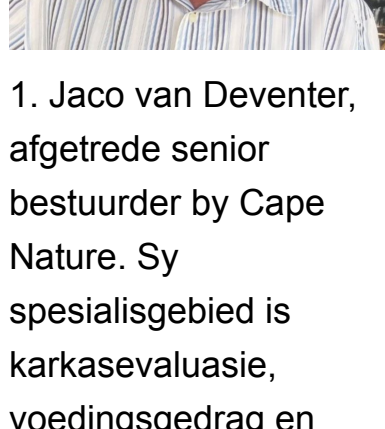




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Nuwe predasiebestuur-opleiers gekontrakteer

PMSA kondig graag aan dat drie persone gekontrakteer is om predasiebestuursopleiding landswyd te behartig. Ons stel hulle graag aan u bekend.



1. Jaco van Deventer, atgetrede senior bestuurder by Cape Nature. Sy spesialisgebied is karkasevaluasie, voedingsgedrag en hooldierbestuur.



2. Johannes Pienaar van Carnarvon is al sedert 1995 betrokke by die beheer van ongediertes. Hy het baie ondervinding met nagroep, vanghokke en vangysters.



3. Taffie Mulder van Klipplaat was deel van die span wat die Landbousektor Onderwys- en Opleidingsowerheid (AgriSETA)-assesering vir roep-en-skietbestuurstrategieë saam met Niel Viljoen ontwikkel het. Hy is tans aktief betrokke by kursusse in die Oos- en Noord-Kaap.

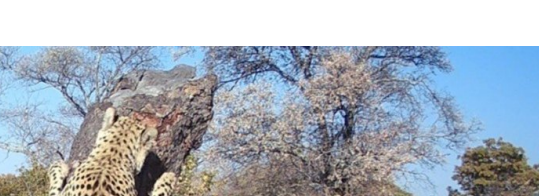
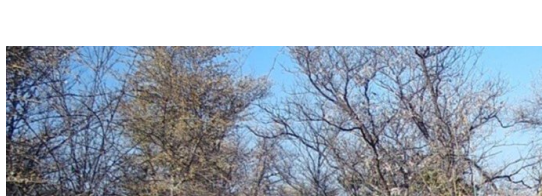
Skakel PMSA-sekretariaat vir al u opleidingsbehoefte en die koördinerende van 'n predasie-opleier in u streek.

Manage predation losses through training

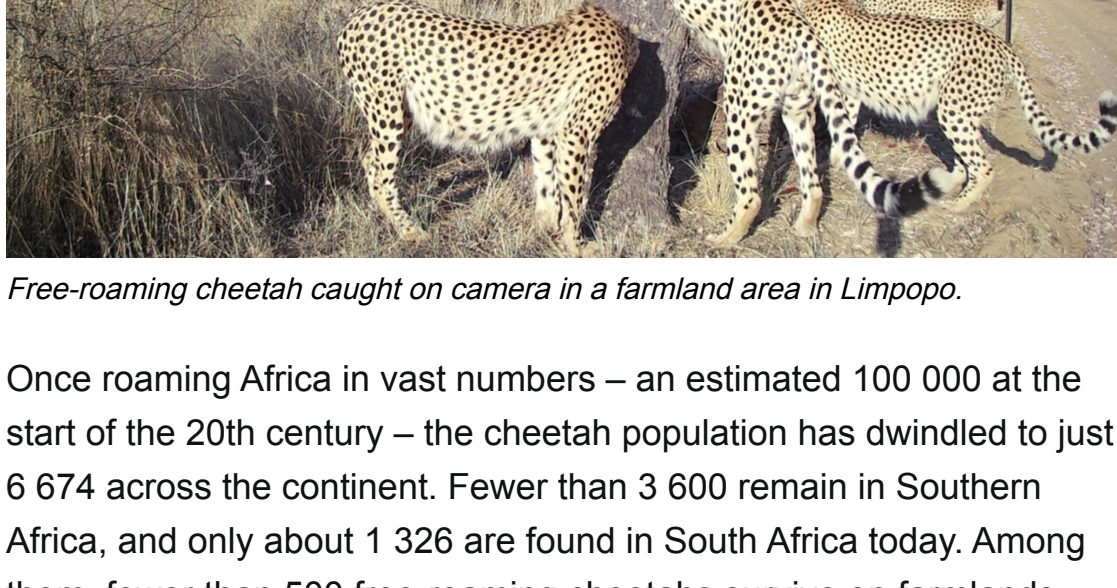
Mpofu Training Centre, situated near Fort Beaufort in the Eastern Cape, was the training ground for predation-management training for communal farmers from Hertzog, Kolomana, and Lushington.

