

## **EWT PREDATORS AND FARMERS BOOKLET**

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### **Booklet Abstract – July 2008**

In southern Africa, there are many species that have for a long time been labelled as “problem animals” or “vermin”. In the past, hatred towards those species developed to such a point, that all predators were believed to be a problem to livestock and humans and needed to be removed. This resulted in many predators, scavengers and other animals been irrationally and relentlessly persecuted and exterminated, with devastating impacts on the environment and its ecology. Unfortunately, many farmers today still hold this prejudiced view and continue to use undesirable methods when dealing with human-wildlife conflict. Times have changed, as has legislation; we have entered a new era of human-wildlife conflict management where an integrated or holistic approach towards solving these problems needs to replace old, outdated, prejudiced and unacceptable methods of dealing with conflicts. Conflict with predators is an inherent risk of animal husbandry and the intention of this booklet is to empower farmers by providing reliable, objective and useful information to resolve these conflicts by applying the best practices available and where ***prevention is the cure***.

**The EWT-WCPG is asking a donation of R30 per booklet (Including postage).**

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