

2021-2022

Annual Report

This annual report covers the period from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

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Founders Message

African Wildlife Vets is 5 years old. From our first operation of translocating lions in 2017, to capturing elephants, treating poached rhino and collaring African wild dogs, we've assisted with nearly every type of wildlife veterinary operation and dealt with an array of wildlife species.

While we did not show financial growth in our 5th financial year, we continue to show stability and structural growth as we have become a valued partner and contributor to wildlife and biodiversity conservation. We have developed strategic partnerships with a number of other non-government and government organisations, contributing to veterinary operations in three different provinces in South African - KwaZulu-Natal, Mpumalanga and the Limpopo Province.

African Wildlife Vets was founded with the intention of 'filling a gap' - ensuring that no wildlife, veterinary intervention would be left unattended. While we have increased our contribution significantly by placing an extra vet on the ground, we continue to ensure that the current state veterinary units are fully equipped to

perform veterinary operations with the highest quality. We continue to purchase pharmaceuticals, equipment and consumables such as darts, needles, swabs etc.

As African Wildlife Vets grows, I continue to learn new skills and adapt and grow with it. Every day brings a new challenge. Every challenge is worth conquering for our wildlife. I am honoured to work with true conservation heroes and I am equally honoured to be able to assist with the preservation of our wild and natural world.

With your support, African Wildlife Vets will continue to play its part in the protection of conservation of wildlife species. We are truly grateful to our generous donors and supporters who have enabled us to provide 5 years of veterinary service for our wildlife.

Kate Church
Managing Director
African Wildlife Vets



About African Wildlife Vets

African Wildlife Vets (established July 2017) is a non-profit (NPO) and public benefit organisation (PBO). It was founded by Kate Church, Dr. Pete Goodman and Dr. Dave Cooper to provide veterinary support to wildlife protected areas.

With the increased threats to biodiversity such as limited habitat, human wildlife conflict and the spread of disease, wildlife vets play a crucial role in assisting with the preservation of wildlife species. As operational budgets in state protected areas have decreased and human populations have grown outside protected areas, there has been an increased pressure on veterinary services.

We provide veterinary support to protected areas through the provision of veterinarians, pharmaceuticals, veterinary equipment and funding to cover other veterinary operation expenses.

Our Vision

All threatened species will receive adequate, appropriate and high quality veterinary attention and care.

Our Mission

To assist wildlife organisations with the conservation of threatened species by providing high quality veterinary attention and care.

A man in a blue polo shirt and khaki pants is walking through tall, golden-brown grass. He is carrying a dark bag in his right hand. In the foreground, a large rhinoceros is lying down, sedated. The rhino has a blue cloth covering its eyes and a yellow tag on its forehead. The background shows a vast, open landscape with rolling hills under a clear blue sky.

5 YEARS

of YOUR support

R2.6 MILLION

contributed towards
protecting and saving wildlife

1000 +

Animals darted

270 +

Operations

Our Team

We love what we do and we do it because we care about our planet. We believe that we have a **RESPONSIBILITY** to care for our earth: for wildlife and for people.



KATE CHURCH
Founder / Managing Director



DR. PETE GOODMAN
Founder / Advisory member



DR. DAVE COOPER
Founder / Veterinarian



DR. ROWAN LEEMNG
Veterinarian



NICKY VAN LEEUWEN
Accountant



MEAGAN DE LANGE
Media and Marketing Manager

Vets we've worked with and supported this year



DR. CHRIS SMITH
Wildlife Vets
Mpumalanga



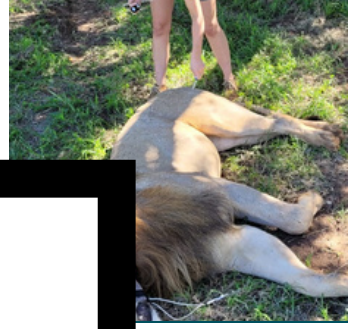
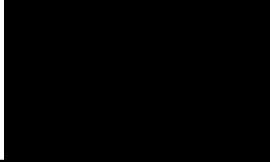
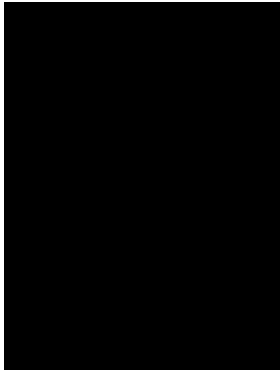
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CCS Veterinarian
Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife
KwaZulu-Natal



