

NTOMENI

RANGER SERVICES



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Field Ranger Training

The aim of all Field Ranger training is to ensure the territorial integrity of protected natural areas.

“I am convinced that focus on threatened species remains crucial for achieving and promoting conservation. Preservation of an entire ecosystem frequently results from efforts to save a particular species...”

Dr. Christoph Imbodem ICBP: 1985

Terminology

FIELD RANGERS (FR)	- Game scout, Game guard, Wildlife Police officers, Anti Poaching units, Game keepers
PSIRA	- Private Security Industry Regulatory Authority
NRS	- Ntomeni Ranger Services
GRAA	- Game Rangers Association of Africa
JUNIOR LEADERS	- Field ranger corporals, Sergeants, Patrol Leaders, Senior scouts, control field ranger and section leaders, responsible for leading or supervising wildlife law enforcement patrols.
PROTECTED AREA (PA)	- National Parks, Game reserves, National reserves, Private game reserves and sanctuaries, hunting reserves or any area containing wildlife, with protection status.
PROTECTED AREA MANAGER (PAM).	- Senior rangers, Heads of Anti-Poaching units, Reserve managers.
THETA	- Tourism, Hospitality & Sport Education & Training Authority (Regulating Authority for Conservation training in SA)
SASSETA	Safety & Security Sector Education and Training Authority

Ranger Services

Anti-Poaching Patrols

Aim - To deploy irregular ranger patrols to carry out law enforcement.

Service - Threat analysis, Implement a protection plan, Audit Patrols, Irregular patrols, Snare sweeps, Surveillance Patrols, Patrol reports,

Crisis Management

Aim – To provide quick response to poaching situations and assist PA personnel in managing the situation

Service – Establish an operations center, guide follow up operations and investigations, operational guidance, deployment of patrols.

Special Investigations

Sophisticated and well-organized commercial poaching gangs and syndicates require special investigations to uncover their activities. NRS has access to two of the best and most experienced Private Investigators in SA and cooperate with the SAPS Organized Crime and Conservation Organization's Investigators.

Security and Training Assessments

Training needs assessments, Threat Analysis, Area Vulnerable Studies, Protection Plans and Operational Control.

Boma Security

Rhino in bomas are easy targets for poachers and robbers. NRS can provide armed guards.

Wilderness Protection

Evaluation of wilderness qualities and characteristics, Zoning, restoration ecology and people management

Lecturing

The following lecture topics can be offered for Workshops or Training Institutions:

Role of the Field Ranger

Wildlife Security.

Rhino and Elephant Poaching and Counter Poaching Measures

Field Leadership.

DIRECTION

Wildlife security operations and training is directed by two major forces

Threat - If the PA has animals, plants or other forms of wildlife of high value it has a higher risk. Snares and poisoning continues to impact on all forms of wildlife. The armed threat is prevalent throughout Africa and will increase as human populations expand and contemporary wars escalate. Sophisticated poaching gangs are difficult to counter and require a specialist approach. The value of wildlife also needs to be measured in its potential to feed hungry people in highly populated areas nearby the PA. Poachers can use the PA as a supply store for commercial poaching ventures and bush meat trade.

Terrain - This differs greatly throughout Africa and determines patrol tactics, equipment, number of staff, and *most of all*, the chances of success.

The biggest investment in wildlife is to have thoroughly trained staff to protect it!

Methods

Training takes place on site, inside the PA or at the Training center. Teaching methods include the use of all possible instructional aids combined with practical work, determined by the literacy level of the group. This also includes role-playing, simulations, on the job advice and self-instruction.

Evaluation can take the form of written papers, verbal examination for illiterate groups and course debriefings. Follow up visits is an essential part of the package, aimed at measuring performance, setting new objectives for self instruction, or to do adjustments where needed and to maintain personal contact with the trainee group.

Operations are developed using the Eight Step Counter Poaching Model. Using available intelligence a threat assessment is done. An operations room is established and from here operations are planned and directed. NRS staff can be deployed with the PA field staff on anti-poaching operations to do in service training, provide field leadership and advice on operations, provided official authority has been given.

NRS is well conversant in the use of interpreters where language problems do occur. Services can be offered in English, Afrikaans, Zulu, Swazi, Northern Sotho and Shangaan (Tsonga)

Courses can be offered in Portuguese, Lingala and French with added costs for interpreters.

**The Protected Area Security Operations and Field Ranger Training curricula have been approved by the Game Rangers Association of Africa (GRAA). The training center and training staff are THETA and SASSETA accredited training providers*

Services Guarantee

All successes are usually visible – as will be failures!

The product offered by NRS is unique, in that it has been developed over a period of 25 years and in various theatres in Africa. The training team boasts a total of 40 years of experience in wildlife law enforcement training and operations.

It takes our experience and expertise to the PA, developing plans based on the terrain and the threat, and focus on teaching the “must knows”.

NRS will achieve any objective agreed upon mutually by and to the complete satisfaction of the client, thus improving the security of his wildlife assets by curbing losses through illegal takeoff.

These services are available to government and non-governmental organizations and individuals.

Confidentiality Guarantee

All members of NRS are security cleared by the SA Police Services and PSIRA and dedicated to wildlife protection. Client information is secure and classified information is not discussed with, or made available to any unauthorized person.

Costs

Before accepting an order we have a policy of visiting the PA, assessing the situation first and then discuss the required service with the client. This will:

**Provide the clients with alternative options.
Ensure that the correct decisions are made.**

A specific training course or situation specific service can then be tailored to the client’s needs. Based on the developed objectives, literacy level of the students and available resources, time frames will be developed and costs determined.

We are dedicated to providing a competitively priced, high quality service, thus, the training is compacted and only the “must knows” are taught to achieve the objectives.

NRS firmly believe that the success of wildlife security operations depends upon the quality of training, discipline, field leadership and the availability of field intelligence through effective area coverage.

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