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Questionnaire on predators on farms for doctoral research:

“Farming with predators”

Dear Producer

I am currently doing research through Stellenbosch University on the on the magnitude and possible solutions to farmer conflict with predators in Namibia. A similar survey by the RPO in South Africa showed that farmers in South Africa could be losing an estimated R 1 390 453 062.00 to predators. It seems thus as if current predator management approaches are not really effective and that we need to look at alternatives. Some conservation organizations think that farmers are exaggerating and that predators are not really a problem worth mentioning. The attached questionnaire is part of a process to determine the real costs of predators on farms and to find practical, long-term and cost-effective solutions. The more farmers filling it in, the more reliable the results will be and the better the solutions that can be found. The questionnaire can be filled in anonymously without mentioning of your own name or your farm’s name.

For those farmers who want to participate in further research (e.g. GPS collaring of predators on your farm to monitor their movements or by providing more details on your predation prevention methods) or to receive personal feedback on the progress of the project, there is space to fill in your contact details. ALL DATA WILL BE HANDLED AS CONFIDENTIAL and no details will be published without the express permission of the farmer.

The results will also first be sent to the participating farmers, before being published more widely.

This questionnaire is also available to download on the Internet at http://www.newdevelopment.co.za/FarmingPredator/boere.html or can be filled in online at http://www.surveyface.com/study/Farming-with-predators-survey-9699.php?l=y .

You can send the completed questionnaire to me at: P.O. Box 1755, Otjiwarongo, Namibia. E-mail: chavoux@gmail.com or call me at 081 312 4678 if there are any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Chavoux Luyt

*Contact details (Optional)

*Name (optional): _____ *Date: _____

*Farm name: _____ *Farm number(s): _____

*Telephone: _____ *E-mail: _____

Do you want to participate in further research? Yes: No:

Farm details (Please fill in everything unless marked as optional with a '*')

District: _____ *Farmers association: _____

How many years have you been on the farm? _____ Size of farm(s) (ha): _____

Type of farm: Cattle: Game: Trophy hunt: Small livestock: Mixed:

*Cattle fence (ha): _____ *Game fence (high): _____ *Game fence (non-jumping game): _____

*Jackal proof (ha): _____ *Electrified fencing (ha): _____

Are you a member of a conservancy? Yes: No:

If yes, does the conservancy function as expected? Yes: No:

* Conservancy Name: _____

Did you change any management practices since becoming a conservancy member?

Yes: No: If yes, what did you change? _____

Would you be willing to change your livestock type or breed if it led to less predator losses?

Definitely: Only if it has other advantages: No:

Why (not)? _____

Any game in game camps or game fenced areas? Yes: No:

What game occur on the farm and how many? How did the numbers change over the past 5 years?

Game numbers	Inside game fenced area	*Outside game fence	Increase:+ Decrease:- Same: =
Kudu			
Oryx			
Springbok			
Warthog			
Eland			
Steenbok (Many: >50; Some; Few: <10)			
Duiker (Many: >50; Some; Few: <10)			
Red Hartebeest			
Other (What?)			

Predators and predation losses

Which predators are found on your farm?

Predator	Seen (S) Track/Signs (T) Heard (H) None (N)	More (+) Fewer (-) Same (=) as 5 years ago	More (+) Fewer (-) Same (=) as last year
Leopard			
Cheetah			
Caracal			
Black Backed Jackal			
Brown Hyaena			
Spotted Hyaena			
Lion			
Wild Dog			
Other			

Did you lose livestock to predators in the past year? Yes: No:

Livestock losses in the past year	Definitely predator (Documented)				Suspected predator				Compared to 5 years ago: More (+), Less (-) or Same (=)
	Leopard	Cheetah	Caracal	Jackal	Leopard	Cheetah	Caracal	Jackal	
Cattle < 1 month									
Cattle 1-6 months									
Cattle 7-12 months									
Cattle > 12 months									
Sheep 0-6 months									
Sheep > 6 months									
Goats 0-6 months									
Goats > 6 months									
Other									

Did you remove predators from your farm in the past year? Yes: No:

How many predators removed	Leopards	Cheetahs	Caracals	Jackals	Other	Notes
Estimate (S) OR Documented (D)						
Hunt actively yourself						
Hunt with dogs						
Pay hunter						
Shoot when seen by chance						
Only hunt when livestock lost						
Gin traps & snares (e.g. "Doodslaners")						
Trap cages						
Poison						
Coyote getter						
Removed by conservationists						
Other? Describe						
Total removed						

Do you know what the extra costs are to prevent predation losses? No idea: Estimate:

Documented: N\$ _____

Would you be willing to change your farming methods if it led to less predation losses?

Yes: No: Why (not)? _____

Why do you prefer the methods you currently use to prevent predation losses?

Thank you for your time!

Please mail completed form to: Chavoux Luyt

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