

# **FRAMEWORK FOR DISCUSSIONS**

- **Collaboration, Coordination & Stakeholder engagement**
- **Legislative, Policies, & Regulatory**
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- **Institutional, Strategic, Operational and Capacity**
- **Awareness**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Market intelligence**
- **Ownership & Management Incentives**

# Collaboration, Coordination & Stakeholder engagement

- DEA to set up a National (inclusive) Working Group on Rhino management
  - Formalisation of such a structure
  - Conduct regular reviews on Rhino Management
  - Incorporating the work of the Rhino Management Group and special focus on White rhino
  - Establishment of standard operating procedures
- Implement the National Strategy for Safety and Security of Rhino population
- Greater collaboration between the issuing centres and the enforcement offices
- Increase the profiling of Rhino management in SA

# Legislative, Policies, & Regulatory

- Finalization of the self regulation mechanisms for the wildlife industry inc the development and implementation of a code of conduct
- Blacklisting of individuals within the wildlife industry, involved in illegal trading (greater cooperation between DEA and the wildlife industry)
- Establish an integrated National rhino permit issuing system
- Tax clearance certificate a precondition before hunting permits issued
- Greater collaboration between the permit issuing and aviation authorities
- Rationalisation and alignment of policies/legislation with national frameworks
- Greater collaboration between the issuing centres and the enforcement offices
- Prioritise and fastrack the applications for firearm licenses within the wildlife industry

# Enforcement & Compliance

- Conduct capacity audit in all the provinces
- Screening and vetting of enforcement officers
- Formal recognition of honorary officers including up to law enforcement
- Present a business case for enhanced resourcing of rhino population management in SA
- Greater collaboration with officials in ports of entry and exit
  - Tightening border security
- Replicate the Kimberly process with the Rhino horn
- Establish a single rhino crime stop hotline number
- Expedite the establishment of environmental courts

# Enforcement & Compliance

- Convicted foreign nationals be V-listed and registered in the Interpol database
- Judiciary to review existing penalties wrt Rhino poaching
- Extend the mandate and jurisdiction of law enforcement officers within the neighboring countries
- Fastrack the formal recognition of police reservists in the fight against environmental crimes
- Establish an anti-poaching war room

# Monitoring & Evaluation

- DEA to sign an annual performance agreement with RMG esp. on White Rhino management
- Species management plans for White Rhino population management to be redrafted and be reviewed annually
- Current legislation applicable to Rhino management to be reviewed
- Publish biannual reports on Rhino population management

# Information Management, Research & Reporting

- Establish national databases
  - Transponders and/or DNA
  - Rhino numbers and population structure
  - Horn stockpiles
  - Hunting
  - Movements of rhino and permits
- Operational security counter-measures
- Access to database controlled

# **Institutional, Strategic, Operational and Capacity**

- Recommendations in the National Strategy for Safety and Security of Rhino population should be implemented by all stakeholders
- Recommendations from the capacity audit to be implemented by all stakeholders
- Priority to be given to wildlife industry on knowledge, competency and skills development on anti-poaching
- Fastrack the provision of firearm licenses

# Awareness

- Endorsement of the LeadSA initiative on anti-rhino poaching
- Identify existing awareness programmes and establish partnerships around anti-rhino poaching
- Duplicate existing elephant population management awareness programmes to advance anti-rhino poaching
- Design and implement awareness programmes targeting end-user countries

# Community Engagement

- Set up intelligence networks within communities
- Implement proposals from the National Strategy for Safety and Security of Rhino population

# Ownership & Management Incentives

- Taxation incentives for rhino management population management in SA developed
- Special dispensation wrt to municipal rates and taxes
- Training incentives to address capacity gaps within the industry

# Market intelligence

- Global competitive market research project be commissioned urgently
  - Liaise and collaborate with other research initiatives

# LEGALISATION OF R/H TRADING

- Commission for the feasibility study and viability of the legalisation of the Rhino horn trading in SA
  - To be preceded by the global competitive market research

# DEHORNING

- DEA to commission a dehorning impact study
- Dehorning can be considered as an interim measure subject to the requirements of the law and where feasible

# MORATORIUM ON HUNTING

- Summit discussed possible moratorium on trophy hunting and resolved not to implement such a measure.