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A WORD FROM OUR CEO



Another month, another minister. Well, that's how it feels.

Over the past two years, our industry has become accustomed to change at the helm of the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. While new leadership inevitably brings uncertainty, it also presents an opportunity to build new relationships and continue constructive engagement on the issues that matter most to South Africa's wildlife sector.

On behalf of Wildlife Ranching South Africa (WRSA), I would like to congratulate Minister David Maynier on his appointment as Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment. Minister Maynier brings extensive experience in public administration, finance and governance to his new portfolio, and we look forward to engaging with him in the months ahead as we work towards practical, science-based solutions for wildlife conservation and sustainable wildlife use.

For WRSA, however, our focus remains unchanged. Governments may change and ministers may come and go, but our commitment to serving South Africa's wildlife, supporting rural livelihoods and promoting sustainable wildlife use remains steadfast.

This commitment is reflected in our continued engagement on behalf of our members. A good example is the ongoing work surrounding exemption permit (P3) applications in Limpopo. WRSA remains actively engaged with the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) to address the challenges experienced by wildlife ranchers. To date, we have raised 20 problematic applications with the Department, two of which have already been successfully resolved. I would like to thank every member who has taken the time to report permit delays and administrative difficulties. Your feedback strengthens our engagement with the Department and enables us to work towards practical solutions for the benefit of the entire industry.

As I write this, my bags are also nearly packed for Geneva, where I will be attending the 34th Meeting of the CITES Animals Committee with WRSA's valued partners of the Sustainable Use Coalition of Southern Africa (SUCo-SA). This important meeting brings together leading scientific and technical experts to consider issues relating to international wildlife trade, conservation and sustainable use. It provides an invaluable opportunity for WRSA to remain informed of international developments, strengthen relationships with key stakeholders, and ensure that the voice of South Africa's wildlife ranching sector is represented in discussions that may shape future policy.

As always, I remain encouraged by the passion and resilience of our members. Whether engaging with government, investing in conservation, supporting rural communities or advancing sustainable wildlife management, you continue to demonstrate why South Africa's wildlife ranching industry is recognised as a global leader.

Thank you for your continued support, dedication and belief in the future of our industry.

- Richard York, CEO WRSA

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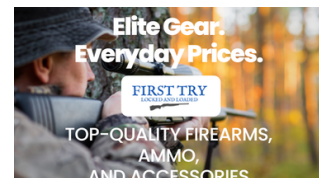


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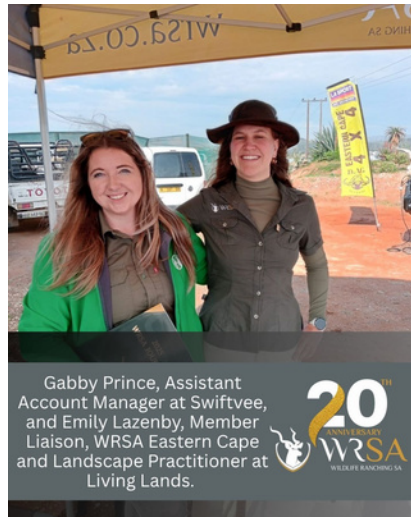
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KIRKWOOD WILDSFEES GAME AUCTION

27 JUNE 2026

The annual Kirkwood Game Auction has become one of South Africa's premier wildlife auctions, bringing together leading wildlife breeders, and wildlife ranchers from across the country. Hosted as part of the SPAR Kirkwood Wildsfees, the auction showcases the quality, diversity and conservation value of South Africa's wildlife industry.

WRSA is proud to be part of this iconic event. We enjoyed reconnecting with WRSA members who visited our stand while also meeting many wonderful new people.



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BLOODLINE AFRICA 2026 LIVE AUCTION

5 JUNE 2026

WRSA attended the Bloodline Africa 2026 Live Auction at Loft at Nine in Menlo Park, Pretoria, on 5 June 2026. The event provided an excellent opportunity to reconnect with long-standing WRSA members while also forging new relationships within South Africa's wildlife industry.

Bloodline Africa comprises of Crown Game Breeders, Dries Visser Pure-bred Game, Drinkpan Wild, Krynauw Boerdery, Matla Mamba Game Breeders and Ukujabula Game Breeders. Established in September 2014, the Group was founded with the shared vision of bringing exceptional wildlife genetics to the auction arena through an annual premier sale. Over the years, the auction has earned a reputation for showcasing high-quality animals from some of the country's leading game breeding operations.



From the left, Faan Bornman (Canovium) with Richard York (WRSA CEO).



