

I Definitions

Term	Definition
A-grade falconer	A person that is at least 18 years old that holds an A-grade falconer grading from a recognized Western Cape falconry club.
Abatement	As a commercial service provision for payment, using a raptor to remove nuisance or damage causing wild animals from undesirable locations through disturbance or capture.
Alien species (see also Exotic species)	A species that is not indigenous to South Africa or an indigenous species translocated or intended to be translocated to a place outside its natural distribution range in nature, but not an indigenous species that has extended its natural distribution range by natural means of migration or dispersal without human intervention.
Annual hunting notice	Annual notice published in the Provincial Gazette in terms of sections 78 and 79 of the Nature Conservation Ordinance, 1974 (Ordinance 19 of 1974) setting out the hunting seasons and daily bag limits for species of wild animals.
B-grade falconer	A person that is at least 18 years old that holds a B-grade grading from a recognized Western Cape falconry club.
Board	The governing board of CapeNature as contemplated in section 12 of the Western Cape Biodiversity Act 6 of 2021.
Bred in captivity or captive-bred	Raptor, including an egg, hatched, or produced in captivity from parents that mated or otherwise transferred gametes in captivity or were artificially inseminated.
Buy	Includes barter or exchange.
C-grade falconer	A person that is at least 18 years old that holds a C-grade falconer grading from a recognized Western Cape falconry club.
Captivity	The keeping of any wild animal within an enclosure by means of any fence, wall or obstruction of any kind or the implementation of any method in such a way that the wild animal is unable to maintain itself by natural means.
Capture	By any means whatsoever to capture, catch or take or to attempt or to pursue with intent to capture, catch or take any wild animal.

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Carcass	The whole or any part of the meat (whether dried, smoked, salted, cured or treated in any manner), the head, tooth, horns, shell, scale, tusks, bones, feathers, tail, claw, paw, hoof, skin, hide, hair, viscera or any part whatsoever of the carcass, and includes the egg of any wild animal.
Cradle-to-grave responsibility principle	Refers to an environmental management principle of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) in that responsibility for the environmental health consequences of a policy, programme, project, product, process, service, or activity exists throughout its life cycle.
D-grade falconer	A person that is at least 18 years old (with an A-grade or B-grade falconer sponsor) that holds a D-grade grading from a recognized Western Cape falconry club.
Daily bag limit	The number of any species of wild animal specified in the annually hunting notice published in the provincial gazette in terms of section 78 and 79 of the Nature Conservation Ordinance, 19 of 1974.
Disposal	Includes by means of sale, donation, exchange and/or the transfer into the custody, care or possession of another person.
Duty of care principle	Refers to section 28 of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) and the duty of care provisions which place an independent and autonomous duty on each and every person to ensure that harm is not caused to the environment and what reasonable measures are required to be taken in order to comply with this duty.
Endangered wild animal	A wild animal of any species which is in danger of extinction and is specified in Schedule I of the Ordinance or Appendix I of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Washington, 1973 (CITES); provided that it shall not include a wild animal of any species specified in such Appendix and Schedule 2 of the Ordinance.
Exhibition	The display of raptors kept in a facility to which the public are admitted whether for payment of money or otherwise.
Exotic species (see also Alien species)	A species that is not indigenous to the Republic of South Africa or an indigenous species translocated or intended to be translocated to a place outside its natural distribution range in nature, but not an indigenous

