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Call for designs of mobile predator-proof kraal

After engaging with communities affected by leopard conflicts, the Cape Leopard Trust recognised the need to design and rigorously test a mobile predator-proof kraal. The idea is to have a freely available blueprint for livestock farmers and conservation organisations worldwide to add to their depredation mitigation toolbox.

All innovative minds are invited to take part in a national competition to find designs for an affordable, safe, durable, portable, and predator-proof kraal to secure livestock. More info is available at bit.ly/MobikraalMR.



Mobi-kraal
A CAPE LEOPARD TRUST INITIATIVE
www.mobikraal.org

ENTER THE CONSERVATION KRAAL CHALLENGE

The Conservation Kraal Challenge is seeking an innovative design to develop "Mobi-Kraal" - an affordable, safe, durable and portable predator-proof enclosure that will improve coexistence between people and predators within agricultural landscapes by reducing livestock losses and protecting predators, biodiversity and critical ecosystems.

Use your creativity and engineering know-how to conserve wildlife and help us to find a practical solution for farmers suffering stock losses.

WHEN TO ENTER

Submit your design for a mobile, predator-proof, affordable and durable kraal to the Conservation Kraal Challenge from **1 February to 30 June 2024**.

WHO CAN ENTER

- South African citizens, or permanent residents of South Africa, who are 18 years or older
- Individuals or teams of up to 5 people, from any discipline (engineering, agricultural and/or conservation experience is beneficial) and degree of qualification, including students, professionals and amateurs



Visit mobikraal.org or email mobikraal@capeleopard.org.za for more information.



INFORMATION SHEET



WIN UP TO R50 000!

Participants stand a chance to win a cash prize of up to R50 000, and travel and accommodation costs valued at R 20 000 to help the Cape Leopard Trust develop and test their design.



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HOW TO ENTER

- 1. READ THROUGH THE CONSERVATION KRAAL CHALLENGE COMPETITION GUIDE**
The *Competition Guide* outlines all the necessary details and rules on the competition entry requirements and submission process, competition framework, design criteria and judging process.
- 2. PREPARE YOUR ENTRY**
Download the *Entry Questions* to prepare your answers offline and get designing.
- 3. SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY THROUGH THE ENTRY PORTAL**
Create a profile for your individual or team entry, accept the *Terms and Conditions*, answer the entry questions, upload your design and click submit.
- 4. WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED 10 AUGUST 2024**
The panel of judges will evaluate all entries.

YOU COULD BE A WINNER!



WHY MOBI-KRAAL?

Living in shared agricultural spaces presents challenges, both for predators and for people. Predators may opportunistically hunt livestock, causing significant economic damage.

The reduction or outright removal of large predators from an area reduces both competition and predation for smaller predators and prey species, resulting in an imbalance of ecosystem structure that may have knock-on effects for biodiversity and ecosystem services relied upon by humans (e.g. crop pollination, water retention, etc.). The best solution in many cases is to secure livestock in a predator-proof kraal (protective enclosure) overnight, but for many farmers a permanent structure is not a viable option.

The Mobi-Kraal initiative aims to design and trial a mobile kraal to better protect livestock from predation, to safeguard environmental integrity and to improve food security and farmer predator interactions

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Predation management centre

Last month we said goodbye to Dr Quinette Kruger, who has been operating the Predation Management Centre (PMC) at the University of the Free State since 2017. Dr Beanétri Janecke from the Department of Animal Sciences at the University will be taking over the management duties of PMC from 1 March.



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GOODBYE



From left to right: Leon de Beer, Dr Nkabeng Maruping-Mzileni and Niel du Preez.

At the recent executive meeting, PMSA said goodbye to Mr Leon de Beer, general manager of the NWGA. De Beer will retire from the National Wool Growers' Association (NWGA) at the end of April.

