

Subject: Expression of need

To acquire and manage a system of national parks which represents the indigenous wildlife, vegetation, landscapes and significant cultural assets of South Africa for the pride and benefit of the nation.



South African
NATIONAL PARKS

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Subject matter: Expression of need: Tactical combat tracking training

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augrabies falls

bontebok

cape peninsula

The Kruger National Park (KNP) which is part of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park (GLTP) has become the frontline of the rhino poaching war, particularly across the international border between Mozambique and South Africa.

golden gate highlands

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In an attempt to better equip the men and women in the field tasked with the protection of our rhino, the KNP has been mandated to ensure that they receive the best possible training in hard skills which will assist them in addressing the current epidemic of illegal rhino poaching. One of the most valuable of these skills is the ability to track a person, over hostile terrain, and for extended periods of time.

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To this end, during 2013, a joint training initiative between the Southern African Wildlife (SAWC), and Counter Insurgency Tracker Training (CITT), resulted in the roll out of Phase 1 of the Tactical Tracking Training Strategy in the KNP. To date 245 of the Parks Field Rangers have been put through this programme with great success.

kruger

marakele

Phase 2 of this strategy is set to roll out in 2014 and will comprise the continuation of the initial preparation and assessment strategy for the remaining 240 field rangers yet to undergo the training. In addition, follow-up training for individuals who have an aptitude for tracking will be put in place.

mountain zebra

This strategy is a vital component in the holistic approach that the KNP has adopted to try and counter the current poaching scourge. The SAWC and CITT, as the training providers, have undertaken to try and help secure funding to ensure that Phase 2 of the tactical tracking training strategy rolls out in 2014.

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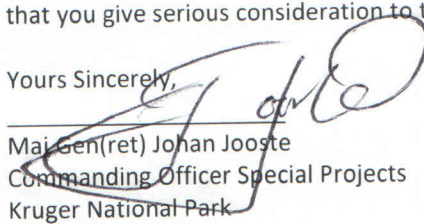
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I fully support these two organisations in their attempt to source the necessary funding for this programme which is fundamental to the KNP's success in tracking down the perpetrators in the rhino war. I would thus ask that you give serious consideration to the funding proposal that you find before you.

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Yours Sincerely,


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Date 13.09.13

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