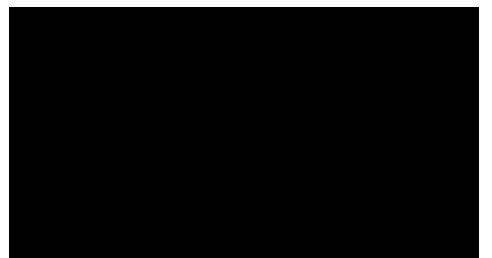
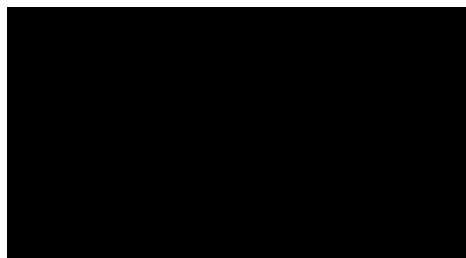
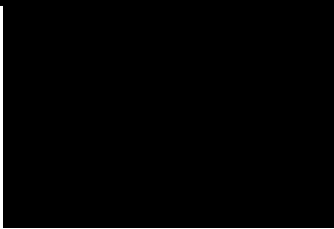
DR. JOEL ALVES
Wildscapes Veterinary
Services
Limpopo



DR. BEN MULLER
Wildscapes Veterinary
Services
Limpopo



Areas of Support





COLLARING & BRANDING

Placing tracking collars on animals to effectively monitor their movements and status. Branding assists with identifying individuals in a population.

POST-MORTEMS

Post-mortems assist with forensic investigations and identifying potential disease threats.



DEHORNING

Removing the posterior and anterior horns of black and white rhino in an effort to reduce rhino poaching.



RELOCATION

Relocating animals to provide genetic diversity in smaller protected areas.



TREATMENT

Many animal injuries are due to human-wildlife conflict situations and require intervention. This includes snaring, poaching and poisoning.

CONTRACEPTION

As there is limited habitat for wildlife species, contraception is one method used to maintain population sizes.



RHINO ORPHANS

Due to rhino poaching, there are many orphans that have been left behind. They require intensive care.



NOTCHING

An essential tool used for the individual identification of rhinos.

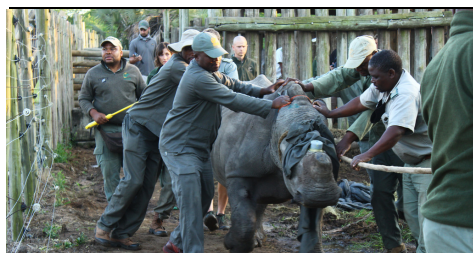
DISEASE

With livestock and domestic animals living in close proximity to wildlife species, disease is easily spread amongst animals and sometimes humans.



