

SA Hunters takes animal well-being law to Constitutional Court

On 26 May 2026, the SA Hunters and Game Conservation Association (SAHGCA) appeared before the Constitutional Court to challenge a vague, unworkable new definition of animal ‘well-being’ in the *National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act 10 of 2004)*.



This is not an attack on animal welfare. SA Hunters has a track record in addressing animal welfare. The case is a challenge against poor lawmaking that puts ordinary South Africans at legal risk and threatens our economy.

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Suksesvolle predasiebestuurskursus in Noord-Kaap



’n Suksesvolle ongedierte-inligtingsdag is onlangs deur die Swaelfontein-boerevereniging gereël. PMSA-gekontraakteerde opleier, Johannes Pienaar, het sy plaas, Beyersfontein, tussen Victoria-Wes en Carnarvon, beskikbaar gestel om ’n predasiebestuurskursus aan te bied.

Meer as 30 deelnemers, van wie die oorgrote meerderheid plaaswerkers was, se kennis is eers getoets. Visuele aspekte van vangste, spore, misbossies en diere wat nie algemeen in die area voorkom nie, is bespreek.

Daarna het praktiese opleiding in die veld plaasgevind waartydens moontlike plekke vir die stel van vanghokke uitgewys is. Elke deelnemer het die geleentheid gekry om die vangmetode te demonstreer.

Die kursus is afgesluit met ’n visuele evaluering om elke deelnemer se bekwaamheid te toets.



SA Hunters’ meaningful engagement with Cheetah Census

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According to the study, just 83 mature adults and 36 cubs were recorded outside protected areas, shattering long-held conservation assumptions that estimated a stable population of roughly 300 free-roaming individuals. Only a small number of adults and cubs were identified by camera traps across 100 000km2, with high mortality rates and habitat fragmentation threatening their survival. Data indicate that the species should be reclassified from ‘vulnerable’ to ‘endangered’. Further problems include genetic isolation, misconceptions about livestock attacks, and weak law enforcement, all of which require urgent, coordinated conservation.

SA Hunters and Game Conservation Association (SAHGCA) served as a critical operational partner in the census by bridging the gap between scientific researchers and private landowners. Because free-roaming cheetahs predominantly live on private farmlands and game ranches where researchers lack automatic access, the association's involvement was vital to mapping the population. Members were motivated to complete surveys, record sightings, and collaborate to provide access for camera trapping.

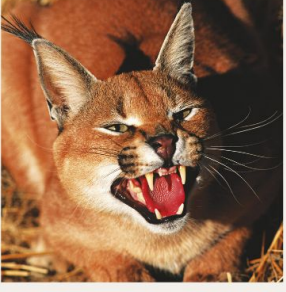
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Australia: Defence against apex predator to gain resource



Victoria's dingo problem is worsening. King Valley sheep producers have seen a record spate of dingo and wild dog attacks on livestock in recent weeks. Sheep have been attacked day and night in the southern parts of the North East region, with consistent numbers of dingoes and wild dogs preying on sheep.

The Victorian government agency is now recruiting four additional field officers to boost the existing 18 under its Vertebrate Species Management Program, to combat an estimated 4 900 dingoes in Victoria's high country.

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