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**RE: MAN TRACKING TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT**

Colin & Andreas,

I would like to thank you for the very meaningful man tracking training that you conducted for the Timbavati field rangers.

The title, Man Tracking, is however very limiting since the course provided the rangers with such a wide range of skills. I find the course to be holistic in its approach, covering a range of skills apart from actual tracking, most importantly being:

- Communication with OPS room (what to report, when and how)
- Tracking formation
- Use of GPS
- Compass bearing of shots heard
- Team approach to tracking

Even the "technological impaired" generation walked away understanding how to operate a GPS, which is extremely beneficial to field operations.

Every field ranger estimates their own ability to track highly, but after the course, they understand how the other facets trained make their tracking skills far more valuable in the fight against poaching.

I do think that this course should be adapted into an ongoing re-training format to ensure that skills are actually progressing and not regressing.

Thank you once again for your dedication and commitment.

Yours sincerely

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