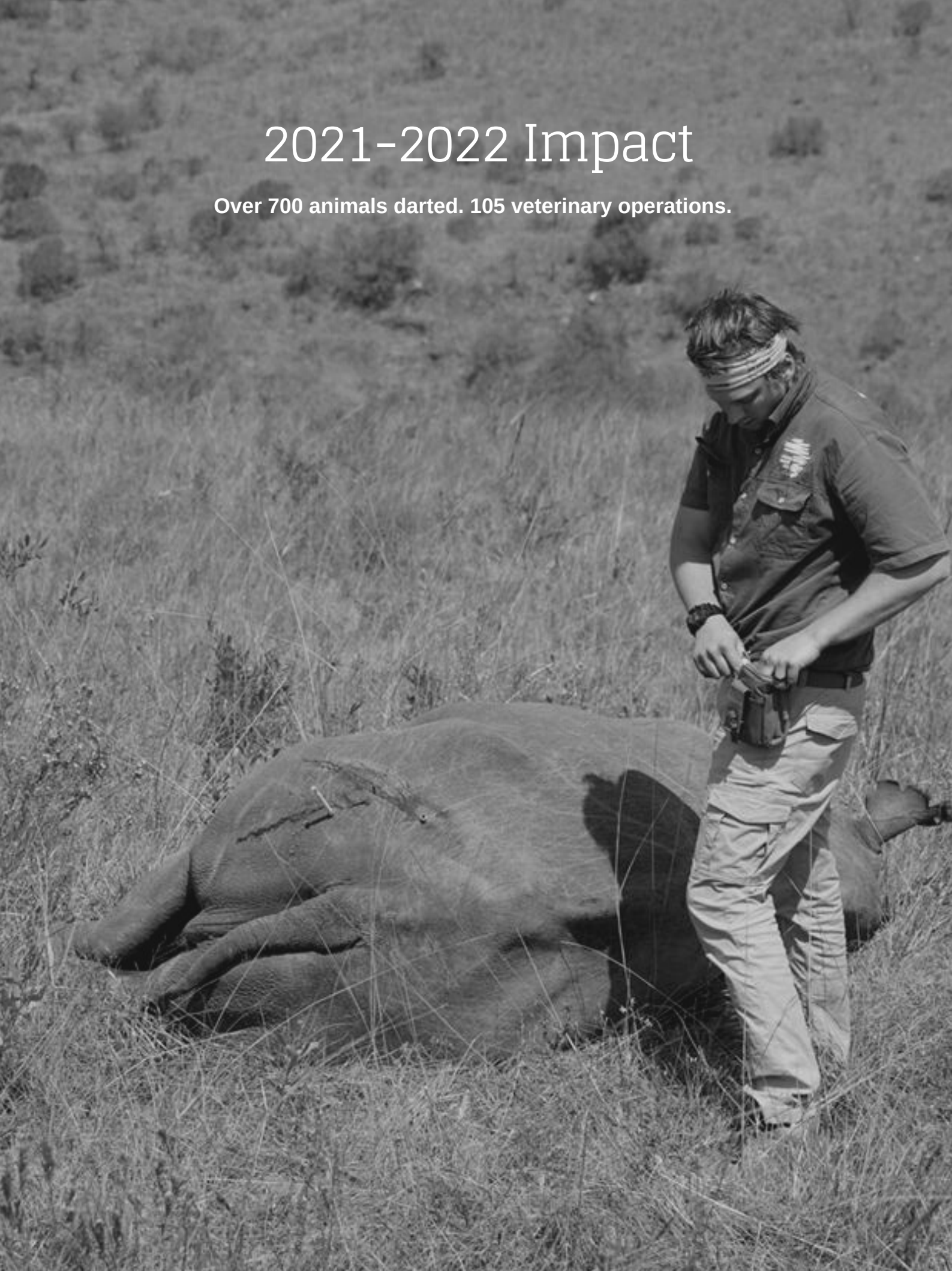
CAPTURE & RETRIEVAL

Capturing animals that have escaped the boundaries of a protected area and returning them to that area safely.