NWGA production advisors Khanyiso Mzayifani and Willem Goosen highlighted the different catching and feeding patterns of jackal and caracal used to identify the predator. The communities indicated that the black-backed jackal and stray dogs were more likely to attack their sheep.

The knowledge gained during training sessions and the practical demonstration on setting cage traps will most definitely be applied to manage predation losses.

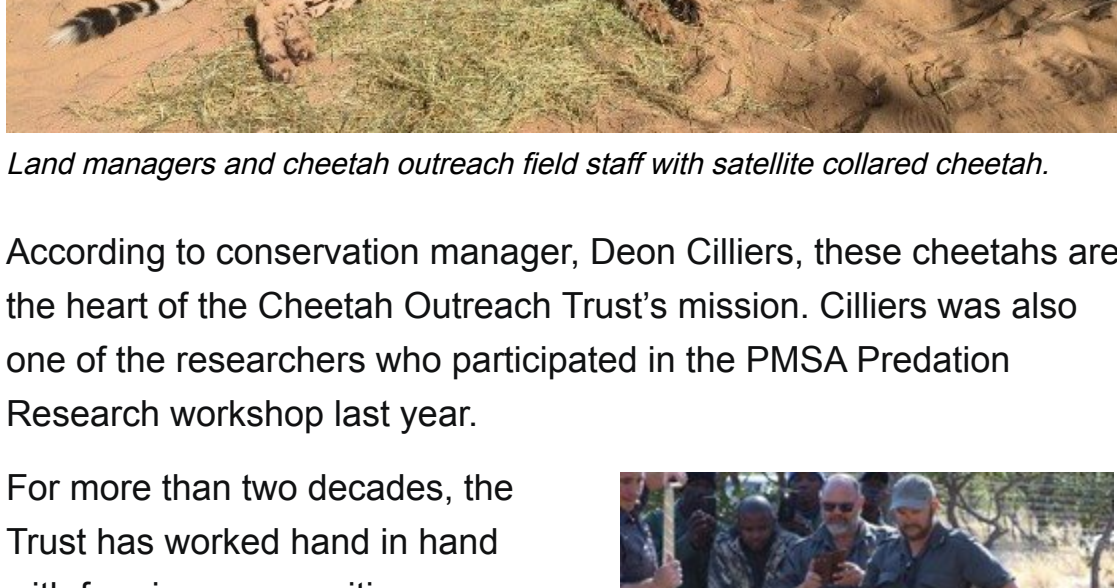


Cheetah Outreach Trust



Free-roaming cheetah caught on camera in a farmland area in Limpopo.

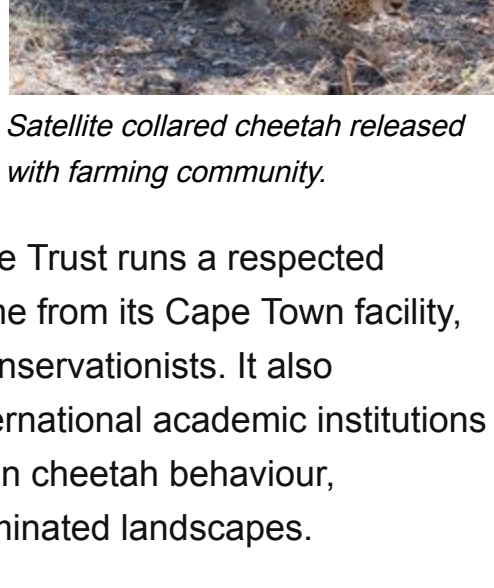
Once roaming Africa in vast numbers – an estimated 100 000 at the start of the 20th century – the cheetah population has dwindled to just 6 674 across the continent. Fewer than 3 600 remain in Southern Africa, and only about 1 326 are found in South Africa today. Among them, fewer than 500 free-roaming cheetahs survive on farmlands across Limpopo, Northwest, and the Northern Cape.