From the left, Prof Hennie Bekker (Retired Professor, University of Pretoria) with Pieter Lamprecht (Crown Game Breeders).



From the left, Franco Joubert (North West Wildlife Traders, NWWT) with Sarah Forsyth (Kedar Heritage Lodge and WRSA Tourism Representative).



From the left, Malan Davey (WRSA Vice-chairman), Freddie Senekal (Bateleur Wildlife Services), and Ellalien Davey (Romaco Ranch).



From the left, Garth Saunders (WRSA board member), Colin Engelbrecht (WRSA Chairman), Doepie du Preez (Grootplaas presenter), and Pieter Lamprecht (Crown Game Breeders).



From the left, Anton Stroebel (Stefanutti Stocks), Colin Engelbrecht (WRSA Chairman) Gys Pitzer (Gys Pitzer Motoring WRSA sponsor).



From the left, Ankie Stroebel (WRSA Members Liaison and Events Coordination), Petra Pretorius (Buffalo Creek), and Brenda Roothman (Marius Roothman Boerdery).



From the left, Gys Pitzer (Gys Pitzer Motoring), Piet du Toit (Piet du Toit Wildbedryf), and Jaco Pretorius (Wildswinkel).



A packed house at the Bloodline Auction.





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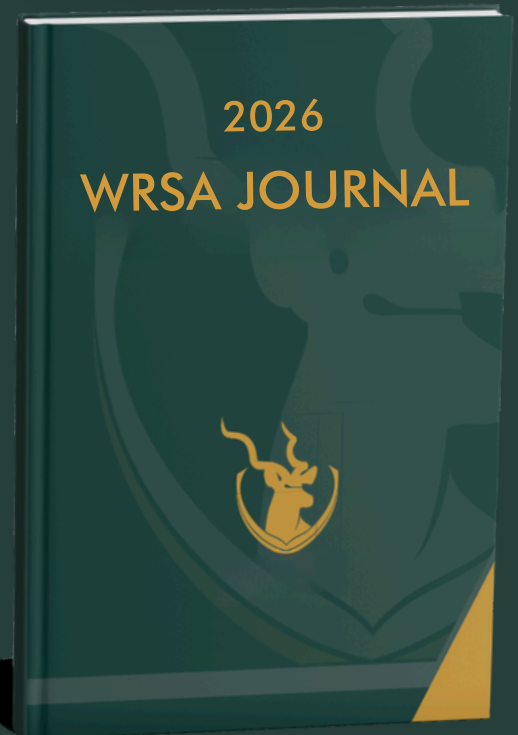
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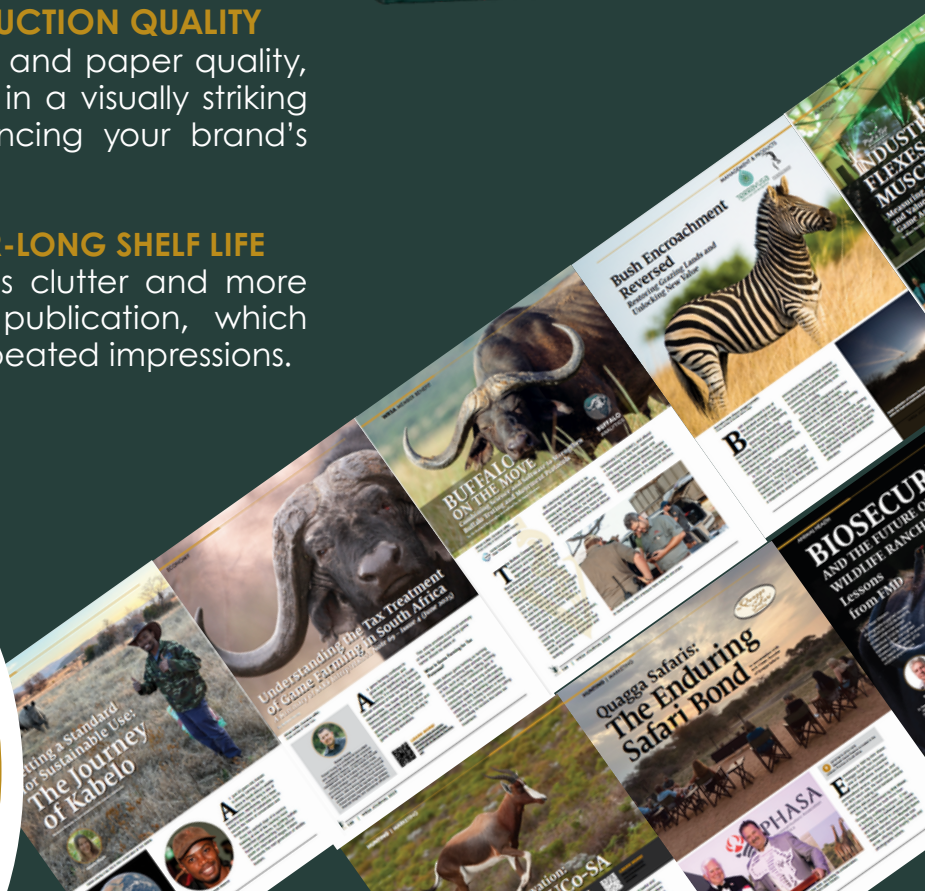
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LOCAL SCHOOL BENEFITS FROM CONSERVANCY GENEROSITY