2021-2022 Impact

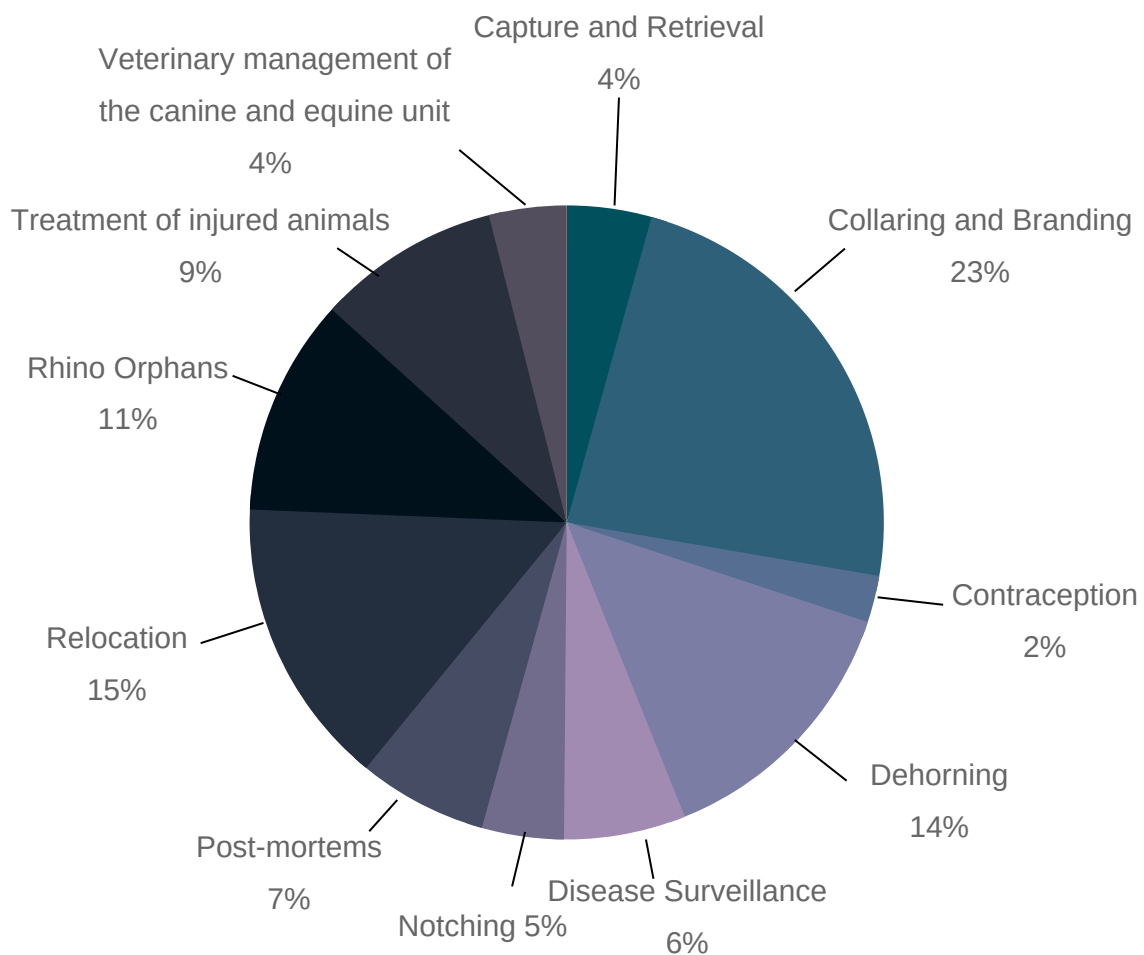
Over 700 animals darted. 105 veterinary operations.



