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#### Communal advisors now qualified predation instructors

NWGA production advisors Willem Goosen, Khanyiso Mzayifani, Lusanda Nteta, Luvuyo Nyamela, Asandile Rasmeni, Ndwanya Sibusiso, along with Gcinikhaya Xhantibe of the Red Meat Industry Services (RMIS), have officially qualified as instructors in the management of damage-causing animals (DCAs).

The intensive four-day AgriSETA-accredited course was presented by predation specialist Niel Viljoen, and hosted on the farm of PMSA chairperson, Niel du Preez, in Kareedouw. According to Viljoen, all lethal control methods should be tied to formal

accreditation to ensure ethical and effective implementation. The course content focussed on the accurate identification of problem animals through spoor tracking, trap placement, feeding patterns, and linking these to the most appropriate control method.

While the theoretical components covered both lethal and non-lethal management strategies, the practical training focussed on the correct use of cage traps and leg-hold devices.

These newly certified instructors will now play a critical role in empowering communal farmers with skills to manage predator pressure more effectively and sustainably.



## Impakstudie van groot roofdiere – Karoo **Nasionale Park**

Predasiespesialis, Niel Viljoen is deur die Wes-Kaapse Departement van Landbou genader om aan 'n navorsingstudie saam met Urban Econ Development Economists deel te neem. Niel het sy ondervinding in en om die park toegepas om 'n analise uit te voer van die ekonomiese, sosiale, en ekologiese impak van die bekendstelling van leeus en bruin hiënas in die Karoo Nasionale Park asook die impak daarvan op die park en aangrensende plaasgebiede.

Baie inligting is reeds ingewin van produsente wat teenaan die park boer, en die proses is goed op dreef, volgens Viljoen. 'n Opvolgvergadering is vir vroeg in Augustus geskeduleer.

### PMSA Secretariat is in the process of organising a predation management

**Predation management workshop** 

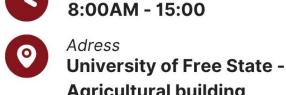
workshop with the intention to foster a shared understanding of ongoing and completed predation management research, or research on the predator itself. Participants are encouraged to share insights into their research areas and

experiences, and to explore potential ways to reduce predation. These contributions will inform the development of strategic research questions, which will be debated and refined through group discussions during the session. For participation, please contact Bonita Francis at PMSA Secretariat on 041 365

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PMSA is scheduled for 20 August, and will be followed by the annual meeting of the Predation Management Forum (PMF). During the AGM, PMSA chairperson

Niel du Preez will present his

**PMSA** annual general

The 5th annual general meeting of

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chairman's report, highlighting the activities of the non-profit organisation for the past financial year.



# How does the presence of wolves affect Oregon's livestock producers?

Since their return to Oregon in 2009, gray wolves have spread across much of the

state. Their population now exceeds 200. As their numbers have grown, so has the threat of conflict with livestock operations. A new survey of livestock producers examines their experiences with economic

damages related to wolf depredation. This report also includes conversations with individual Oregon cattle and sheep producers to add to our understanding of how wolf presence affects the financial sustainability of livestock production throughout

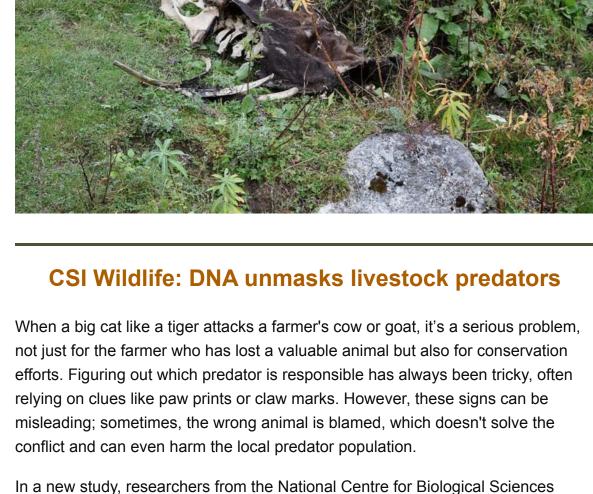
the state. Read more



of such attacks. Read more

A new study examined livestock predation in three protected areas of southern Kashmir, to assess the economic toll of these losses and map the spatial patterns

these wild animals.



droppings) collected where livestock have been killed can successfully identify the individual predator involved. Read more

(NCBS), Bengaluru, Panthera, USA, Sastra University, Thanjavur, Nature

Conservation Foundation, and officials of the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department

have shown that tiny traces of DNA from saliva, shed hair, or even scat (animal



management to improve lamb survival. 'Less predators, more lambs' PDS coordinator Dr Matt Mahoney from Agridome Consultancy said varied land ownership meant that predator management made it a challenge to coordinate between neighbours.

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