

# ANNEXURE 10

**North West Province**



**Taking  
Pride in  
Our Heritage**

**POLICY ON THE DONATION OF GAME  
FROM NATURE RESERVES MANAGED  
BY THE NORTH WEST PARKS BOARD**

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### 3. ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

(CEO) Chief Executive Officer of the North West Parks Board

(MEC) Member of Executive Council responsible for North West Parks Board

(NWP) North West Province or any successor in title

(NEMA) National Environmental Management Act No.107 of 1998

(NWPB) North West Parks Board

(PFMA) Public Finance Management Act No. 1 of 1999

(DEA) National Department of Environmental Affairs

(DRDLR) Department of Rural Development and Land Reform

(NEMBA) National Environment Management Biodiversity Act

(SANParks) South African National Parks

(EMC) Ecological Management Committee

### 4. PREAMBLE

WHEREAS - The North West Parks Board (NWPB) is mandated with the conservation of biodiversity, and management of provincial nature reserves which host a diversity of habitats and species to ensure the long term survival and sustainable use of these species

WHEREAS – The NWPB promote efforts to conserve all species including those which are threatened with extinction through partnerships and collaborations with other conservation management authorities

WHEREAS – The NWPB must facilitate the development and support initiatives focused on economic growth and black economic empowerment

WHEREAS – The animals to be disposed of through the transformation mechanisms form part of biological assets of the Board and as such must be disposed of in terms of the PFMA with the consent of the accounting authority of the NWPB

WHEREAS – The NWPB generate income from the sale of excess animals to augment the infrastructure development and maintenance budget of nature reserves under its management



## 7. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This policy, except otherwise indicated is applicable in the North West Province. This policy will guide policy pronouncements and procedures all applications and proposals from all applicants for the donation of excess game in NWPB managed reserves.

The policy will also be used to guide policy pronouncements and procedures in relation to the ability to support conservation effort outside the province and international requests.

## 8. LEGAL MANDATE

### 8.1 Donation

- a) Donation of State assets such as game is primarily regulated in terms of the Public Finance Management Act No. 1 of 1999 (PFMA):
  - Section 38 (1.) (d) describes the Responsibilities associated with asset management
  - Section 76 1(k) (l) makes provision for regulations regarding the disposal and letting of assets
- b) According to the Treasury Regulations for Boards, trading entities, constitutional institutions and public entities of 2005 (issued in terms of the Public Finance Management Act (Act No. 1 of 1999), the following;
  - Regulation 10.1.1 The accounting officer of an institution must take full responsibility and ensure that proper control systems exist for assets and that
    - Stock levels are at an optimum and economical level.
  - Regulation 10.1.2 the accounting officer must ensure that processes (whether manual or electronic) and procedures are in place for the effective, efficient, economical and transparent use of the institution's assets.
  - Regulation 10.2.1 Disposal of movable assets must be at market-related value or by tender or auction, whichever is most advantageous to the state, unless determined otherwise by the relevant treasury.
  - Institutions must submit to the relevant treasury the reasons for and the conditions under which the gift or donation is offered or accepted.
- c) The National Environmental Management Act No. 108 of 1998 (NEMA) states in the pre-ambule that; The State must respect, protect, promote and fulfill the social, economic and environmental rights of everyone and strive to meet the basic needs of previously disadvantaged communities.



- h) Only high value species may be introduced into a captive intensive breeding system, prior separate approval process by the NWPB.
- i) Donation to DESERVING APPLICANTS's will be structured in such a way that one viable founder population per species will be donated.
- j) A maximum of 5 species per application will be considered for donation per annum subject to availability.
- k) Once the donated animals are loaded and delivered, the management of such animals as well as the associated risks is immediately transferred to the owner of the land. Ownership will however only be transferred as soon as the contract has expired, and such will be in line with the contents of the agreement/contract.
- l) Any mortality of plains game exceeding 5% of the original stock delivered should be investigated and a report submitted to the NWPB for further consideration. A post mortem for any mortality of animals classified as high value species should be conducted and a report submitted within 2 weeks of the mortality.

### 10.3 GENERAL QUALIFYING CRITERIA

- a) Only individuals or communities representing DESERVING APPLICANTS will qualify for the provisions of this policy.
- b) Credible Conservation Agencies, Governments and Educational Institutions may submit request for donation, which will be only approved in the discretion of the Board or Member of Executive Council responsible for the NWPB
- c) Donations may not lead to overstocking of applicants land.
- d) For transformation purposes, communal owned nature reserve/game farms will receive first priority;
- e) Second priority will be given to areas with a high conservation value.
- f) Areas suitable for game farming activities will receive 3<sup>rd</sup> priority.
- g) Applications from private BEE companies that are in partnership with DESERVING APPLICANTS's will also be considered.
- h) For DESERVING APPLICANTS and transformation purposes, only applications submitted on the prescribed application form (Annexure 2) will be considered, and only applications from within the North West Province will be entertained.
- i) The cut-off date for applications will be annually determined by the Chief Executive Officer of the NWPB.
- j) Applications in terms of sections 10.5, 10.6 and 10.7 will be considered on first come first serve basis, depending on the outcomes of the application evaluation process.
- k) Applicants must be land-owners or must be duly authorized by the landowner in writing before such an application will be considered.
- l) Applicants must demonstrate the necessary skills and management expertise to manage the species for which the application is made.
- m) The proposed area must meet the temporal and spatial requirements of the species applied for.
- n) The required infra-structure and equipment applicable to the species applied for must be in place.