BY EMILY LAZENBY, WRSA EASTERN CAPE EXCO AND MEMBER LIAISON

This is one of many projects undertaken by Zuuranys Conservancy. Among others, the Conservancy assists three farm schools within its 50 000 ha footprint.

Each year, Zuuranys Conservancy sets aside a portion of funds raised through hunting on member farms, and some of those funds go back into the community that shares this landscape. This year, local farm school, Zuuranys Primary, was the beneficiary.

Conservancy members donated good-quality stationery: pens, books, and supplies that these schools struggle to afford on their own. A mobile clinic also visited on the day: the Department of Health has been supporting the school community with routine mobile clinic visits, recognising the distances that have to be travelled for medical care in these rural conservancy areas.

The school's gratitude was warmly expressed, and the commitment to an ongoing partnership was mutual. "Your donation has helped ease this burden and has brought great joy and relief to both the school management and the learners," said Janine du Plessis, Zuuranys Primary School's acting principal.

This is what a conservancy looks like in practice. Yes, they are built on a foundation of ecological stewardship – managing landscapes, species, and natural resources at scale. But healthy landscapes and healthy communities are not separate goals. When members organise as a conservancy, they choose to take responsibility not only for the land, but for the people who live and work within it. We look forward to seeing this partnership between Zuuranys Conservancy and its local schools continue to grow.



From left: Jaco Zietsman (Zuuranys Conservancy's Secretary), Janine du Plessis (Zuuranys Primary School's acting principal), Annelien Wagener (Zuuranys Primary School Administrator), Volla Verwey (Zuuranys Conservancy Chair), and Niel du Preez (Zuuranys Farmers Association Chair).



Lya Williams of Zuuranys Primary prepared a special lunch for the learners of Zuuranys Primary when they were visited by Zuuranys Conservancy representatives.



Shortly after Zuuranys Conservancy's visit Zuuranys Primary partook in Laerskool Stulting (Humansdorp)'s annual Art Festival where they received 5 gold awards. (Photo: Supplied by Zuuranys Primary)

Zuuranys Primêr



Contact numbers
0828657616/0824323041

Zuuranys Farm
Kareedouw
6400

29/12/2025

Dear Suuranys Bewaria,

On behalf of the School Management Team, educators, and learners of **Zuuranys Primary School**, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your generous donation of stationery to our farm school.

Your contribution has made a meaningful difference to our learners. Thanks to your kindness, our learners now have access to good-quality stationery that will last throughout the whole of **2026**. This support will greatly enhance teaching and learning, allowing our learners to focus on their schoolwork with confidence and pride.

As a farm school, Zuuranys Primary faces significant financial challenges, and we do not always have sufficient funds to provide enough or high-quality stationery for all our learners. Your donation has helped ease this burden and has brought great joy and relief to both the school management and the learners.

We truly appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. Your support will make a lasting impact on our school community, and we are deeply thankful for your commitment to education.

Once again, thank you for making a positive difference in the lives of our learners.

Yours sincerely,

Janine Anne du Plessis
Acting principal
Zuuranys Primary School



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PRIMARY
ZUURANYS FARM
KAREEDOUW
6400**

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE WRSA NABOOM RIG DAY 8 JULY 2026

WRSA Members are cordially invited to attend the next WRSA NABOOM RIG Information Day taking place at Romaco Ranch. A wide variety of topics ranging from economics to animal health to the latest industry news will all be covered during the day.

Please RSVP as soon as possible by contacting Ankie Stroebe (members@wrsa.co.za).


