



## **AN INTRODUCTION TO WRSA** **(WILDLIFE RANCHING SOUTH AFRICA)**

### **What is WRSA?**

As the name suggests, WRSA is a national organisation that represents the private person involved in the wildlife industry. There are 15 representative regional chambers within South Africa that report to a head office based in Pretoria. Each chamber has a chairman and a committee representing the respective area.

### **Who does WRSA represent?**

The members include landowners with an interest in game, game ranchers, professional hunters, hunting outfitters, taxidermists, game reserves, mixed farmers (cattle/game or sheep/game)

### **What is WRSA's objective?**

WRSA's objective is to ensure the long term sustainability of the wildlife industry in South Africa through representing the private sector, and thereby ensuring that the game rancher's rights are protected.

### **What is WRSA's current business?**

WRSA liaises with the Department of Environmental Affairs on a daily basis about all current issues in the game industry.

- New Legislation
- Permits
- WRSA attends to new legislation as well as amendments to current legislation that is applicable to the wildlife industry, e.g.:
  - TOPS (Threatened or Protected Species)
  - Alien or Invasive Species
  - Damage Causing Animals
  - Translocation Policy
  - Hunting Norms and Standards
  - Medicines Control Act (Schedule 5, 6 and 7 medicines)
  - Various provincial drafts and / or amendments
- Specialist breeder organisations within WRSA – Rhino, Buffalo, Sable, Bontebok

## **What are the benefits of joining WRSA?**

- Members receive regular e-mails containing current news in the wildlife industry
- Members receive a quarterly WRSA magazine
- Members are updated and informed regularly regarding stakeholder meetings, symposiums and conferences
- Members are represented nationally on various meetings and forums
- Members are represented on provincial level by means of regional chambers
- Members receive assistance with any queries pertaining to the Wildlife Industry
- WRSA facilitates cooperation between all stakeholders to ensure a coordinated approach when consulting with roll players
- WRSA ensures that the purpose and goals of wildlife ranching is maintained and achieved – protecting the long term economic sustainability of the industry

***The private sector of the wildlife industry needs to be represented to ensure that the industry is not over regulated, and to ensure that our rights are reserved at all times, thus promoting a long term sustainable industry.***