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	species that has extended its natural distribution range by natural means of migration or dispersal without human intervention.
Extra-limital species	A species indigenous to South Africa that is translocated or intended to be translocated to a place outside its natural or historic distribution range, but not an indigenous species that has extended its natural distribution range by natural means of migration or dispersal without human intervention.
Eyas	Young raptor not yet capable of sustained flight. See “nestling”.
Facility	A place that keeps raptors in captivity for exhibition, rehabilitation, research or scientific purposes, a sanctuary, or a conservation breeding programme.
Falconer	A person who engages in the practice of falconry.
Falconry	The training of raptors to hunt and/or the hunting of wild quarry with a trained raptor. Includes all associated acts including, but not limited to the act(s) of capturing, transporting, being in possession, keeping in captivity, training, housing, caring for and maintaining raptors held for sport hunting purposes.
Falconry club	A Western Cape falconry club/association recognized by CapeNature that meets the minimum requirements as per Appendix I.
Fauna	Wild animal.
Formal apprenticeship	Apprenticeship system as prescribed/endorsed by the relevant Western Cape falconry club as per the internationally accepted apprenticeship and grading system that is recognized by CapeNature.
Grading system	Grading system as prescribed/endorsed by the relevant Western Cape falconry club as per the internationally accepted apprenticeship and grading system that is recognized by CapeNature.
(put out at) Hack	The temporary release of a raptor for the purpose of natural, physical conditioning while feeding the raptor daily with the intention of recapturing the raptor once it is conditioned.
Hack back	The permanent release of a raptor for the purpose of natural, physical conditioning while feeding the raptor daily with the intention of permanently releasing the raptor to the wild. Also known as a soft release.

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Haze/Hazing	A method of disturbance or deterrence that moves an animal out of an area or discourages an undesirable behaviour or activity.
Hunt	In relation to any wild animal, by any means whatsoever to hunt or search for, to kill, capture or attempt to injure, kill, or capture, or to pursue, follow or drive with the intent to injure, kill or capture, or to shoot at, poison, lie in wait for or wilfully disturb.
Hunting season	A period in any year determined and as annually published by notice in the provincial gazette in terms of section 78(a) of the Ordinance.
Hybrid	Offspring of two or more distinct species of raptors or offspring of raptors recognized by ornithological authorities as two or more distinct species.
Imprint or imprinted raptor	A raptor that is hand-raised from a young age (usually in isolation from the sight of other raptors so as to identify itself with humans rather than its own species). An imprinted bird is considered to be so for its entire lifetime.
Indigenous species	A species that occurs, or has historically occurred, naturally in a free state in nature within the borders of South Africa but excludes a species that has been introduced in South Africa as a result of human activity.
Invasive species	Any species whose establishment and spread outside its natural distribution range – threaten ecosystems, habitats, ecological infrastructure, or other species or have the potential to threaten ecosystems, habitats, ecological infrastructure or other species; and may result in economic or environmental harm or harm to human health.
Junior D-grade falconer	A child that is at least 12 years old but less than 18 years old (with an A-grade or B-grade falconer sponsor and a parent or legal guardian that takes legal responsibility for the activities of the junior D-grade falconer) that holds a junior D-grade falconer grading from a recognized Western Cape falconry club.
Landowner	The legal owner of the land in question as defined by the term “owner” in section 2 of the Nature Conservation Ordinance.
Local authority	A municipality as described in section 2 of the Municipal Systems Act, 32 of 2000.

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Member	A person that holds an active membership in a recognized Western Cape falconry club.
Mews	Indoor facilities for housing raptors.
Microchip	A device that assigns a unique identification code to the raptor.
Natural distribution range	The area within which a species occurs naturally, or occurred naturally in historic times, and includes range extensions by means of natural migration or dispersal without human intervention.
Nature conservation official	A nature conservation official appointed in terms of section 20 of the Ordinance.
Nestling	Young raptor not yet capable of sustained flight. See “eyas”.
Ordinance	The Nature Conservation Ordinance, 1974 (Ordinance 19 of 1974) as amended from time to time and includes any regulation, proclamation or notice made or issued thereunder.
Passage raptor	A fledged juvenile that is capable of flight and not yet in adult plumage.
Permit	A permit issued under the Ordinance.
Poison	Any poison, preparation or chemical substance used to catch, immobilize, sterilize, kill or physically harm a wild animal.
Polluter pays principle	Refers to an environmental management principle of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) in that the costs of remedying environmental degradation and of preventing, controlling, or minimising further environmental damage must be paid for by those responsible for harming the environment.
Precautionary principle	Refers to an environmental management principle of the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 (NEMA) in that a risk-averse and cautious approach must be applied, which considers the limits of current knowledge about the consequences of decisions and actions.
Private captivity	Keeping a raptor in captivity by a private person as a pet or prestige item or for any other reason than for sport hunting, abatement, exhibition, or rehabilitation activities.

