

**Constitution of the**  
**Damage Causing Animal Forum.**  
**(DCA Forum)**  
**Mopani District**

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1. Introduction.  
It is the wish of the community in the Mopani District Municipality area to form and constitute a DCA Forum.
2. Objective.  
The DCA Forum will regulate, manage and control the damage caused by wild animals in the area by means of ;
  - 2.1. trans locating damage causing animals,
  - 2.2. hunting of the damage causing animals,
  - 2.3. destroying the damage causing animals.
  - 2.4. assisting the department in formulating policies, protocols and guidelines.
  - 2.5. providing help to the officials in the execution of their duties.
  - 2.6. policing the activities of any person to the full extent of the law.
3. Mission.  
With legislation as the primary guideline the DCA Forum will strengthen the hand of the officials and play an active role in the management of the “Damage Causing Animals”.
4. Vision.  
The DCA Forum want to see every incident dealt with in 5x calendar days, reducing damage to an absolute minimum. Saving lives, money and time.
5. Membership / Participation.
  - 5.1. Participation is open to any person in the area who actively wants to participate in the activities of the DCA Forum.
  - 5.2. The DCA Forum management can also appoint persons to assist with the activities of the DCA Forum.
  - 5.3. Participation fees will be determined in a public meeting from time to time.
6. Votes.
  - 6.1. Every person who can proof that they stay in the DCA Forum area;
    - 6.1.1. will have the right to vote.
    - 6.1.2. may suggest an amendment to the DCA Forum Constitution.
  - 6.2. The DCA Forum is a public forum and follows the principles of our democracy in South Africa.
  - 6.3. The votes will be counted in favour, or, against a suggestion and the majority rule of democracy will apply.

7. Management.
  - 7.1. The following positions will be voted for during a public meeting.
    - 7.1.1. Chairman.
    - 7.1.2. Vice Chairman.
    - 7.1.3. Secretary.
  - 7.2. Any person who will not be able to attend a public meeting may, in writing, make him or her selves available for election in the above positions.
  - 7.3. Any person may be voted for during his or her absence, provided that the absent person has given written notice to the DCA Forum that he or she is available for the above positions.
  
8. Financial Matters.
  - 8.1. The DCA Forum will be allowed to have a bank account and take money for services rendered.
  - 8.2. The money will used according to a departmental approved business plan.
  - 8.3. The business plan govern all funds collected by the DCA Forum for example;
    - 8.3.1. Damages Fund.
    - 8.3.2. Landowner Fund.
    - 8.3.3. Administration Fund.
    - 8.3.4. Professional Hunter Fund.
    - 8.3.5. BEE Fund.
    - 8.3.6. Marketing Fund.
  - 8.4. The business plan is formulated on a percentage basis of every animal trans located or harvested. This would include all money collected for a DCA incident.
  - 8.5. If the action plans of the DCA forum is amended the DCA Forum will still have the right to collect money and distribute the money on a business plan.
  - 8.6. The above mentioned funds can be changed from time to time on a public meeting.
  - 8.7. The percentages and formulations of fund for the business plan can be changed in a public meeting.
  
9. Office and contact numbers.
  - 9.1. Official office at Selati Game Ranch.
  - 9.2. Fax: 015 318 4421
  - 9.3. Email: [info@dcaforum.org.za](mailto:info@dcaforum.org.za)
  - 9.4. Internet domain: [www.dcaforum.org.za](http://www.dcaforum.org.za)
  
10. Legislation.
  - 10.1. LEMA 2003.
  - 10.2. DCA Policy.
  - 10.3. Letter dated 19-July-2005 of the Senior Manager Hunting Regulations addressed to Mr. Werner Booysen.

11. Mandate.

The following mandates was given to Mr. Werner Booysen in establishing the DCA Forum.

- 11.1. “Leydsdorp Boerevereniging”.
- 11.2. “Swartwitpens Studiegroep”.
- 11.3. “Groot Letaba Seekoei Bewaringskomitee”.

12. DCA Forum made available;

to the public during an information and feedback meeting on Thursday, 21-Jul-2005 at Leydsdorp Farmers Hall, Mopani district, Limpopo Province.

13. Public Participation and Transparency.

- 13.1. The DCA Forum is not based on a specific racial group. The DCA Forum is open to all interested and affected parties.
- 13.2. The activities of the DCA Forum will be publicly advertised in the newspapers and the internet domain [www.dcaforum.org.za](http://www.dcaforum.org.za)
- 13.3. The DCA Forum will represent the poorest of the poor, and convey their message in a structured and organized manner to our decision makers.
- 13.4. The DCA Forum will work towards a “no cost” reporting system to enable the poorest of the poor to report an incident.
- 13.5. The DCA Forum will keep records of all financial statements.
- 13.6. The DCA Forum will keep records of Professional Hunters operating with the DCA Forum.
- 13.7. The DCA Forum will advertise the Authorization Letters received to trans locate or hunt damage causing animals to;
  - 13.7.1. PHASA
  - 13.7.2. SCI
  - 13.7.3. SA Hunters Association
  - 13.7.4. Trans locaters known by the department
  - 13.7.5. All interested and affected parties registered with the DCA Forum.
- 13.8. The DCA Forum will keep records of hunters participating in the activities of the DCA Forum.
- 13.9. The DCA Forum will have the right to assist the department in other areas than Mopani district.
- 13.10. It is the wish of the DCA Forum to educate the community about the environment and to create a sustainable utilisation program amongst all South Africans.
- 13.11. It is the wish of the DCA Forum to assist any HDI or PDI in his or her education and training process.
- 13.12. The DCA Forum acknowledges the transformation processes of our government and will operate accordingly.
- 13.13. The DCA Forum will work to create a safer environment for all South Africans.

14. Legal action.

- 14.1. The DCA Forum will work in close cooperation with the department to ensure that all operators are legal and ethical in their conduct.
- 14.2. No person or entity who has been convicted of a crime concerning the environment or a violent crime involving any form of weapon will be allowed to hunt a damage causing animal.
- 14.3. The DCA Forum will make available the names and relevant details of any person to the authorities, who is acting in a unethical or corrupt manner.

15. Amendments.

The above mentioned paragraphs may be amended or deleted as required from time to time.

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*You are welcome to submit comment to:*

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