Land managers and cheetah outreach field staff with satellite collared cheetah.

According to conservation manager, Deon Cilliers, these cheetahs are the heart of the Cheetah Outreach Trust's mission. Cilliers was also one of the researchers who participated in the PMSA Predation Research workshop last year.

For more than two decades, the Trust has worked hand in hand with farming communities, building understanding, trust, and innovative solutions to reduce human wildlife conflict. Through these long-standing partnerships, the Trust has become a recognised leader in conservation strategies that support both farmers and predators.



Satellite collared cheetah released with farming community.

In addition to its conservation work, the Trust runs a respected curriculum-linked education programme from its Cape Town facility, inspiring young learners and future conservationists. It also collaborates closely with local and international academic institutions to conduct groundbreaking research on cheetah behaviour, movement, and survival in human dominated landscapes.

Reworked from original article at <https://cheetahoutreachtrust.co.za/about/>

Free-roaming cheetah census

In partnership with Ashia Cheetah Conservation and the University of Groningen, the Cheetah Outreach Trust launched South Africa's first comprehensive Free Roaming Cheetah Census. This landmark initiative – spanning several provinces and even extending across national borders – aims to generate the most accurate understanding to date of cheetah numbers, behaviour, and coexistence patterns on farmland.

Over three years, the project used a multifaceted, science driven approach, including:

- Online questionnaires completed by landowners.
- State-of-the-art camera traps placed at scent-marking sites.
- Satellite-linked tracking collars fitted to captured cheetahs.
- Detailed scat analyses to reveal prey preferences.
- Extensive field observations by dedicated teams and university students.

These methods provide unprecedented insights into how cheetahs move, hunt, and survive outside protected reserves, information vital to shaping future conservation strategies.

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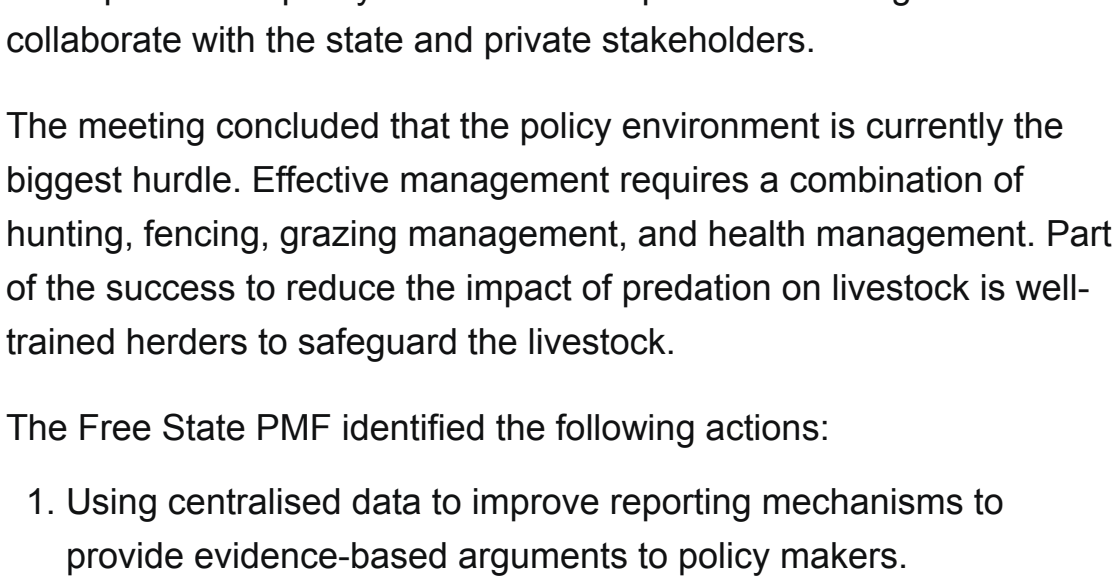
PMSA EXCO meeting

