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Position statement on: Human-Wildlife Conflict

CapeNature **aims** to ensure coexistence of humans and indigenous wild animals.

CapeNature **considers** human-wildlife conflict as situations where artificially induced interactions between humans and wildlife lead to situations requiring mitigation of loss, disturbance or damage.

CapeNature **recognises** that human-wildlife conflict may constitute human-human; human-wildlife and wildlife-wildlife conflict.

CapeNature **recognises** that certain wild animals are responsible for considerable losses.

CapeNature **requires** that human-wildlife conflict is managed, taking into consideration all legal, ethical and welfare implications.

CapeNature **requires** all human-wildlife conflict interventions to be carried out within an ecologically sound framework.

CapeNature **recognises** that human-wildlife conflict may escalate when local communities feel that the needs or values of wildlife are given priority over their own needs.

CapeNature **recommends** that the mitigation management of human-wildlife conflict should not pose a significant threat to indigenous biodiversity.

CapeNature **supports** a holistic approach to the management of human wildlife conflict.

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