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Progress with scientific assessment

Project manager Prof. Dave Balfour gives an update on the progress made with the planned scientific assessment on livestock predation in South Africa:

- The PredSA website is fully up and running and you are welcome to visit it at <http://predsa.nmmu.ac.za/>.
- Lead authors (LAs) have been approached and a full complement of approved authors have been lined up.
- The first lead author workshop was held in November. It was very successful with all but one of the LAs being present (Dr Jane Turpie had Walter van Niekerk stand in for her). The team had the opportunity to get to know each other, to understand the inner workings of a scientific assessment and to make a first attempt at defining their chapters. This first, tentative attempt is called the Zero Order Draft.
- Prof. Balfour consulted with state veterinarians, NGOs, agriculturalists and academics to establish an approach that would ensure that they will be able to consult with the communities concerned.
- Following the request from the project custodian group (PCG) to ensure the realisation of both the representivity and the learning opportunity imperatives of this project, Prof. Balfour approached 12 black candidate authors and secured their participation.
- A scientific commentary paper was drafted and submitted to the *South African Journal of Science* explaining the PredSA project and what it hopes to achieve – all the LAs contributed to this manuscript. Early indications are that the paper could be published in April 2017.



Predation research projects

The Red Meat Research and Development Trust (RMRD) manages the following research projects:

Project name	Researcher
Scientific assessment: Stock predation	Prof. Graham Kerley
Impact of predation on wildlife	Prof. HO de Waal
Jackal ecology on reserves and farms	Prof. Graham Kerley
Guard animals for predator control	Prof. Gareth Bath
Karoo Predator Project	Prof. Beatrice Conradie
Management of problem-causing animals	Dr Louis du Pisani
PMF Website	Leon de Beer



Wat sê die wet oor jag met honde?

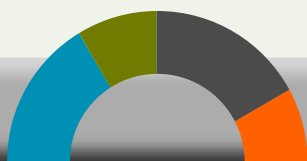


Agri SA se regs- en beleidsadviseur Annelize Crosby is deur die RPO versoek om 'n uiteensetting te verstrek van die regsposisie met betrekking tot die jag met honde. Sy is ook gevra oor die remediërende stappe wat tot die beskikking is van landbouers op wie se plase onwettig gejag word.

Die stappe wat tot die beskikking is van vee- of wildboere wat skade ly as gevolg van rondloperhonde, is die volgende:

- Die lê van klagtes van betreding;
- die lê van klagtes van wreedheid teenoor diere ingevolge die Wet op Dierebeskerming (Wet 71 van 1962);
- die lê van klagtes ingevolge die Wet op Veediefstal (Wet 57 van 1959) of die Wet op Wilddiefstal (Wet 105 van 1991);
- die lê van klagtes ingevolge natuurbewaringsordonnansies;
- die lê van 'n klag ingevolge die betrokke munisipale regulasies, sodat die munisipaliteit kan optree;
- die instel van 'n skadevergoedingsaksie teen die eenaar van die hond indien die eenaar bekend is. Dit kan geskied óf op die basis van nalatigheid óf skuldlose aanspreeklikheid waar daar aan die vereistes van die *actio de pauperie*, of te wel die skade wat deur diere veroorsaak word, voldoen word; en
- die skiet van die honde in 'n situasie van noodweer.

Crosby se omvattende verslag is op die PMF-webtuiste te vinde: <http://bit.ly/2huGX25>



Stuur inligting

U word vriendelik versoek om enige inligting oor predasie, suksesvolle beheermetodes en interessante navorsing aan te stuur. Ons wil die jongste nuus hoor, asook enige aktiwiteite in u bedryf, en die datums waarop dit plaasvind. Wenke oor die voorkoming of bekamping van predasie, asook foto's, is welkom. Kontak Bonita by nwga@nwga.co.za.

