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Position statement on: Conservation Translocations

CapeNature **aims** to ensure that the conservation translocation of wild animals contributes to the greatest conservation benefit.

CapeNature **considers** conservation translocation as the intentional movement and release of a living organism(s) where the primary objective is a conservation benefit.

CapeNature **considers** that unregulated or injudicious conservation translocations of wild animals may pose a significant threat to biodiversity.

CapeNature **recognises** that conservation translocation involves the *intentional* movement and release of an organism both inside *and* outside its indigenous range.

CapeNature **recognises** that all conservation translocations must have a primary and overriding *conservation* benefit.

CapeNature **recognises** that any conservation benefit of any conservation translocation must clearly outweigh the risks and costs posed.

CapeNature **requires** that any conservation translocation must be driven and supported by a risk assessment.

CapeNature **requires** that the original cause / reason, for which the conservation translocation is ultimately required (*i.e.* extinction / extirpation), must be correctly identified and removed or sufficiently reduced prior to any translocation.

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