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Fifteen years of using monitor farms in predation management

Predation specialist Niël Viljoen recently presented the report “Livestock and Predation Management – Monitor farms to assess management tools in support of predation management training in South Africa” to the PMSA Executive Committee.

This report gives feedback on the findings and results formulated over the past 15 years, since the start of the project in 2008. It is the longest continuous predator research and monitored project in South African history.

It is important for adaptive management skills to be supported by a toolbox of available methods. Call-and-shoot of damage-causing predators was directly influenced by above-average wet conditions, as in 2022. This, again, confirms the importance of every control method – lethal and non-lethal – having a legitimate and valuable place in the toolbox of management approaches.

Long-term results recorded on monitor farms is important to inform and update predation management training provided to livestock managers, owners, and farmworkers. Training and improving the skills and knowledge of those taking part in the responsible predation management programme also supports sustainable production practices.

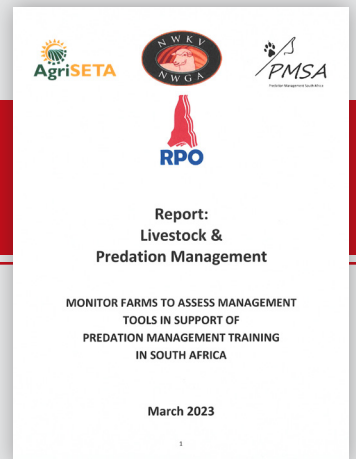
These practices are audited and certified as required conditions contained in the Sustainable Cape Wools Standard. Certified wool from these farms is recognised internationally and improves the demand for wool produced in South Africa under this certification, resulting in higher wool prices for the producer.

The financial support contributes significantly towards improving the knowledge base on responsible predation management, and the skills and knowledge of livestock managers and owners participating in the training initiative. Monitor farms were selected to represent the most important extensive farming areas in South Africa, where livestock losses are a serious threat to rural livelihoods and food security. Livestock losses in South Africa are estimated to be more than R2 billion per annum. The following organisations are hereby recognised and thanked for their financial contribution towards the programme:

- AgriSETA
- All 27 monitor farms, farmers, managers, and their co-workers
- Communal monitor farm at Mount Fletcher
- Red Meat Producers’ Organisation of SA (RPO)
- National Woolgrowers’ Association of SA (NWGA)
(Eastern Cape and communal branches)
- Predation Management South Africa (PMSA)

Click here to read the report:

https://www.pmfsa.co.za/images/news/Report_PMSA.pdf



Cape Leopard Trust gee advies oor veeverliese

Die Cape Leopard Trust is 'n nieregeringsorganisasie wat spesifiek kyk na luiperdbewaring in die Wes-Kaap. Hulle gesels met *Landbou Radio* oor hulle samewerking met boere, indien hulle veeverliese as gevolg van 'n luiperd sou ervaar.



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Noord-Kaap predasieforum maak planne!

Die Noord-Kaap Predasieforum was sedert COVID-19 onaktief, maar het met entoesiasme hulle eerste amptelike vergadering by die NWKV-kantoor in Carnarvon gehou.

Theroux Kemp, voorsitter PMF NK, Dawie Botha, NWKV produksieadviseur, Johannes Human en Julize Volschenk, beide van RPO NK, is die bestuurspan wat die forum gaan dryf. Die forum se doelwitte vir die jaar is vasgestel om daardeur aan die behoefte van produsente te voldoen. Dit sluit in:

- die beskikbaarheid van geakkrediteerde instrukteurs om predasieopleiding te verskaf; en
- om 'n groter poel van professioneel geakkrediteerde jagters beskikbaar te hê – nagskiet- en voetjagters in besonder.



