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# Good Bye!



During the recent AGM, PMSA said goodbye to Gerhard Schutte (right on the photo) who served on the forum for nearly 15 years. Schutte, who retires in January 2024, was the mouthpiece of the red meat industry together with Willie Clack, vice chairman of the PMSA.

We wish Gerhard joy and happiness as he begins this new chapter in his life.

## Noord-Kaap het nie meer net jakkals en rooikat – nou ook kraaie en vlakvarke



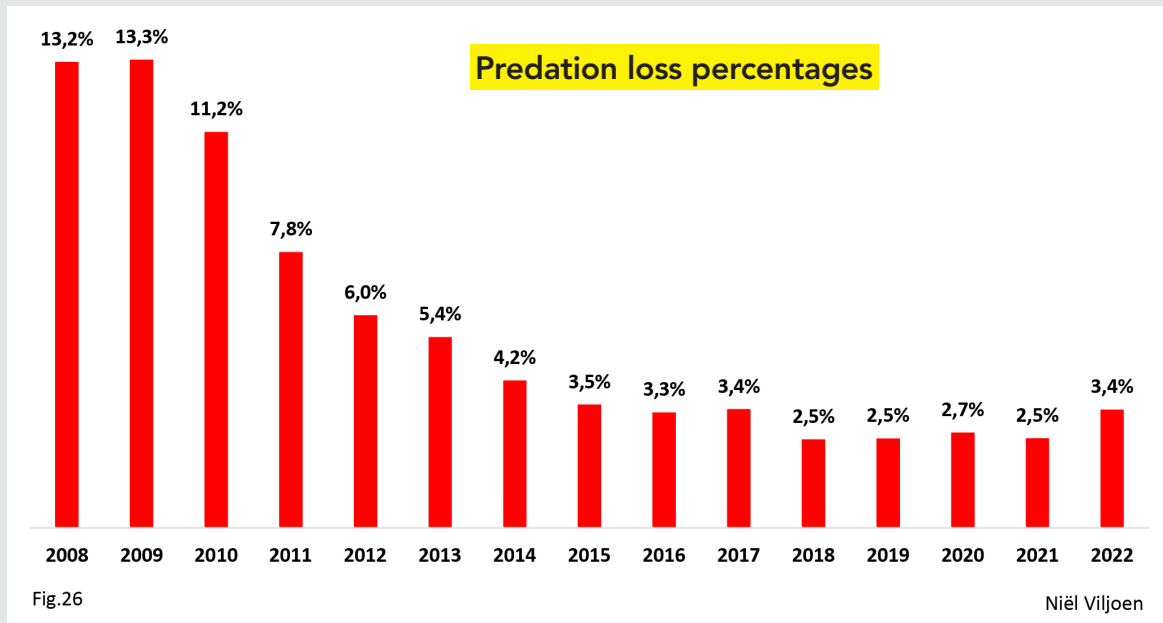
Tydens die jaarlikse Predasie Bestuursforumvergadering, het die Noord-Kaap PMF die toename in probleme met kraaie, veral in die lamseisoen, onder die aandag van die forum gebring. Daar was 'n groot aantal veeverliese, veral in dagoudlammers, en moedelse produsente soek na oplossings. Produsente het fotomateriaal verskaf en kraaie sal voortaan ook gelys word as predatore wat beheer moet word.

Die toename en verspreiding van vlakvarke is 'n verdere bekommernis, aangesien die vlakvarkpopulasie handuit ruk en geweldige probleme veroorsaak met die beskadiging van heinings wat opgerig is om predatore uit te hou. Veeverliese as gevolg van vlakvarke en ander wilde varke is ook aangeteken.



# Monitor farms show reduction in predation losses

Predation specialist Niël Viljoen has been monitoring farms since 2008 to assess management tools in support of predation management training in South Africa. In his latest report, "Livestock and Predation Management", he refers to a diagram that represents the reduction of livestock losses due to predation (see below).



With a total national average of livestock losses on monitor farms at 13,2% in 2008, results show how responsible livestock predation management programmes have positively affected these losses, assisting farmers to minimise losses to 3,4% in 2022.

This diagram is of critical importance and forms the backbone of the research and studies over the past decade, showing that predators and predation are certainly manageable.

Knowledge of predator behaviour, correct implementation of control methods, continuous training, updated skills, and an open-headed adaptive management outlook are key to almost guaranteed success.

Click here to read the full report

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# Managing jackal: corrective methods (lethal management)



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Updated leaflets, which detail some of the most popular methods for jackal control, are available on the Predation Management Centre (PMC) website. PMC runs under the Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences at the University of the Free State.

Farmers can use black-backed jackal control methods to reduce jackal populations or eliminate individuals causing livestock losses. They can get the best results when using different combinations of control (lethal) and preventive (non-lethal) predation management methods during different times of the year. As with preventive methods, choosing the control method will depend on, among others, terrain, prevailing environmental conditions, and the cost of the methods.

Click here for leaflet

[https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/01\\_05\\_2-managing-jackal--corrective\\_newlogo.pdf?Status=Master&sfvrsn=4d553420\\_3/](https://www.ufs.ac.za/docs/librariesprovider22/pmic-documents/01_05_2-managing-jackal--corrective_newlogo.pdf?Status=Master&sfvrsn=4d553420_3/)

The National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, 2004 (Act No. 10 of 2004) restricts the described methods and it is advisable to contact local conservation authorities when considering these methods.

Contact the PMC through their website <https://www.ufs.ac.za/pmc> or email [PredationMC@ufs.ac.za](mailto:PredationMC@ufs.ac.za) for more information on the methods described here or specialists in the field of predator control.





## Deel u bestuurs- praktyk met ons!

Daar is menige boere wat predatore doeltreffend bestuur en daarom wil ons graag sulke suksesstories aanhoor en deel met medeboere. U geslaagde bestuurspraktyk sal in die maandelikse PMF- nuusbrieff verskyn en ook op die webtuiste geplaas word. Skakel Bonita Francis by (041) 365 5030 of per e-pos by [nwga@nwga.co.za](mailto:nwga@nwga.co.za).



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