Projects Review

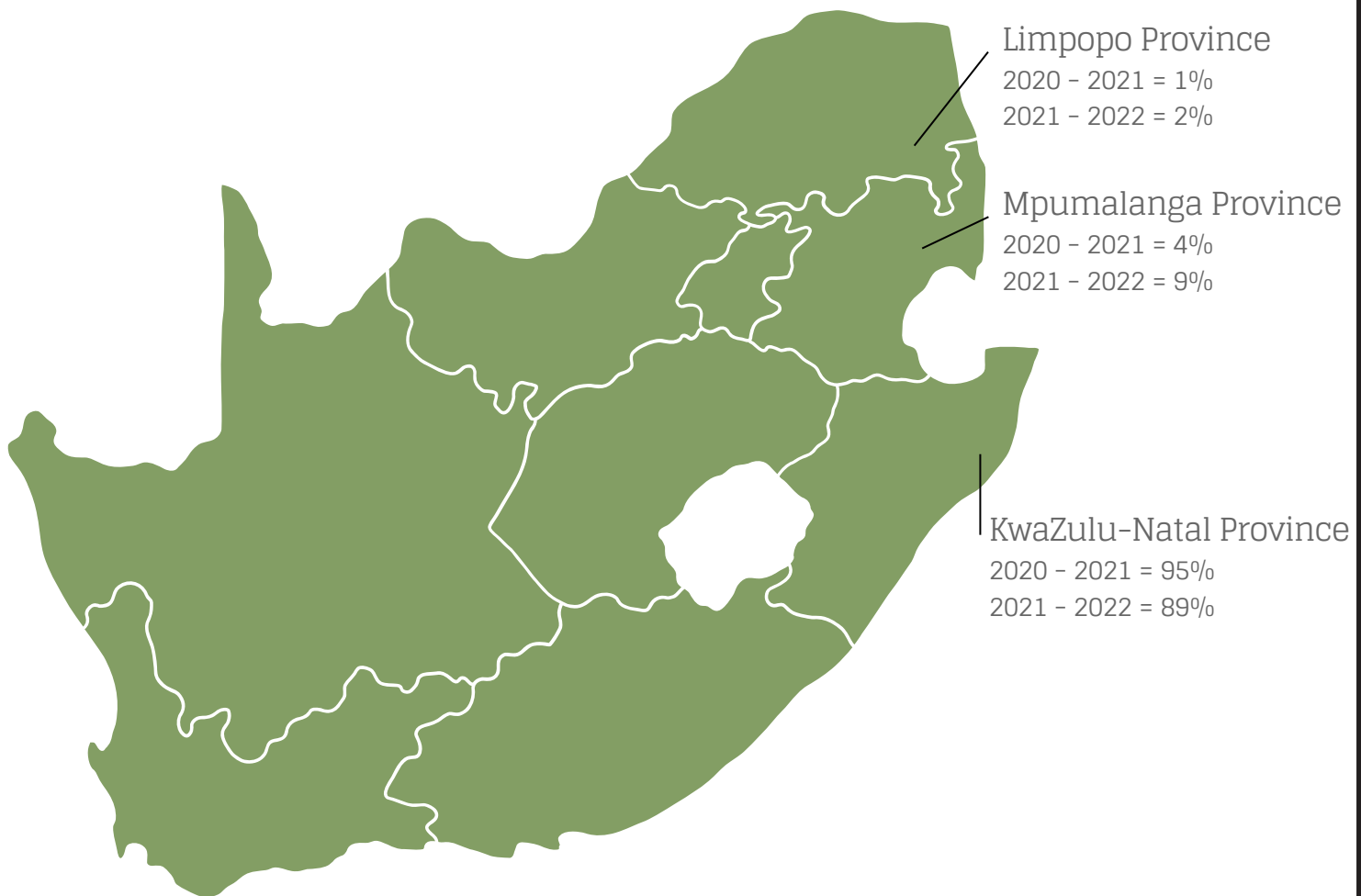
African Wildlife Vets assisted with 105 veterinary operations in the 2021-2022 financial year. Our largest contribution went towards Collaring and Branding operations which is consistent with our contribution in the previous year (2020 - 2021). In previous years, we have included 'Notching' under the Collaring and Branding operations umbrella. As the number of notching operations increased significantly this year, we decided to separate them. In this report, we have highlighted our rhino conservation efforts, our contribution to monitoring priority species and the recent outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease.

The chart below shows the distribution of our financial contribution.



Our provincial contribution

The below graphic shows the percentage of funds distributed per province, per year. In our first three years of operating 100% of our contribution went to KwaZulu-Natal projects.



Rhino conservation

From standard conservation operations such as rhino ear-notching and dehorning, to the largest, single translocation of white rhino in history, our contribution to both black and white rhino conservation was significant in our 2021-2022 financial year. This is evident by the fact that 52% of our project funds went toward rhino conservation operations.