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Woensdag 08 | 07 | 2026 Tyd 08:30 vir 09:00

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PROGRAM EN SPREKERS

08:30 - 09:00	Registrasie
09:00 - 11:00	Wildrit
11:00 - 13:00	Spreekers
	- Wyand van Heerden Ekonomie & fondasie vir 'n volhoubare toekoms - Dr Louis Greeff - Richard York Bedryfsnuus
13:00	Middagete en kuier

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INFORMATION DAY

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 08 | 07 | 2026 Time 08:30 for 09:00

Venue
Romaco Ranch



PROGRAMME AND SPEAKERS

08:30 - 09:00	Registration
09:00 - 11:00	Game Drive
11:00 - 13:00	Speakers
	- Wyand van Heerden Economy & foundation for a sustainable future - Dr Louis Greeff - Richard York Industry Update
13:00	Lunch and socialising

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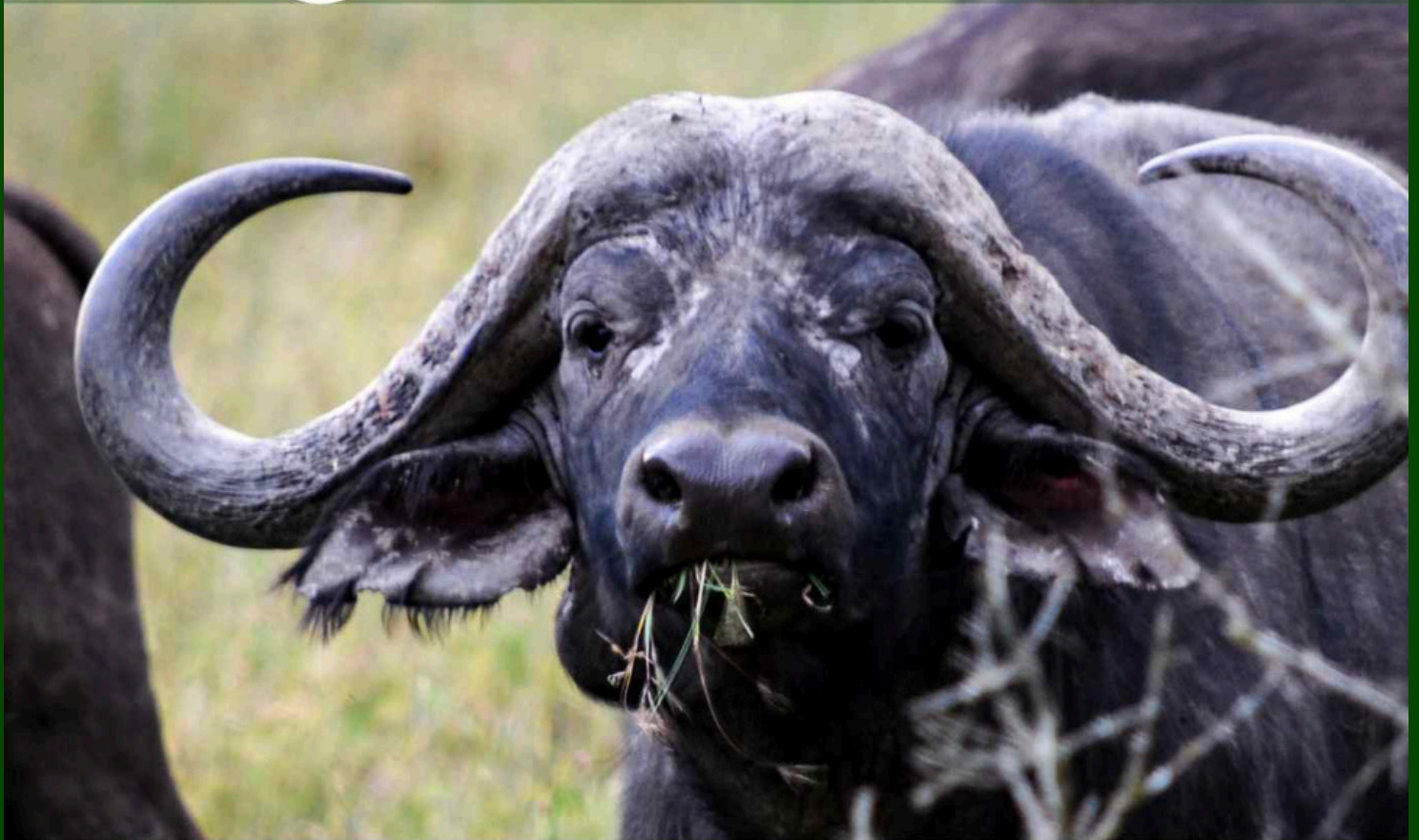
A new YouTube channel aimed at promoting WRSA's story and the activities of its members has been launched. Later in the year the channel will start releasing programs on a regular basis, but for now WRSA is actively trying to boost the channel's viewership to enable the film crew of Saturn Media House to continue the good work they are busy with.





