will be parting ways with the UFS, she hopes to continue working on predation management solutions in future.

"I am grateful for the opportunities and challenges that helped me develop not only in a professional capacity, but also on a personal level. I have learnt so much and would like to express my deep appreciation to everyone who gave their support, cooperation, and advice on this journey. I hope to plough some of this knowledge and experience back in the form of future collaboration with the PMC, other institutions, organisations, and individuals somewhere along the road that lies ahead. I look forward to our paths crossing again."

We wish Quinette well with her change in career and activities. With Beanélri on board from 1 March 2024, the activities of the PMC will continue. We appreciate the goodwill of many institutions and individuals and trust that the good cooperation will grow and become even better. We are grateful that Quinette will still be available to assist the PMC, albeit it in a different capacity.



Visit the Predation Management Centre website <https://www.ufs.ac.za/pmc> or contact PredationMC@ufs.ac.za.

Survey to determine National NDF for baboon and vervet monkeys

In line with the country's responsibilities under CITES, the Scientific Authority of South Africa is conducting a survey from which to determine a non-detriment findings (NDF) status for baboon and vervet monkey populations across South Africa.

This request may sound ludicrous, but please complete the 5- to 10-minute survey as baboons and vervet monkeys could end up with similar export/hunting restrictions as "endangered" species due to a lack of information.

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