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Position statement on: The Translocation of Wild Animals

CapeNature **aims** to manage and regulate the translocation of wild animals to avoid ecological threats or risks.

CapeNature **requires** that the translocation of wild animals not be to the detriment of indigenous biodiversity.

CapeNature **considers** that the translocation of wild animals may pose a significant threat to indigenous biodiversity.

CapeNature **recognises** that certain conservation benefits are derived from the translocation of wild animals.

CapeNature **recognises** that the trade in wild animals largely depends on the translocation of wild animals.

CapeNature **requires** that the risks, impacts and implications of translocation of wild animals are assessed and addressed to mitigate risk and achieve conservation best practice.

CapeNature **requires** that translocation of wild animals are informed by recognized norms and standards, best practice and research.

CapeNature **urges** that the translocation of wild animals contribute positively to the conservation of biodiversity in the Western Cape Province.

CapeNature **recommends** that wild animal translocations be guided by husbandry and animal welfare considerations (i.e. physiological, psychological and physical needs), which may be unique to an individual specimen or species, and which may not be adequately addressed in existing legislation or best practice guidelines.



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