Niel du Preez, PMSA chairman, thanked him for sharing his knowledge over the past 20 years. De Beer played a supporting role within the PMSA Secretariat during his two-year stint as chairman.

Enjoy your retirement, Leon; we wish you all the best for this exciting new phase of your life.

SANParks interested in predation

At the recent PMSA Executive Committee meeting in Port Elizabeth, four SANParks representatives attended the gathering. Regional ecologist Dr Nkabeng Maruping-Mzileni, who joined the structure in August 2021, and two section rangers from the Wilderness section of the Garden Route National Park also attended. Chamelle Pluim and Xolani Manzini were part of the interactive discussion processes to help landowners neighbouring private land with hunting damage-causing animals (DCAs) using dogs. Dr Sam Ferreira, involved with scientific and research components, brought valuable insights.



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Call to register as an accredited DCA manager

Predation specialist Niël Viljoen, through PMSA and the NWGA, is calling hunters in the Eastern Cape to register as accredited damage causing animal (DCA) managers for the call-and-shoot management strategies to manage and control problem animals. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) will provide experienced and appropriately skilled professional managers with a certificate of competence and the opportunity to apply for a permit from the applicable issuing authority.

DCA managers can only be nominated in writing by a farmers' association and signed by the chairperson.

PMSA is striving to roll out this initiative to more provinces in close cooperation with the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE). Visit the PMSA website for an application form or contact Bonita Francis at 041 365 5030 or email nwga@nwga.co.za for details.



**AgriSeta accredited
Predation Management**



**Application to register as an accredited
Damage Causing Animal (DCA) Manager, for the call and shoot
management strategies to manage and control problem animals.
(Unit Standard number 116402)**

This application will assist dedicated DCA managers who have been offering their services for a period of at least seven years. Recognition of prior learning (RPL) will provide experienced and appropriately skilled professional Predation Managers with a certificate of competence and the opportunity to apply for a permit from the applicable issuing authority.

- A registration fee of R1500.00 is payable if accepted for RPL.
- Banking details will be provided if the applicant qualifies to undergo RPL.
- RPL involves a two-day evaluation of equipment and competency as a DCA manager.

Requirements:

- DCA manager to be nominated in writing by a Farmers' Association and signed by the chairman.
- DCA manager to supply evidence/proof of at least three different call and shoot courses attended.
- DCA manager to supply names and contact details of at least seven farmers and farm names where he has provided DCA management services for seven years and longer.

Should an applicant successfully complete RPL, he/she will be required to adhere to the following:

- Preserve and protect biodiversity.
- Treat all animals with the necessary dignity and humanity.
- Deliver a responsible and trustworthy service to the livestock & wildlife industries.
- Vehicles and firearms used must comply to legislation and licenses/provisional licenses to be available on request and be kept up to date.
- Completion of an annual hunting register before applying for renewal of a permit (Eastern Cape).

Does your business currently offer professional services within Agriculture?



BuiltAfrica Holdings introduces AGRIMALL, a digital platform that hosts services key to optimising agri-operations and ensuring sustainability throughout the agricultural value chain.

These services include:



Financial, advisory and administrative services
(e.g. co. registration, business plan, bookkeeping, taxation, etc.)



Import and export services



Funding application support services
(e.g. renewable energy funding application)



Information consultancy and services



Logistics services



Farm security services
(incl. security for property, equipment and produce/livestock)

How registering on the Agrimall platform can help your business:

- Client acquisition
- Expansion of client base
- Building your business profile and portfolio
- List your services and ensuring accessibility
- Access diverse markets
- Extend your reach to different geographic locations

If you have been in business for 3 years or more and have provided services within the Agriculture and Agro-processing sector then scan this QR code to register.



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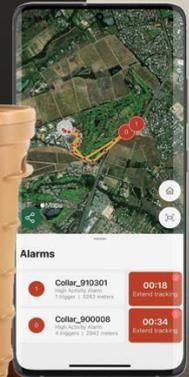
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