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Protected area	Includes special nature reserves, National parks, provincial nature reserves (including wilderness areas), local authority nature reserves, private nature reserves, protected environments, specially protected forest areas, forest nature reserves, forest wilderness areas and declared mountain catchment areas.
Province	The Province of the Western Cape.
Raptor	Any species of the Orders Falconiformes, Accipitriformes or Strigiformes or a hybrid thereof regardless of whether it is of captive or wild origin.
Rehabilitation	The provision of veterinary treatment and temporary care to injured, ill or orphaned wild animals with the aim of preparing the specimen for successful reintegration into the wild population after its release back into its natural habitat.
Release	Permanent release back to the wild.
Sanctuary	An approved facility in which a permanent captive home is provided for a raptor until its natural death.
Season	From 1 January to 31 December of any single year.
Sell/trade	Includes hawk, peddle, barter or exchange or offer, advertise, expose or have in possession for the purpose of sale, hawking, peddling, bartering or exchanging.
Species	A group of animals that do not normally interbreed with individuals of another group, and includes any sub-species, geographic race, ecotype, strain, hybrid, or geographically separate population.
Species conservation management plan	A management plan compiled according to relevant International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) guidelines or National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEM:BA) legislation.
Species of conservation concern	Species that have a high conservation importance in terms of preserving South Africa or the Western Cape Province's biodiversity and include not only threatened species, but also those classified in the categories Extinct in the Wild (EW), Regionally Extinct (RE), Near Threatened (NT), Critically Rare, Rare, Declining and Data Deficient – Insufficient Information (DDD).

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Sponsor	An A-grade or B-grade falconer who has, in writing, accepted the responsibility of sponsoring/mentoring a D-grade falconer for the duration of his/her apprenticeship as prescribed/endorsed by his/her recognized Western Cape falconry club/association as per the internationally accepted apprenticeship and grading system that is recognized by CapeNature.
Sport hunting	The hunting of wild animals for human recreation.
Sub-permittee	A person that is listed on a permit holder's permit subject to the same permit conditions as the permit holder. Permit holders are responsible for ensuring the compliance of sub-permittees to permit conditions.
Take	To trap or capture or attempt to trap or capture a wild raptor for use in sport hunting (falconry) activities.
Threatened species	Any species with a conservation status of Critically Endangered, Possibly Extinct (CR PE), Critically Endangered (CR), Endangered (EN) or Vulnerable (VU) as per a South African Nation Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) recognized conservation assessment and published regional Red List or, if no regional Red List is available, any species with a conservation status of Critically Endangered, Possibly Extinct (CR PE), Critically Endangered (CR), Endangered (EN) or Vulnerable (VU) as per an International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) published Red List of Threatened Species.
Trap	Any trap, spring-trap, snare, gin, cage, net, pitfall or birdlime and any other device or method whatsoever which can be used or adapted for the capture of wild animals.
Weathering facilities	Outdoor facilities for housing raptors.
Use	The utilisation of the value of raptors. This value can be intrinsic (inherent) or extrinsic (utilitarian).
Wild animal	An animal, excluding a domesticated species and a microorganism, whether the animal is alive or dead, tame, bred or kept in captivity, and includes the eggs, spawn, gametes, genetic material, or any part of such an animal.

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Wild raptor/Wild origin/Wild-caught raptor/Wild harvesting/Wild take	A raptor or raptor egg removed from the wild for any purpose or reason. A wild raptor remains a wild raptor regardless of how long the bird is held in captivity or whether the bird is transferred to another permit holder or permit type. The raptor is considered to be of wild origin if taken from the wild by the person who originally removed the raptor or egg from the wild and by any subsequent permit holder to whom the raptor is legally transferred. A wild/wild-caught/wild harvested/wild taken/of wild origin raptor will remain so for the duration of its time in captivity.

2 Acronyms

BAASA	Bird Abatement Association of South Africa
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, Washington, 1973
IAF	International Association for Falconry and Conservation of Birds of Prey
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
NEM:BA	National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act, Act 10 of 2004
NEMA	National Environmental Management Act, Act 107 of 1998
PAJA	Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, Act 3 of 2000
SAFA	South African Falconry Association
SOG	Standard Operating Guideline
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
WCBA	Western Cape Biodiversity Act, Act 6 of 2021
WCP	Western Cape Province