Predation Management South Africa (PMSA) is representative of the National Wool Growers' Association of South Africa (NWGA), Mohair South Africa (MSA), the National Red Meat Producers' Organisation (RPO) and Wildlife Ranching SA (WRSA). The SA Hunters and Game Conservation Association is another directly affected member of PMSA.



The executive committee met recently at the NWGA head office in Gqeberha.

Red Meat Industry Services (RMIS), represented by Dewald Olivier, received firsthand insight into the contracting of predation management trainers and plans to launch a national research programme on predator abundance, behaviour, and the economic impacts on livestock and wildlife production systems.



From the left are Gerhard Schutte of the LWCC, predation specialist Niel Viljoen, Lizanne Nel of SA Hunters, Magdel Boshoff, Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment, and Dan Kriek of the NWGA.



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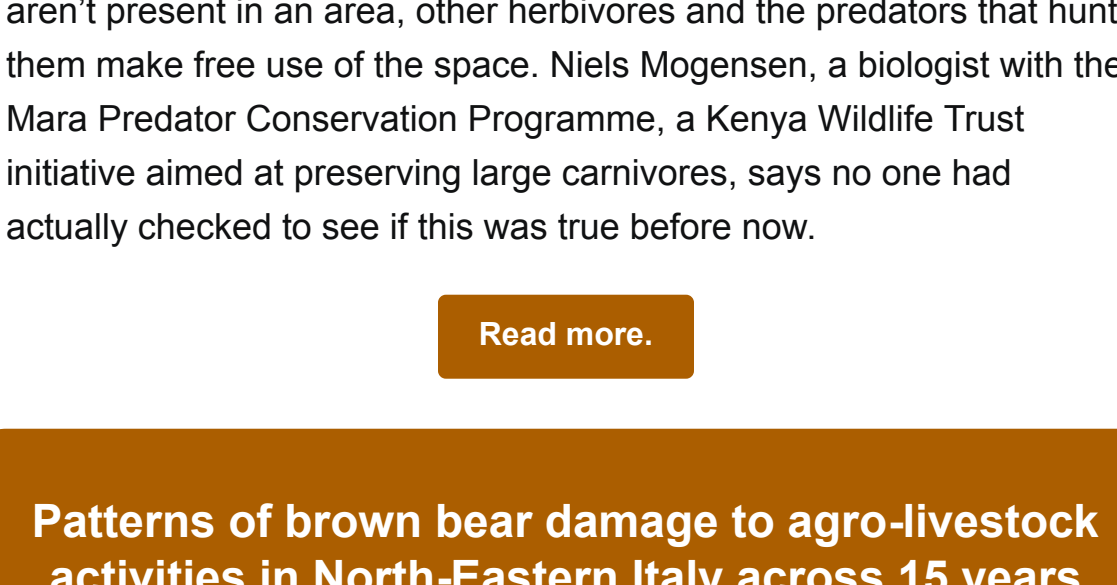
PMF established in the Free State

NWGA Free State executive member, Anton Marx, recently convened the first meeting of the Free State Predation Management Forum (PMF) in Bloemfontein. Representatives of the NWGA, University of the Free State, RPO, Free State Department of Agriculture, and Super Traps were present. The primary focus of the forum was to discuss the impact of the policy environment on predation management and to collaborate with the state and private stakeholders.

