



# Wildlife Commission 1

## WILDLIFE COMMISSION

Date: 26 March 2024

TIME : 14H00-16H00

Venue: Birchwood Conference Centre, Boksburg, Gauteng Province

EVENT THEME: COLLECTIVE ACTION FOR THRIVING NATURE AND PEOPLE

### 1. INTRODUCTION

Section 24 of the Constitution requires reasonable legislative and other measures be put in place to ensure that the environment is protected, for the benefit of present and future generations, including through promoting conservation and securing ecologically sustainable development and use of natural resources. The National Biodiversity Economy Strategy is one such measure, to ensure effective conservation and sustainable use of South Africa's biodiversity, and inclusive and equitable socio-economic development.

The White Paper on Conservation and Sustainable Use of South Africa's Biodiversity provides policy certainty and a strong policy base for biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, and equitable growth in the biodiversity economy sector. It serves as a policy guiding tool for government, private sector, non-government organizations, academia, researchers, industries, and communities to manage South Africa's biodiversity in a manner that promotes conservation, sustainable use, fair and equitable sharing of benefits, and transformation.

The National Biodiversity Economy Strategy (NBES) is developed to optimise biodiversity-based business potentials across the terrestrial, fresh water, estuarine, marine and coastal realms, and to contribute to economic growth with local beneficiation, job creation, poverty alleviation, and food security, whilst maintaining the ecological integrity of the biodiversity resource base, for thriving people and nature.



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## **GOAL 1:**

Consumptive use of Game from extensive wildlife systems at scale that drives transformation and expanded sustainable conservation compatible land-use.

## **IMPACT STATEMENT:**

This will increase the GDP contribution of consumptive use of game from extensive wildlife systems from R4.6 billion (2020) to R27.6 billion by 2036.

## **ACTIONS:**

- Increase the number of Big five animals available for fair-chase trophy hunting, especially in community owned areas and larger contiguous privately owned land.
- Formalise and expand sustainable recreational hunting, including for traditional use, especially into community owned areas.
- Formal, large-scale enterprises harvesting and processing game meat from extensive wildlife systems, including from substantial plains game on community owned land, growing the collective game meat industry.

## **2. OBJECTIVES**

- To facilitate technical discussions towards development of an inclusive programme of action or roadmap for the implementation of Goal 2 of the National Biodiversity Economy Strategy in line with the goals of the White Paper on Conservation and Sustainable Use of South Africa's Biodiversity.
- To explore Wildlife Sector's contribution to addressing poverty, unemployment, and inequality.

## **3. APPROACH AND PROGRAMME**

### **3.1 Approach**

- The session will start with an ice breaker led by the Facilitator for 10 minutes.
- The session will have two sets of panel discussions. The first panel will address "*Balancing Wildlife and the Economy*", and the second panel will address "*Creating Sustainable Wildlife Economy Community*" for 90 Minutes.
- This will be followed by a session for unpacking the key Actions/ Implementation Plan required using the remaining time.

### **3.2 Programme**

**Convenor:** Mr Khorommbi Matibe, Chief Director: Biodiversity Economy and Sustainable Use.

**Supported by:** Mrs Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni, Director: Wildlife Economy

**Facilitator: Ms Mickey Mama, Head of Department, Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism**

**Scriber: Dr Ernest Daemane (SANParks), Mpho Tjiane, Thomas Mbedzi and Tseleng Mabunda**

Time	Item	Responsibility
3 Min	Welcoming remarks	Facilitator
10 Min	Ice Breaker	Dr Sue Snyman: African Leadership University
45 Min	Panel 1 Discussion on “ <i>Balancing Wildlife and the Economy</i> ”, facilitated by Dr Sam Ferreira - SANParks	Mr Pieter Swart: Chairperson of Sustainable Use Coalition of Southern Africa Dr Francis Vorhies: Stellenbosch University <b>(virtually)</b> Dr Herbet Ntuli: University of Pretoria Mr Simon Mafela: Tshivhula Game Reserve Mr Cerin Maduray: World Wildlife Fund -South Africa Chief Livhuwani Matsila: Board Member of South African National Parks (SANParks)
	Questions and Answers	All
45 Min	Panel 2 Discussion on “ <i>Creating Sustainable Wildlife Economy Community</i> ”, facilitated by Dr Herbet Ntuli- University of Pretoria	Dr Wiseman Ndlovu - Stellenbosch University Mr Mzwanele Memani – Department of Small, Business Development (DBSD) Mr Jonathan Denga – North-West Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conservation and Tourism (DEDECT) Mr Ngcali Nomtshongwana – South Africa National Parks Ms Nomathemba Langa – Zdvedza Game Farm
	Questions and Answers	All
15 Min	Unpacking the key Actions required	Mrs Lactitia Tshitwamulomoni
2 min	Closure and vote of thanks.	Facilitator

#### 4. PROPOSED QUESTIONS

##### a) **Balancing Wildlife and the Economy**

The White paper seeks to create policy certainty and a strong policy base for biodiversity conservation, sustainable use, and equitable growth in the biodiversity economy.

- What are the available mechanisms to increase the number of animals including big five for trophy hunting, game meat production and other byproducts, especially in community-owned areas and privately owned land?

- How can the use of traditional regulations, economic incentives, or market-based policies be enhanced or harmonised to promote sustainable use of wildlife?
- How can the policies regulating the wildlife sector be strengthened to build confidence of the investor, consumer, and society as whole, that the product offered is sustainably sourced, safe, benefits the people and compliant with legislatively frameworks?

#### b) **Creating Sustainable Wildlife Economy Community**

The Wildlife Sector remains highly untransformed. The Government has been implementing programmes such as the Biodiversity Operation Phakisa in effort to ensure inclusive participation in the sector. The White Paper also calls for a required process of transformation of the sector, with sustainable nature-based access and benefit flows for equitable and inclusive socio-economic growth and development.

- How, as a collective, can we strengthen the support packages such as financial, business, infrastructure support and training etc offered to Previously Disadvantaged individuals and communities as means to facilitate their meaningful participation in mainstream economy?
- How can we expand sustainable hunting for traditional or subsistence use, especially from community-owned areas?
- How can we establish large scale enterprises for harvesting and processing game meat from extensive wildlife systems including value chains development, including from substantial plains game on community owned land, growing the collective game meat industry?
- What are the benefits and incentives for industry participation in the market-led voluntary Sustainability Standards and Certification Scheme for the Wildlife Economy Sector, which aim to recognize the contribution of the wildlife ranching sector to biodiversity conservation, as a driver of inclusive economic development in South Africa's rural districts?

### 5. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

**Immediate:** interventions to promote Wildlife Economy Sector.

**Medium-term:** 2030 interventions.

**Long-term:** 2050 intervention.

**Means of implementation:** Key interventions to be incorporated into the implementation plan of the White Paper.

### 6. TARGET AUDIENCE

- Wildlife Industries and Associations
- National and Provincial Departments
- NGOs

- Academia
- Research Institutions
- Traditional Leaders
- Traditional Health Practitioners
- CPAs
- Public Entities
- General stakeholders

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