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Position statement on: The ¹Use of Wild Animals

CapeNature **aims** to fulfil its constitutional obligation to ensure that everyone has a right to an environment that is not harmful to their health or well-being and to have the environment protected through reasonable legislative and other measures.

CapeNature **aims** to ensure conservation and sustainable use of wild animals with respect to its mandate to support the objectives, activities and governance of national and international obligations.

CapeNature **considers** that the unsustainable use of wild animals poses a significant threat to biodiversity.

CapeNature **recognises** that the sustainable use of wild animals should also promote justifiable economic and social development.

CapeNature **urges** that potential wild animal users assess the risk, impact and implications which will yield the best conservation outcome.

CapeNature **recommends** that all use of wild animals yields an overriding conservation benefit.

CapeNature **supports** the conservation and sustainable use of wild animals through the development of norms and standards and the implementation of best practice.

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¹ For the purpose of this position statement the term "use" is defined as the utilization of the value of wild animals/specimens. This value can be intrinsic (inherent) or extrinsic (utilitarian), but in the utilization thereof must not lead to long term decline, must not disrupt the ecological integrity of the ecosystem in which it occurs and must ensure its continued use to meet the needs and aspirations of present and future generations.

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