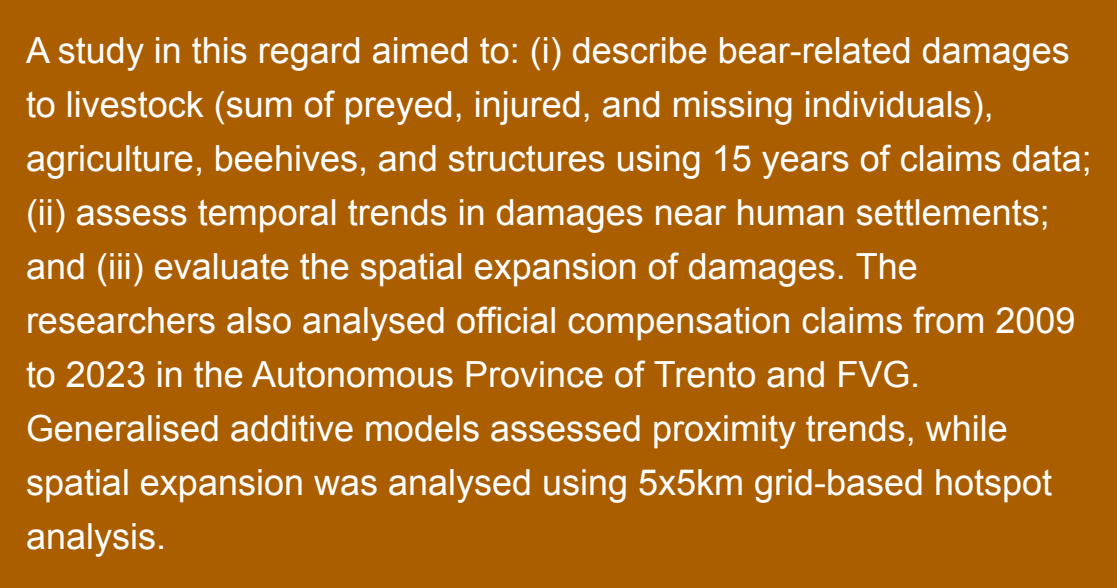
The meeting concluded that the policy environment is currently the biggest hurdle. Effective management requires a combination of hunting, fencing, grazing management, and health management. Part of the success to reduce the impact of predation on livestock is well-trained herders to safeguard the livestock.

The Free State PMF identified the following actions:

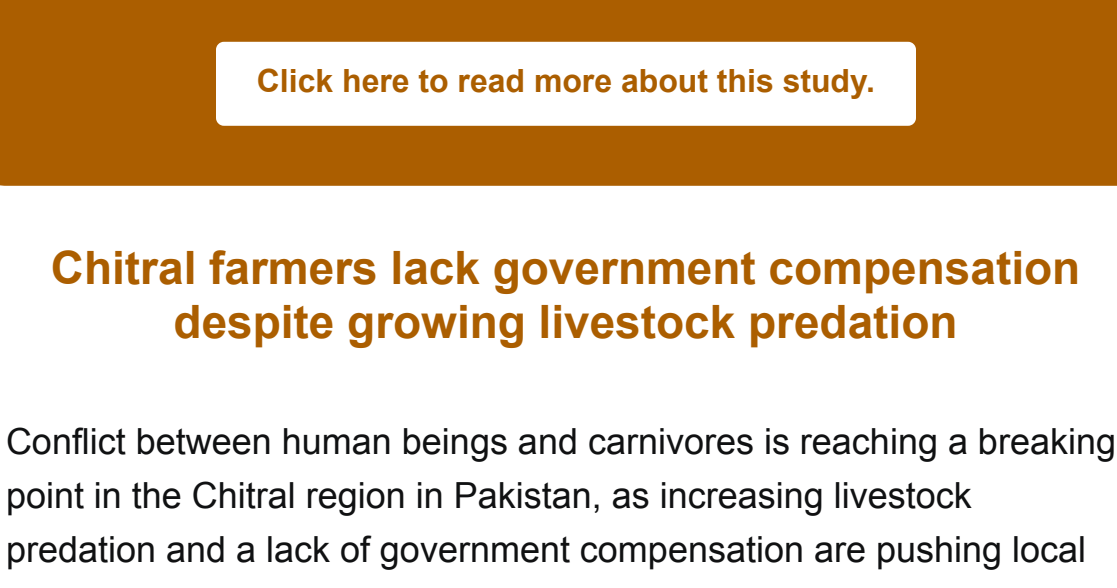
1. Using centralised data to improve reporting mechanisms to provide evidence-based arguments to policy makers.
2. Utilising statutory integration to ensure that predation management is recognised as a critical pillar for protecting agricultural resources.
3. Using informed leadership to ensure that PMSA and the Free State government is briefed on these integrated challenges.