#### **10.4.7 Natural distribution range**

Board may not donate game to areas where the species did not historically occur after a verification process of the habitat and area.

#### **10.4.8 Threats**

The Board would only consider the donation of game to DESERVING APPLICANTS's subject to a risk analysis (identified), being done prior to the donation.

#### **10.4.9 Veterinary requirements**

All veterinary requirements as stipulated in the "Animal Health Act (Act No. 7 of 2002)" Section 16 (3) must be adhered to.

#### **10.4.10 Capturing and conveyance**

The applicant must take full responsibility for capturing and conveyance of game donated. All capture and conveyance of animals must be done in line with best practice principles and in line with approvals by the NWPB. All permitting requirements must be adhered to by the applicant, in line with game movement, holding and capturing the permit regime in the North West Province

#### **10.4.11 Ecological Management Plan**

All successful applicants will submit a basic ecological management plan prior the consideration of the donation request. Failure to submit a basic management plan may lead to application not being considered.

#### **10.4.12 Staff requirements**

Applicants to the scheme should have previous experience in game farming and/or similar activities in the wildlife industry or have to have a partner with requisite qualifications in terms of providing such skill, or an access to available skills base in wildlife management.

#### **10.4.13. Financial stability**

Applicants should be financially capable of developing the basic infrastructure (fencing, roads and water provision) and demonstrate where the money will originate from (who will fund the development). Such must be attached to the application

#### **10.4.14. Security**

The applicant must have staff that will be patrolling the land and monitor game to ensure sufficient security and in case of certain high risk species a basic security plan for the project is needed and must be attached to the application.

#### **10.4.15. Skills & Experience**

An experienced person such as a trained and/or experienced game farm manager or ecologist must provide management advice if the applicant does not have sufficient



#### 10.4.21 Infrastructure requirements

##### a) Fencing

Identified land should be fenced with an adequate game fence, sufficient in height to effectively enclose the game considered for introduction. Such should be in line with gazetted provincial fencing standards

##### b) Water provision

Sufficient water provision for game is required, and it must be ensured that water will be available throughout the winter.

##### c) Offloading ramp

Where necessary an offloading ramp for the offloading of game must be available at the property which is applicable for the specific species and which conforms to the requirements set by the Board.

#### 10.4.22 Contents of contractual agreement

Except for all legal requirements to be contained in a contract the following aspects must be included in the contractual agreement with the successful applicant:

- The detailed specific roles and responsibilities of each party to the contract, which must clearly stipulate the risks carried by each party.
- A section on the commitment of the applicant to address all threats as identified in the compulsory threats analyses
- A section on the commitment to supply an approved management plan within one year after animals was received by the successful applicant.
- A comprehensive section on the rules of utilization of donated animals during the project process.
- A commitment to adhere to and abide by the monitoring program as compiled by NWP and also the management of such program
- Mentorship program where necessary
- The right of officials of NWPB to access the land
- And any other requirement as identified by the Board

#### 10.5 POLICY ITEMS APPLICABLE FOR DONATION TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND NON GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS.

10.5.1. As part of its international conservation mandate, the Board will support programmes and projects which seek to:

- 10.5.1.1. General Conservation of game and wildlife.
- 10.5.1.2. Gene Pool Enhancement Programme
- 10.5.1.3. Game Exchange Programmes

Such projects should be within national and international conservation strategies and standards in line with NEMBA.

10.5.2. The Board must make a recommendation to the MEC responsible regarding these type of donation

10.5.3. Provisions of paragraph 10.4 above are applicable and compulsory

interested party (i.e. church group, farmers union etc.) the level of the relationship with the Board will determine the extent of the donation

- Donation of carcasses for functions which have a direct bearing on the Boards operations or core objectives, i.e. conservation, tourism development or hospitality training will be considered.
- Provision for donation of carcasses will be made for in the annual harvesting quotas, and extra limital species

#### **10. 7. Permits**

- 10.7.1. All legal authorizations (permits) applicable to any phase of transportation, handling, holding and related requirements must be acquired before game is removed from the reserve managed by the Board.
- 10.7.2. Such permit must be readily available for inspection on request. All successful applicants would be responsible for obtaining all required permits from the Board, including all the permits from veterinary services.

