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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

Training Courses

The overall objective of the training is to upgrade field intelligence gathering, improve area coverage, counter any armed threat, develop junior leadership skills and build capacity of wildlife conservation staff.

Protected Area Security Operations

Aim - To instruct protected area managers, how to develop, implement and maintain a security plan for protected areas.

Curriculum - Counter poaching operations, Field leadership, Law enforcement and investigations, PA Protection plans, training and employment of field rangers.

- This course is ideal for senior rangers, College students, heads of APU's, game farm managers etc.

Patrol Leaders

Aim - To train field ranger leaders to properly plan and execute field patrols.

Curriculum - Patrol planning and execution, Extended patrols, Confidence training, Field intelligence and reports, Verbal Orders, Armed contact drills, Night operations, Navigation and Map reading, Law Enforcement and Investigations.

Field Ranger Training

Aim - To train Field Rangers in Wildlife Management, Basic conservation principles and Law Enforcement.

Basic Curriculum - Drill and Discipline, Duties and responsibilities, Law enforcement, Wildlife Management, Conservation philosophy, Communication,

Advanced Training - Firearms, First aid, Counter poaching operations, Extended patrols, Night operations.

Basic Tracking and Field Intelligence

Aim – To train rangers how to gather field intelligence by employing elementary tracking skills.

Curriculum - Elementary tracking, Anti-tracking, Field Intelligence and Reports, Operations security, Observation posts, Listening posts and

- A variation to the above course, named Tracking Bushcraft and Survival, is available on request and aimed at improving the bush skills of hunters and field guides.

Rhino Monitor

Aim – To train staff to effectively monitor rhino.

Curriculum – Identification, Black and White Rhino, Tracking, Condition Assessment, Stress Symptoms, Habits, Crime Scene Management.

Shooting Proficiency

Aim - To improve the standard of practical bush shooting skills.

Curriculum - Theory of small arms and small arms fire, Safety and handling, Firearm laws, Challenging Procedures, Practical shooting exercises, Bush lane firing, Mental conditioning,

***This course is approved by FGASA and SASSETA and can be presented for hunters and field guides using hunting rifles against dangerous game or for field ranger personnel using bolt action or semi automatic rifles and shotguns**

Instructors Course

Aim The aim of the course is to train trainers

Curriculum – Methods of Instruction, Drill, Minor Tactics, firearms, shooting range procedures, leadership, physical training

The duration of the training varies, depending on the group size, literacy level, training standards and client requirements.

Retraining

Aim - To maintain a high standard of training of field staff.

Evaluation is done, revision of basic training, new objectives are set for self-instruction and patrol tactics are adjusted.

Advantages of Training

The only thing that can come between a poacher and his quarry, is a field ranger. Nothing else! Thorough training of all levels of protected area field staff will ensure that all the available energy and resources are used maximal to secure the area and protect wildlife assets.

Quality field training also has the following other advantages:

**Increase staff motivation, confidence and discipline
Increase the ranger's chances of survival
Increase productivity, efficiency and morale
Establish a rapport between field staff.**

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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