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# **Wildlife Economy Workshop: Background, goals, methods**

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# Why are we here? Context

Potential of wildlife ranching industry

Sustainable development: Conservation and development

History

PERC workshop, Bozeman, MT, July 26-29, 2015

**Wildlife Conservation, Trade, and Property Rights**

WRSA Workshop, Pretoria, March 22-23, 2016

**A Vision for a Coherent African Wildlife Industry**

# SAWAF

## Vision:

To drive a new wave of development and prosperity in Southern Africa through the sustainable use of its unique wildlife assets, by identifying and promoting actions that enhance landscape conservation and socio-economic benefits for all Southern African people.

## Mission:

To pursue the above vision through

- Collaboration between industry stakeholders and governments
- Use of scientifically-based information
- Education, partnerships and mentorship

# Four Workstreams

1. Collection of relevant data (economic and environmental)
2. Engagement with policy process (institutional analysis)
3. Building the business case / leadership
4. Getting the message out

Tensions & challenges:

International: Anti-use and trade lobby - Sustainable use

Local: Extensive / conservation - Intensive / farming

# Parallel processes

IUCN SULi

North America: Wild harvest initiative

IWRS / Earthmind

Norway: Reindeer herding

GEF, UN, other

SA government

DEA / SANBI / Green Economy

## Minister Molewa:

Wildlife ranching industry is

‘characterised by an interesting combination of agriculture, eco- tourism  
and conservation characteristics.’

‘We need to step up our efforts to utilise our biodiversity sustainably and economically to support livelihoods of all South Africans including present and future generations’

# The Biodiversity Economy of SA:

Encompasses the businesses and economic activities that either directly depend on biodiversity for their core business or that contribute to conservation of biodiversity through their activities

The **commercial wildlife** and the **bioprospecting** industries of South Africa provide **cornerstones**

& **focus** of this strategy.

Has not reached full potential - **unrecognised, underdeveloped and untransformed**

To achieve its full potential, we require a **strategic partnership** between the **state, private sector and communities**.

## Seven key objectives:

- Conservation of biodiversity and ecological infrastructure
- Sustainable use of indigenous resources
- Fair and equitable beneficiation
- Socio-economic sustainability
- Incentive driven compliance to regulation
- Ethical practices
- Improving quality and standards of products

## 10 Transformative enabling interventions for wildlife sector:

1. Lead collective ownership of BES (Wildlife Forum)
2. Streamline regulatory environment
3. Optimise Supporting Institutional Arrangements
4. Enhance Research and Development
5. Enhance Education, Skills and Capacity
6. Foster and support entrepreneurship
7. Marketing and public relations
8. Improve access to finance, raising levels of investment and increasing net exports
9. An economic transformation initiative
10. Advocacy for the Wildlife sector

# Conclusions:

Research and development currently insufficient

- research budgets are limited
- very little new data is collected
- research efforts are uncoordinated
- access to this research outputs are also limited

Official statistics and supporting research are required for:

- quantifying the relevant industry baselines
- appropriate target setting and short, medium and long term planning of a variety of intermediate objectives within the BES. Statistical and other research outputs are required also for quarterly monitoring, answering various policy questions and tracking trends.

First requirement: **develop a research strategy** for the wildlife sector: prioritise research requirements, identify existing research capacity and new capacity requirements, data and data sources and funding requirements.

# Workshop & broader goals

## Establish community of practice

- Interdisciplinary
- Within SA and region

Streamlined research agenda - info exchange - constructive relationship with industry

ID common goals and build bridges between sector and government through evidence-based policy

Bridge academic and practical gap

**What do we know, what do we not know, and how do we address this knowledge gap?**

**(using what methods and metrics?)**

# Workshop M/O

International and local input and exchange (intellectual and practical)

Build upon previous workshops

Fairly informal - discussion, input

Output:

- Six short working papers
- Research roadmap / workshop summary