

SCIENTIFIC ASSESSMENT ON LIVESTOCK PREDATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

Guidelines for providing comments on the PredSA chapters

Dear Stakeholder,

You are invited to provide written comments on the Scientific Assessment on Livestock Predation in South Africa (PredSA).

The assessment chapters are numbered and each has been formatted to include page numbers. Each page has line numbers on the left margin of the page. Line numbering is continuous throughout the document.

In order for the chapter authors to be able to respond to your comments, the comments need to be clear and concise. For this reason a comment form is provided (as an Excel Spreadsheet) and should be downloaded from <http://predsa.mandela.ac.za>.

Please follow the instructions below when preparing and submitting your comments:

- 1) Please use a separate spreadsheet for each chapter that you review.
- 2) Indicate the chapter number and name in the first row of the spreadsheet.
- 3) Begin your comment by specifying the exact passage of text to which it refers, by giving the page number and line number for the beginning and end of the text.
- 4) If you have a general comment which applies to the whole chapter – record “general comment” in the page number column.
- 5) Authors are not able to respond to generalized comments such as “I don’t agree with this”. Where you disagree with the information provided by the authors or their interpretation, you need to provide an alternative, or point to a traceable source where evidence can be found.
- 6) All correctly submitted comments will be responded to by the author teams.
- 7) Please note that all reviewer comments and author responses will be published on the PredSA website, which is a public domain.
- 8) Please refer to the table below for examples:

Chapter 1: Introduction			
STAKEHOLDER NAME: Joe Blog			
Page	Line	Fig/Plate/Table	Reviewer Comment
General Comment			Karakal is spelt incorrectly throughout the Chapter. It should be Caracal.
5	11-12		Authors make the comment that “Nuts are never found in the diet of Caracal” but see du Toit 2001, Journal of Biology 4:1-5 who records caracal as eating nuts.
8	23	Fig 2	Figures in graph are not clear.

Completed comment forms should preferably be emailed to the address below, but can also be submitted by fax or post to the addresses below:

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The deadline for submitting comments is 3 November 2017.

If you have any questions regarding the review process please call Sharon Wilson on (041) 504 2943 or send an email to PredSA@mandela.ac.za.

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