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NEW TOURISM SAFETY OFFICERS GRADUATE IN NELSON MANDELA BAY

18 JUNE 2026



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The initiative forms part of the Nelson Mandela Bay Coastal Tourism Policing Initiative, a collaborative programme between the Nelson Mandela Bay Municipality, the Mandela Bay Development Agency (MBDA), the Tourism Business Council of South Africa (TBCSA), the South African Police Service (SAPS), Metro Police and local tourism stakeholders. The programme is funded through the Tourism Marketing South Africa (TOMSA) Collaborative Fund.

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN WILDLIFE SCIENCE

12 JUNE 2026

The Department of Animal, Wildlife and Grassland Sciences at the University of the Free State is inviting applications for a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Wildlife Science, Wildlife Management and Conservation Biology.

This competitive fellowship offers recent PhD graduates the opportunity to advance their research careers while contributing to internationally recognised projects focusing on African wildlife, sustainable rangeland management and evidence-based conservation. The successful candidate will also gain valuable teaching and postgraduate supervision experience as part of an active multidisciplinary research programme.

The fellowship is valued at R270,000 per year, with additional research support available, and is renewable annually for up to three years, subject to satisfactory performance.

Interested candidates are encouraged to review the full eligibility criteria and application requirements by following [this link](#).

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- Proficient in English and Afrikaans.
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POPULATION SURVEY REQUEST

22 MAY 2026

WRSA is calling on all members to take part in the National Black and White Rhino Population Survey.



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FOR RHINO CONSERVATION.

[LINK TO SURVEY](#)

WRSA ESCALATES LEDET P3 EXEMPTION PERMIT ISSUES

JUNE 2026

This month WRSA formally escalated its engagement with the Limpopo Department of Economic Development, Environment and Tourism (LEDET) following ongoing delays in the issuing of P3 Certificates of Exemption.

After several weeks of engagement with the department, WRSA submitted a legal letter to the MEC calling on LEDET to issue all outstanding exemption permits and rectify errors within a reasonable timeframe to avoid further legal action. The correspondence included the reference numbers of affected members who approached WRSA for assistance.

Through this intervention, WRSA assisted 20 wildlife ranchers to receive their outstanding P3 Certificates of Exemption. WRSA has encouraged members to retain copies of all correspondence exchanged between the organisation and LEDET for future reference and to continue reporting any delays, refusals or permit-related challenges to the WRSA office.

Richard York, WRSA's CEO, thanked wildlife ranchers who brought the matter to WRSA's attention, saying their cooperation enabled the organisation to present a well-substantiated case to the Department. He added that WRSA's ability to protect the interests of wildlife ranchers depends on the strength of its mandate and encourages producers who are not yet members to join the organisation and strengthen the industry's collective voice.

WRSA reaffirmed its commitment to working constructively with government while protecting the rights and interests of South Africa's wildlife ranching sector.

* For any further information or membership support, ranchers are welcome to contact Ankie Stroebel on 082 441 1822 or send an email to admin@wrsa.co.za or ceo@wrsa.co.za.

DFFE INPUT REQUEST: DAMAGE CAUSING ANIMALS

2 JULY

The Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) has published Draft Guidelines for the Management of Damage-Causing Animals in South Africa for public comment. The proposed guidelines will influence how damage-causing animals are managed across the country and will have a significant impact on wildlife ranchers, livestock farmers and landowners in general.

WRSA is currently reviewing the draft and invite members to do the same before the end of the month.

Members can send their comments to dcaguidelines@dffe.gov.za by no later than close of business on 1 August 2026. Please copy WRSA in on any correspondence with the department by sending a message to *admin@wrsa.co.za.

For more information, members can contact Mr Mncedisi Cindi on 012 399 9495 or 066 282 4970 or mcindi@dffe.co.za.



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Baboons raid a tourist's car on the outskirts of Cape Town.

This picture was first published by CNN in 2023. It accompanied a piece entitled *How Cape Town is learning to live with baboons*. (PHOTO: Schalk van Zuydam/AP)



Upcoming Events

08/07/2026: Naboom RIG day Romaco Ranch

18/07/2026: Wildlife Legacy Live Online Auction

25/07/2026: WIRU Wildlife Services Timed Auction

01/08/2026: Classic Game Breeders Auction

01/08/2026: Jag en Wildskou

15/08/2026: Benchmark Game Breeders Auction

22/08/2026: Pymat Game Breeders Auction

05/09/2026: Stud Game Breeders Auction

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