### **CHAPTER 3**

#### **PROCEDURE FOR DONATIONS**

#### **11. NON – COMPLIANCE**

- (a) Non compliance to the provisions of this policy and associated procedures will result in a situation where applications/proposals for the donation not to be processed and completed.
- (b) In order to ensure compliance and transparency, due diligence must be given to the recording, reporting, administration, management and auditing of all donations of game made in terms of this policy.

#### **12. INCEPTION DATE**

This policy will take effect on the date on which it is approved by the Accounting Authority

#### **13. TERMINATION AND REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed annually after the date of inception.

#### **14. ENQUIRIES**

Enquiries regarding the content and implementation of this policy can be directed to the;



- In cases where an application will have met the criteria, the panel will then decide on the species and quantity to be donated based on the habitat suitability and size of the area and all other requirements

### 15.3 Approval Process

- The NWPB Chief Executive Officer may approve and attach, as addendums or appendices, any alterations or additions to this policy, as may be deemed appropriate.
- The approval of the applications will be done by the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Board and the MEC responsible or as may be determined by circumstances, where applicable and in line with delegation of authority.

| Level                              | Delegated Authority  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| MEC                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All national and international game donation transactions</li> <li>• All of the responsibilities of the Board of Directors, and Chief Executive Officer (for concurrence)</li> </ul>                                    |
| Board of Directors                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-provincial game donation</li> <li>• Live game with total value of more than R 1 million (using game sales standard fees)</li> <li>• Economic High Value Species</li> <li>• Rare and endangered species</li> </ul> |
| Chief Executive Officer            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live game with total value of up to R 1 million (using standard fees)</li> </ul>  |
| Chief Conservation Officer         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Live game with value of up to R 250 000</li> </ul>  |
| Manager: Protected Area Management | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carcasses of general plains game in terms of Section 10.6 of the policy</li> </ul>  |

### 15.5. Delegation of Authority

Where applicable, the MEC may delegate powers/authority to the Chief Executive Officer of the NWPB to fully execute provisions of this policy.

### 16. Review of this policy

- The terms and conditions of this policy may only be altered by approval of the NWP Chief Executive Officer as guided by the Board and or Member of Executive Council responsible for the NWPB.

19. Annexures

Annexure 1

List of common species available for donation for breeding purposes

| List of Species |                   |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Common name     |                   |
| 1.              | African Elephants |
| 2.              | Buffalo           |
| 3.              | Eland             |
| 4.              | Giraffe           |
| 5.              | Impala            |
| 6.              | Springbuck        |
| 7.              | Blue wildebeest   |
| 8.              | Black wildebeest  |
| 9.              | Red hartebeest    |
| 10.             | Warthogs          |
| 11.             | Burchell's Zebra  |
| 12.             | Gemsbok           |
| 13.             | Ostrich           |
| 14.             | Waterbuck         |
| 15.             | Blesbuck          |
| 16.             | Sable antelope    |
| 17.             | Tsessebe          |
| 18.             | Black Rhinoceros  |
| 19.             | White Rhinoceros  |
| 20.             | African Elephant  |
| 21.             | Lion              |
| 22.             | Cheetah           |
| 23.             | Spotted Hyena     |
| 24.             | Wild Dogs         |



**PARTICULARS OF LAND WHERE GAME IS TO BE INTRODUCED**

4. Location of land/ farm/s.

- Province .....
- District .....
- Municipality.....
- Nearest town and distance .....
- Direction from town (north, south, east, west) .....

5. Farm names .....

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6. Size of the land (hectares or kilometres wide and long) .....

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7. Topography

- What percentage or hectares of the land consists of:
  - ..... Mountains
  - ..... Hills
  - ..... Lightly undulating land (uneven landscapes but which are not steep and has gently sloping sides).
  - ..... Level plains

8. Provide a topographic map (if possible/available), showing boundaries 1:50 000.

9. Existing infrastructure in the land:

- Water provision for game: number and type (e.g. streams, earth dams, cattle troughs, game water holes);  
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- Fencing
  - Is the property fenced (mark with X) :
    - ..... No fence
    - ..... Partly fenced
  - What type of fence (mark with X):
    - ..... Cattle fence
    - ..... Game fence
    - ..... Electrified

- Other infra-structure  
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- Where will the money come from for salaries and the management and maintenance of the project .....
- .....
- Staff particulars
  - Who will take charge of the project .....
  - Who will be the manager of the land .....  
(provide a CV or describe his or her experience)
  - Numbers of staff to be appointed .....
  - .....
- Income generation  
How will income be generated from the project (mark with X)
- ..... Live sales
- ..... Hunting
- ..... Tourism
- ..... Venison sales
- ..... Income generation not important
- ..... Other

