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## Workshop paves way to appoint manager for predation

Guillau du Toit, chairman for the Predation Management Forum (PMF) released a media statement where he elaborated on a successful predation workshop. The aim was to develop a framework that will give direction to research and training/extension, which will be practical for all to support and actively engage and participate in.

The workshop, an initiative of the PMF and held at the Nelson Mandela University, Port Elizabeth, was well attended by tertiary institutions, predation specialists, national departments of government (DEA and DAFF) as well as provincial conservation authorities.

After being briefed on research projects conducted on predation management by tertiary institutions such as the Universities of Free State, Cape Town, Mpumalanga and Fort Hare, the Nelson Mandela University and UNISA, the facilitator, Dr John Purchase from AgBiz, was extremely concerned about the evidence that predation losses are increasing.

Hugh Campbell, General Manager for Hortgro Science, elaborated on the research model that the fruit industry uses for setting priorities, funding models, stakeholder involvement etc. as an example to be considered for predation research. He concluded by saying that the organisation is grower-focused and expert-based, addressing current and future challenges, and that all the processes begin and end with good communication. Sound communication with all stakeholders, including policymakers, was emphasised throughout the workshop.





What is essentially required is a formalised structure that will address the gaps in policy identified by producers, researchers (from the Scientific Assessment) and Government. New policy should ultimately address these environmental, societal and economic needs.

The steering committee of the PMF met the following day, where the recommendations and outcomes of the workshop were deliberated. A new constitution was adopted, paving the way for the forum to be registered as a legal entity.

Although each industry has its own structure in place to evaluate the merits of research projects, Prof. Graham Kerley of the Nelson Mandela University has been tasked to summarise the knowledge gaps as already identified in the *Livestock Predation and its Management in South Africa: A Scientific Assessment (PredSA)*.

Considering the new constitution and capacity within the new structure, the necessity for the appointment of a manager has become a priority. Responsibilities of such a position will include communication, training and policy issues.

PMF chairman, Guillau du Toit, is adamant that the appointment of a dedicated person is an absolute necessity to communicate essential elements such as research, policy and training to stakeholders, policymakers and producers. The findings of the Scientific Assessment, aimed at improved approaches for reducing livestock predation, while at the same time contributing to the conservation of our natural predators, will form the basis of a communication strategy for the new appointment.



## Stuur inligting

U word vriendelik versoek om enige inligting oor predasie, suksesvolle beheermetodes en interessante navorsing aan te stuur. Ons wil die jongste nuus hoor, asook enige aktiwiteite in u bedryf, en die datums waarop dit plaasvind. Wenke oor die voorkoming of bekamping van predasie, asook foto's, is welkom. Kontak Bonita by [nwga@nwga.co.za](mailto:nwga@nwga.co.za).





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