

CEPF SMALL GRANT FINAL PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

I. BASIC DATA

Organization Legal Name: South African National Parks

Project Title (as stated in the grant agreement): *Alternative Small Predator Management Techniques in the Succulent Karoo : Options to Conserve Biodiversity*

Implementation Partners for This Project: CEPF
 South African National Parks
 Kamiesberg Farmers Union
 Cheetah Conservation Fund

Project Dates: February 1, 2004- March 31, 2005

Date of Report (month/year): July 6, 2005

II. OPENING REMARKS

The Namaqua National Park Caracal Research Project was initiated in 2002 in an attempt to address the conflict between the Namaqua National Park and surrounding livestock farmers. The aim of the project was more to aid as a stepping stone to address this conflict situation rather than to come up with scientific data. As the project developed the emphasis shifted towards alternative management options for predators within Namaqualand.

III. NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

1. *What was the initial objective of this project?*
To contribute to the conservation of biodiversity and the functioning of ecosystems of the Succulent Karoo by implementing and promoting alternative predator management options.

2. *Did the objectives of your project change during implementation? If so, please explain why and how.*
No the project achieve what it set out to do.

3. *How was your project successful in achieving the expected objectives?*
 - There was buy-in of the seven farmers to implement alternative predator management methods and therefore contributed to the conservation of biodiversity
 - The project strengthen relationships with farmers relations
 - During the Flower Festival in Springbok a combined stand with the commercial farmers union were presenting the theme: Predator Management, Past, Present and Future emphasizing the benefits of the Anatolian Sheepdog project

4. *Did your team experience any disappointments or failures during implementation? If so, please explain and comment on how the team addressed these disappointments and/or failures.*

The project was extremely successful without any disappointments.

5. *Describe any positive or negative lessons learned from this project that would be useful to share with other organizations interested in implementing a similar project.*

Lessons learnt include:

- To keep regular contact with the sheepdog owners are essential
- Keeping to the prescribe handling manual of these dogs are necessary for effective implementation

6. *Describe any follow-up activities related to this project.*

- Park maintains regular contact and assist with advice were needed
- Follow-up on the condition of the dogs are made
- Results will be documented to enhance the predator management statistics

7. *Please provide any additional information to assist CEPF in understanding any other aspects of your completed project.*

The best predator management strategy is often an adaptive approach that monitors as many factors as possible, considers a full range of management techniques, continually appraises their effectiveness, and makes appropriate adjustments. The project resulted in a alternative predator management strategy for Namaqua National Park.

IV. ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Provide details of any additional donors who supported this project and any funding secured for the project as a result of the CEPF grant or success of the project.

Donor	Type of Funding*	Amount	Notes
N.A.			

****Additional funding should be reported using the following categories:***

- A** *Project co-financing (Other donors contribute to the direct costs of this CEPF project)*
- B** *Complementary funding (Other donors contribute to partner organizations that are working on a project linked with this CEPF project)*
- C** *Grantee and Partner leveraging (Other donors contribute to your organization or a partner organization as a direct result of successes with this CEPF project.)*
- D** *Regional/Portfolio leveraging (Other donors make large investments in a region because of CEPF investment or successes related to this project.)*

Provide details of whether this project will continue in the future and if so, how any additional funding already secured or fundraising plans will help ensure its sustainability.

V. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The project will continue through monitoring and maintaining the relationships with the farmers and Cheetah Conservation Fund. Implementation of this project has led to a wide spread interest to replicate this initiative amongst other Commercial Farming Unions within the Succulent Karoo.



VI. INFORMATION SHARING

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Yes
No

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