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## WRSA and PHASA secure withdrawal of new tops regulations

Wildlife Ranching South Africa (WRSA) and the Professional Hunters Association of South Africa (PHASA) brought an urgent application in the High Court for the new threatened or protected species (TOPS) regulations and lists to be withdrawn. They had been promulgated by the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment on 3 February 2023.

The Minister confirmed that the new TOPS Regulations and TOPS Lists would not be coming into effect on 1 April 2023. They were formally withdrawn after a settlement concluded between the parties the night before the matter was to be heard in the urgent court. The Minister has also agreed to pay the costs of the application.

In an interview, WRSA CEO Richard York joined eNews Channel Africa's Gareth Edwards on 9 April 2023 to clarify the reasons for WRSA and PHASA opposing the legislation.

View the interview here: <https://www.wrsa.co.za/2023/04/11/wrsa-on-enca-with-gareth-edwards-wrsa-clarifies-revised-tops-regulations-2023-position/>



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WILDLIFE RANCHING SA

**PHASA**  
Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa

*Revised*  
**TOPS Regulations** **2023**

**WITHDRAWN**  
**AFTER LEGAL ACTION**

## "Battle of the bullets" info-dag

SA Jagters- en Wildbewaringsvereniging (SAJWV), 'n lid van PMSA, het 'n suksesvolle inligtingsdag by Royal Karoo Safari's buite Steytlerville gehou. Die doel was om in vennootskap met verskeie verenigings en bewaringsagentskappe, bewustheid oor die verskil tussen loodgebaseerde en alternatiewe ammunisie te kweek.

Volgens Lizanne Nel, Bestuurder: Bewaring, was die inligtingsdag (die tweede van 'n reeks) 'n reusesukses. Dit is deur die SA Jagters en Wildbewaringsvereniging, EWT, Blue Ballistics en plaaslike grondeienaars gereël. Jagters en grondeienaars het inligting ontvang oor die nadele van loodammunisie vir mense en wild asook die voordele van nie-lood alternatiewe monometalaammunisie. Hulle het ook die geleentheid gekry om op die skietbaan eerstehands te ervaar hoe effektief en akkuraat verskeie soorte alternatiewe ammunisie is. Ballistics en Impala was ook die dag daar. Die plek vir die inligtingsdag is gekies omdat Rob Birch van Royal Karoo Safari's die besluit geneem het om hulle totale operasie loodvry te maak, wat tot voordeel van roofvoëls en aasdiere is. Hulle wil veilige wildsvleis sonder loodfragmente beskikbaar maak en meer omgewingsvriendelik en volhoubaar wees.



# Livestock and predation management

Predation specialist Niël Viljoen released the Livestock and Predation Management Report, in which management tools in support of predation management training in South Africa are assessed on monitor farms.

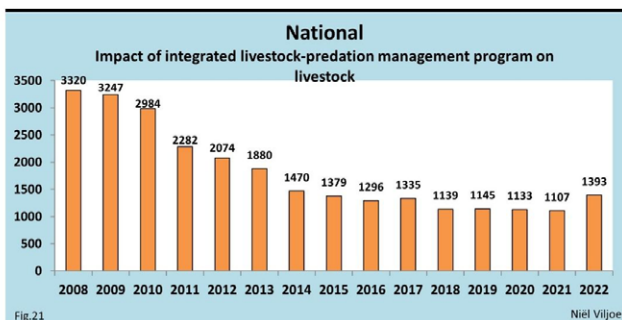
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## Past 15 years of intensive predation management is clearly visible.

In 2008, total number of losses on all monitor farms was 3 320, but were reduced over 15 year period to 1 393 in 2022, indicating a decline of 1 927 less losses or an improvement of 58%



### Why increase in losses during 2022 ?

Notable is the number of livestock losses from 2018 - 2021, where management strategies seemed to have a constant positive outcome, then followed the increase in livestock losses during 2022 due to extreme weather conditions with more than average rainfall influencing the effectiveness of certain control methods.

This involved especially lethal control by means of trapping cages, leg hold devices and the most trustworthy and widely used, call and shoot.



results over the past 15 years

## LIVESTOCK LOSSES

Livestock & Predation Management Report by Niël Viljoen  
Monitor farms to assess management tools in support of predation management training in SA

# Caracal management



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CENTRE (PMC)

The Predation Management Centre (PMC), which operates under the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the University of the Free State, provides information leaflets on predation management.

This month, the focus is on the caracal, describing some of the most common methods (non-lethal and lethal) to reduce predation losses. The best results can be obtained by combining methods or using different combinations at different times of the year. This will depend on the terrain, prevailing environmental conditions, and the cost of the methods, among others. The updated leaflet, "Caracal Management", is available here:

[https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/02\\_04\\_2-caracal-management\\_newlogo.pdf](https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/02_04_2-caracal-management_newlogo.pdf)

Contact the Predation Management Centre (PMC) through their website <https://www.ufs.ac.za/pmc>, or email [PredationMC@ufs.ac.za](mailto:PredationMC@ufs.ac.za) for more information on the methods described here or specialists in the field of predator control.





## 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](mailto:nwga@nwga.co.za).



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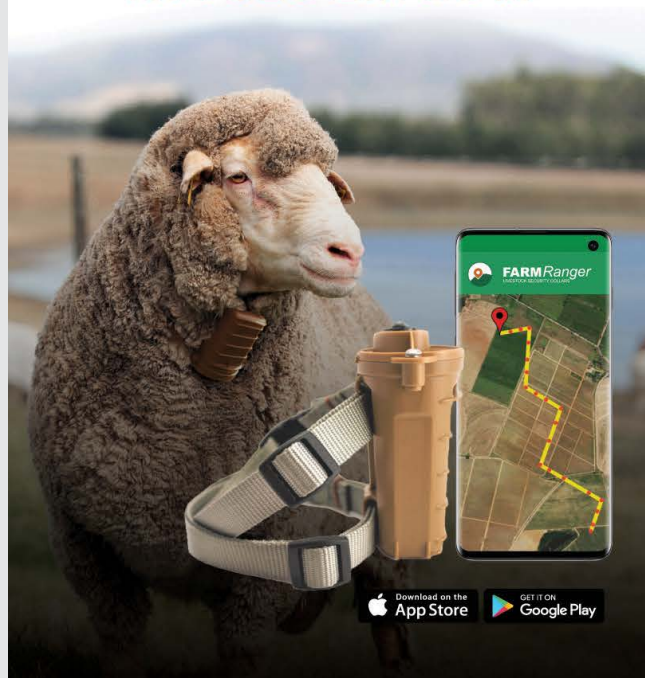


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