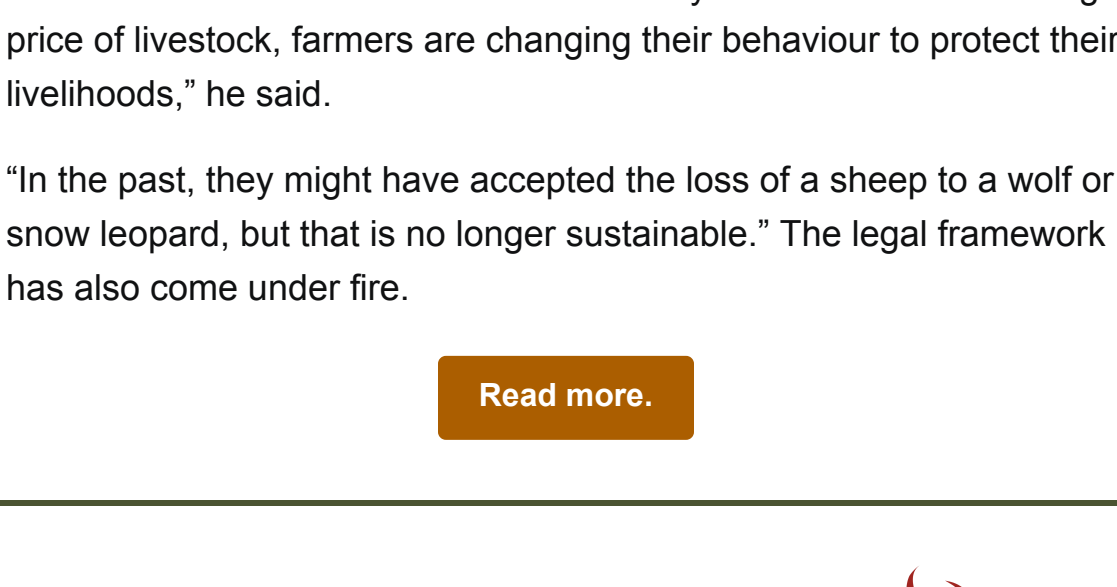
From the left are Dr Andriess Strauss of the Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, Eben van Wyk and Anton Marx of the NWGA, Lourens Goosen of the department, and Prof HO de Waal of the UFS. In the front, from the left are Prof Andriess Raath of the UFS and RPO Free State, Dr Beanelri Janecke of UFS, and Pearson Loubscher of Super Traps.



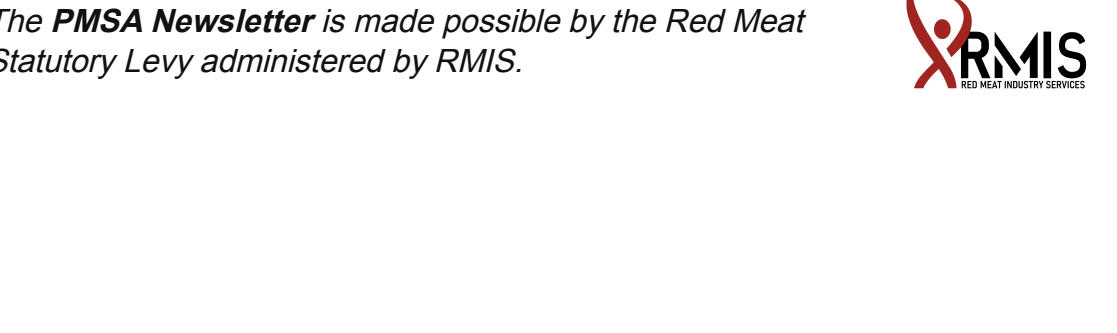
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