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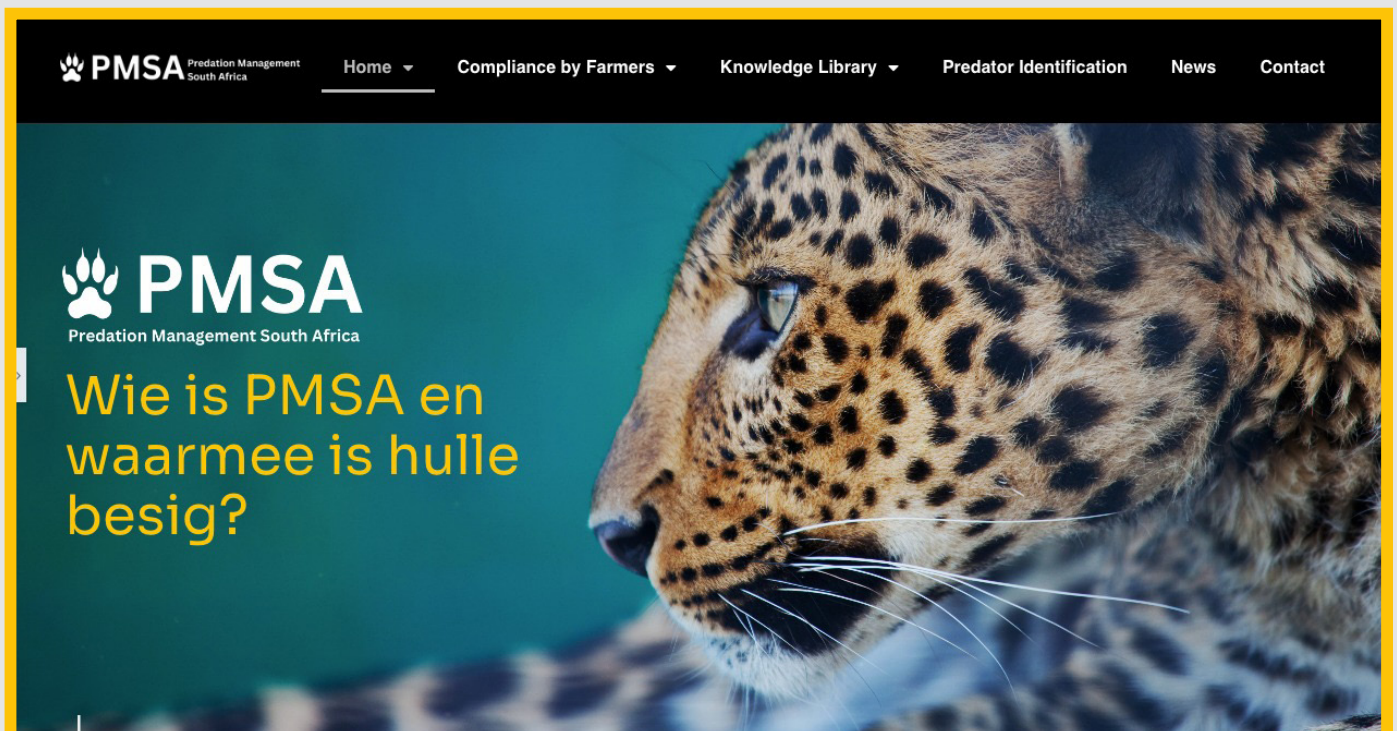
Die betrokkenheid van noodsaaklike rolspelers is geïdentifiseer om daardeur 'n positiewe uitkoms en benadering tot voordeel van beide produsent en natuur te bewerkstellig.

'n Behoeftebepaling gaan binne die volgende ses maande onder produsente gedoen word om probleemareas te identifiseer en potensiele kandidate vir die evaluering vir akkreditasie van beroepsjagters en instrukteurs te identifiseer.

Die Forum se uitgangspunt is om roofdierverliese te verminder, die produksiepotensiaal te verhoog, en sodoende volhoubare boerderypraktyke te verseker. Die lede is optimisties oor die beoogde samewerking tussen organisasies om beter predasiebestuur vir boere in die Noord-Kaap te bewerkstellig.

NEW PMSA WEBSITE IN DEVELOPMENT

Watch this space for new PMSA website!



Predation by domestic dogs



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Because of the difficulty in determining which predator species are responsible for killing livestock, it is important to identify which signs and killing patterns are specific to particular species, allowing for a more accurate diagnosis of the problem. Tooth puncture patterns on carcasses, together with other killing and feeding signs, are useful in attempts to identify the responsible predator species.

The Predation Management Centre (PMC), which operates under the Faculty of Natural & Agricultural Sciences at the University of the Free State, provides information leaflets on damage-causing stray dogs, which can assist in identifying attacks on livestock by domestic dogs.

Click here for leaflet "Hunting technique and feeding signs of domestic dogs".

<https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/03-vagrant-dogs.pdf>



and click here for a list of literature consulted to compile this leaflet https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/bibliography_vagrant-dog-leaflets

For further information, contact the Predation Management Centre (PMC) through their website <https://www.ufs.ac.za/pmc>, or email PredationMC@ufs.ac.za





Deel u bestuurs- praktyk met ons!

Daar is menige boere wat predatore doeltreffend bestuur en daarom wil ons graag sulke suksesstories aanhoor en deel met medeboere. U geslaagde bestuurspraktyk sal in die maandelikse PMF- nuusbrieff verskyn en ook op die webtuiste geplaas word. Skakel Bonita Francis by (041) 365 5030 of per e-pos by nwga@nwga.co.za.



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