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***WILDLIFE ECONOMY PROGRAMME***

**Game Meat Processing Facility Plenary**

**Location: Bloemfontein**

**Venue: Elrido Lodge, Bloemfontein, South Africa.**

**Date: 03 - 05 June 2024**

**GAME MEAT PROCESSING FACILITY PLENARY**

In order to provide further post donation support and ensure active participation in the wildlife economy value chain by beneficiaries, SANParks is organizing a roundtable discussion for the development of the Xhariep Game Meat Processing Facility for game farmers around the Xhariep Region.

**The objectives of the Game Meat Processing Plenary are as follows:**

1. Discuss the possibilities of establishing a Game Meat Processing Facility in the region.
2. Identify and analyze current challenges and opportunities within the game meat industry.
3. Explore various ways of enhancing production, quality standards and marketing of game meat products.
4. Identifying possible strategic collaborations, business and partnership arrangements and funding mechanisms.
5. Developing action plans and next steps.

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**Arrival day: 03 July 2024**

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| **NO.** | **TIME** | **ITEM** | **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** |
| 1. | 15:00 – 19:00 | Arrival and Registrations | Nthabi and Mdu |
| 2. | 19:00 | Supper | Guest house |

**DAY 1: 04 July 2024**

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| **NO.** | **TIME** | **ITEM** | **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** |
| 1. | 07:00 – 08:00 | Breakfast | Guest House |
| **Program Director: Mr. Ngcali Nomtshongwana** | | | |
| 2. | 9.30 – 09:40 | Welcome and Opening | Mr. Ngcali Nomtshongwana (SANParks) |
| 3. | 09:20 – 09:40 | Introductions | All |
| 5. | 09:40 - 10:00 | Wildlife Economy Program | Mr Mdu Madida - SANParks |
| 6. | 10:00 – 10:20 | Game Meat Strategy | DFFE |
| 7. | 10:20 – 11:00 | Background about the Xhariep Game Meat Hub (AgriParks) | Mr Lefa Tlhapuletsa |
| 8. | 11:00 – 11:30 | Roundtable Discussion | All |
| **11h30-11h30** | | **TEA BREAK** |  |
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| 9. | 11:30 – 11:50 | Game meat processing opportunities | Dr Wiseman Ndlovu (Univ Stellenbosch) |
| 10. | 11:50 – 13:00 | Roundtable Discussion |  |
| **13:00 – 14:00** | | **Lunch** | **All** |
| 11. | 14:00 – 14:30 | Funding opportunities | Mr Lehlohonolo Thekiso (SEDA) |
| 12: | 14:30 – 15:00 | Questions |  |
| 13. | 15:00 – 15:30 | Roundtable Discussions | All |
| 14. | 15:30 – 16:00 | Summary and Reflections |  |

**Day 2: 05 July 2024**

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| **NO.** | **TIME** | **ITEM** | **RESPONSIBLE PERSON** |
|  | 07:00 – 08:30 | Breakfast | Guest house |
| **Program Director: Ngcali Nomtshongwana** | | | |
|  | 9:00 – 09:15 | Recap of day one |  |
|  | 09:15 – 09:45 | Xhariep Region Boer Goat Project | Ms Petunia Mthimkulu |
|  | 09:45 – 10:30 | Roundtable Discussion | All |
|  | 10:30-11:00 | **TEA BREAK** |  |
|  | 11:00 – 12:0 | Next Steps (Plan of action) | Mr N Nomtshongwana |