



# MEAT NATURALLY: RESTORING LANDSCAPES and LIVELIHOODS

LEARNING EXCHANGE IN MATATIELE - 16 & 17 MAY 2017

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

### TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY - SHELL GARAGE CONFERENCE ROOM, MATATIELE

- 09:00 WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS (*Joyce Loza, MDTP*)
- 09:30 OUTLINE OF THE MODEL FRAMEWORK: (*Nicky McLeod, ERS*)
- what it is and does – benefits and sustainability, & how it emerged through collaboration
  - key elements – social/governance, technical, agreements and incentives, external factors
  - using the model as a guiding framework for different scenarios
- 10:00 SOCIAL ISSUES: (*Mme Sissie Matela, ERS*)
- mobilisation of stakeholders
  - governance & leadership buy-in
- 10:30 TECHNICAL ELEMENTS: (*Gerbrand Nel, Meat Naturally Pty*)
- good livestock husbandry and animal improvement
  - veld management and restoration
  - auctions and markets
- 11:00 TEA BREAK
- 11:30 AGREEMENTS AND INCENTIVES: (*Rosie Stanway, Conservation SA*)
- basis of conservation agreements & types of incentives
  - markets and sustainability
- 12:00 QUESTION AND DISCUSSION SESSION: (*facilitator*)
- 13:00 LUNCH BREAK
- 14:00 PERSPECTIVES AND SITUATIONS FROM EACH GROUP (*Facilitator: Sinegugu Zukulu, Conservation SA*)
- 14:30 DISCUSSION AND QUESTIONS – POLICY & OTHER CHALLENGES, OPPORTUNITIES, POTENTIAL FOR USE...
- 15:30 WAY FORWARD: CAN THIS MODEL BE USED BE AN EFFECTIVE LAND USE & LIVELIHOOD STRATEGY
- 15:45 BRIEFING FOR TOMORROW, AND CLOSURE



### WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY - ONGELUKSNEK RESERVE GATE, WARD 14, MATATIELE

- 10:00 - 14:00 LIVESTOCK AUCTION OBSERVATION AND QUESTIONS, at ONGELUKSNEK (50km from Matatiele)

The basic principle underpinning the approach is that **healthy rangelands will produce increased quantity** (within carrying capacity) and **quality of livestock**, which, with **improved market access**, will improve returns for rural livelihoods, with a positive feedback loop for **better rangeland stewardship** to support this stock, resulting in improved basal cover and grassland biodiversity, with **improved ecosystem services**. Well managed livestock can thus double as livelihood assets as well as a tool for landscape management and restoration.