Schedule A:

Profile of Wildlife Animal Protection Forum South Africa

WHO

Wildlife Animal Protection Forum South Africa (“WAPFSA”) is the pre-eminent wildlife animal protection forum in South Africa and is composed of 30 NGOs. It is an alliance of diverse organizations that share certain values, knowledge, and objectives and that collectively comprise a body of expertise from the scientific, conservation, legal, welfare, rights, social justice, faith, and public advocacy sectors.

The main object of WAPFSA is to facilitate the creation of a strong social movement that advocates locally and globally to lobby for policy and legislative remedies and create awareness relating to the captive breeding, keeping, management, handling, trading and trophy hunting of wild animals and their body parts for commercial purposes and associated exploitation.

WHY

The need for WAPFSA arose from the fact that there was no common forum for organizations and persons involved in wildlife and animal protection, despite overlapping interests and areas of intersection.

In addition, the Government had engaged formally with other forums composed of organizations and persons in the animal use industry, such as hunters and similar groups. Despite various letters and correspondence to Government departments (including the Minister of Environmental Affairs) to recognize such a forum or create a platform dialogue so that the Minister could access viewpoints and additional information to resolve issues of concern and develop and strengthen policy - to date, no satisfactory response has been provided.
Wildlife protection groups need to be provided equal access to, and an equal voice in, government policy discussions, decision-making and legislation related to wildlife and wildlife management.

These issues are not only applicable to those who gain monetary value from their existence but to each and every person living in South Africa (including present and future generations).

The Right to Environment as contained in Section 24 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa encompasses every person in South Africa and includes animal interests. This has been established by the Constitutional Court, the highest court in South Africa: where it confirmed statements by the Supreme Court of Appeal that:

“[c]onstitutional values dictate a more caring attitude towards fellow humans, animals and the environment in general” and further that there is a link between the suffering of individual animals to conservation.

The Court also confirmed that “the rationale behind protecting animal welfare has shifted from merely safeguarding the moral status of humans to placing intrinsic value on animals as individuals.” According to the court, this “illustrates the extent to which showing respect and concern for individual animals reinforces broader environmental protection efforts. Animal welfare and animal conservation together reflect two intertwined values.” (our emphasis).

Thus, in fulfilling its Constitutional mandate, the DEA (and any Government department) needs to consider these statements and other constitutional values. We do not believe the approach of these courts is adequately recognized in the current policies relating to animals nor the enforcement in respect thereof.

WHAT WE STAND FOR

WAPFSA supports:

1. that wild animals belong in the wild;
2. in ethical conservation;
3. that the welfare and protection of non-human animals is a Constitutional and inter-sectional justice concern;
4. in working collaboratively and in solidarity with one another and others to recognize the rights of all beings (human and non-human);
5. that legal, policy and legislative interventions are needed to achieve our common purpose;
6. that wild animals are an integral part of South Africa and need to be treated with respect;
7. that wild animals have their own intrinsic worth and this of necessity needs to be considered in any decisions/regulations relating to them;
8. how wild animals are managed affects wildlife itself, other industries, other non-human animals, the environment at large, biodiversity, surrounding communities, the South African population, international treaties and the way it is viewed by the international community; and
9. that there is a critical need for like-minded animal protection and welfare organizations that work on matters relating to wild animals and lobby the government in this regard to establish a platform for dialogue, collaboration, the development of position statements and action between South African-based animal protection organizations and between these organizations and government;
10. that the captive breeding, keeping, trophy hunting, petting, walking, and trading in wildlife and their body parts is exploitative and does not contribute to conservation;
11. the formal conservation community in their endeavours to secure the survival of Africa’s wild animals in the wild.
Schedule B:

The List of WAPFSA Membership Organizations (and Branding Identification) in support of the Ministerial Task Team Nominations

African Climate Alliance
AllRise
Animal Law Reform South Africa
Animal Talk Africa
Baboon Matters
Baboons of the South

Climate Dep: Sairusha Govindsamy
Director: Attorney Kirsten Youens
Executive Director: Amy P. Wilson
Founder: Wynter Worsthorne
Founder: Jenni Trethowan
Founder: Lorraine Holloway
WILDLIFE ANIMAL PROTECTION FORUM SOUTH AFRICA

Ban Animal Trading
Director Smaragda Louw

Beauty Without Cruelty (South Africa)
Chairperson Toni Brockhoven

Betty’s Bay Baboon Action Group
Co-Founders Renee Bish and Peter Oxford

Centre for Animal Rehabilitation and Education
Director Stephen Munro
Chairperson Brett Mitchell

Elephant Reintegration Trust
Director Michele Pickover

EMS Foundation
Director Fiona Miles

Four Paws (SA)
Co-Founder Stefania Falcon

Future 4 Wildlife
Env. Education Jabu Myeni

Gifted for Good
CEO Founder Linda Tucker y

Global White Lion Protection Trust
Wildlife Director Dr Audrey Delsink

Humane Society International (Africa)
Director Les Mitchell

Institute for Critical Animal Studies (Africa)
Co-Founder Steve Smit

Monkey Helpline
Director Kim Da Ribeira

OSCAP-Outraged SAfrican Citizens Against Poaching
Co-Founders Lizaene Cornwall and Cath Nyquist

Panthera Africa Big Cat Sanctuary
Reg Farming Vivien Law

Parliament for the People
Founder Megan Carr

Rhinos in Africa
Director Professor David Bilchitz

SAIFAC SA Institute for Advanced Constitutional Law
Senior Chief Stephen Fritz

South Peninsula Khoi Council
Director Lex Abnett

Southern African Fight for Rhinos
Founder Dave Du Toit

Vervet Monkey Foundation
Warden Giorgio Lombardi

Vogelgat Private Nature Reserve – South Africa
Director Guy Jenning

WildAid Southern Africa
Director Cormac Cullinan

Wild Law Institute
Climate Justice Sera Farista

Youth Climate Group
WILD LAW
INSTITUTE

YOUTH CLIMATE GROUP

WILDAID