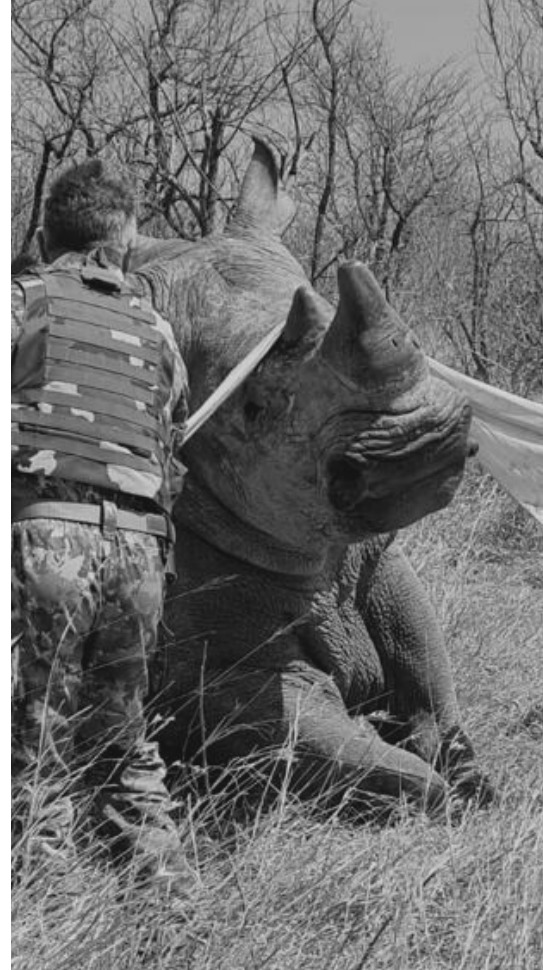
In November 2021, Dr Rowan Leeming and Dr Dave Cooper assisted with the relocation of 30 white rhino from Phinda Private Game Reserve to Akagera National Park in Rwanda.

52% of
project funds
allocated to
rhino
conservation

The success of the operation was due to the collaboration of a number of organisations including African Parks and &Beyond. Dave and Rowan formed a part of the veterinary unit that ensured the safe immobilisation and transport throughout the operation.

The largest portion of our 'rhino conservation' contribution went to horn-trimming operations (also known as dehorning) followed closely by the care of rhino orphans. Between Dr Chris Smith and Dr Rowan Leeming, we assisted with horn trimmings of just under 100 rhinos across KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga. Horn trimming has become a well-used emergency method in anti-poaching efforts.

The orphaning of young dependent rhino is one tragic reality of the poaching scourge. While African Wildlife Vets was not directly involved in any new rhino orphan rescues in this financial year, we continued to assist Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife with the care of their rhino orphans. The 4 black rhino orphans that we have been supporting through the purchase of feed and covering security costs, were moved into a large 50ha enclosure, entering the next phase of their rehabilitation process.







Enabling monitoring of priority species

Monitoring priority species in small protected areas is essential for ensuring the genetic integrity of isolated wildlife populations.

Radio-collaring, notching and branding are effective methods of monitoring threatened species. A radio-collar is placed on an animal in order to track its movements and monitor its activity status. It has become an essential tool in the monitoring of threatened species as it assists conservation managers with identifying human wildlife conflict points, such as when animals leave the boundaries of protected areas or when they are in distress. In addition to this, it develops an understanding of preferred habitat and distribution.

Branding and ear-notching are used for identifying specific individuals in the population. They also assist conservation managers with the population estimation of cryptic species in closed habitats.

African Wildlife Vets assisted with 25 collaring and branding operations in this financial year and 5 rhino ear-notching operations. These operations

included a number of different species including African wild dogs, lions, cheetah and rhinos.

An incident that highlights the importance of intensive monitoring of endangered or threatened species was the rescue of two 8-month old cheetah cubs.

8 month old cheetah cubs rescued as a result of intensive monitoring

When an adult female cheetah tragically died in a snare, management and monitoring teams were able to track her exact location and locate her 8 month old cubs who were still alive, but too young to survive on their own. Dr Rowan Leeming was called to assist. He successfully darted them both and they were relocated to a reserve that has experience in the rehabilitation of young cheetah cubs of a similar age.

Foot and Mouth Disease Outbreak

The current outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) is having a significant impact on the conservation of biodiversity in Northern KwaZulu-Natal which has largely been free of the disease for many years..

FMD is a highly contagious viral disease affecting all wild and domestic cloven hoofed ruminants including cattle, goats and buffalo, with far reaching consequences. Most importantly, it has negative economics impacts as it affects both international trade and local trade as the movement of live and dead animals is restricted Thus, requiring aggressive control measures to prevent further spread of the disease.

With one of the first identified positive cases in the current outbreak being in KwaZulu-Natal and in a community that is not far from the Hluhluwe iMfolozi boundary, a sampling exercise was conducted to identify whether the disease had reached the reserves buffalo. African Wildlife Vets assisted Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife with the provision of helicopter time to conduct the initial test for the disease on a number of buffalo on the reserve's Eastern boundary. These buffalo tested negative for FMD.

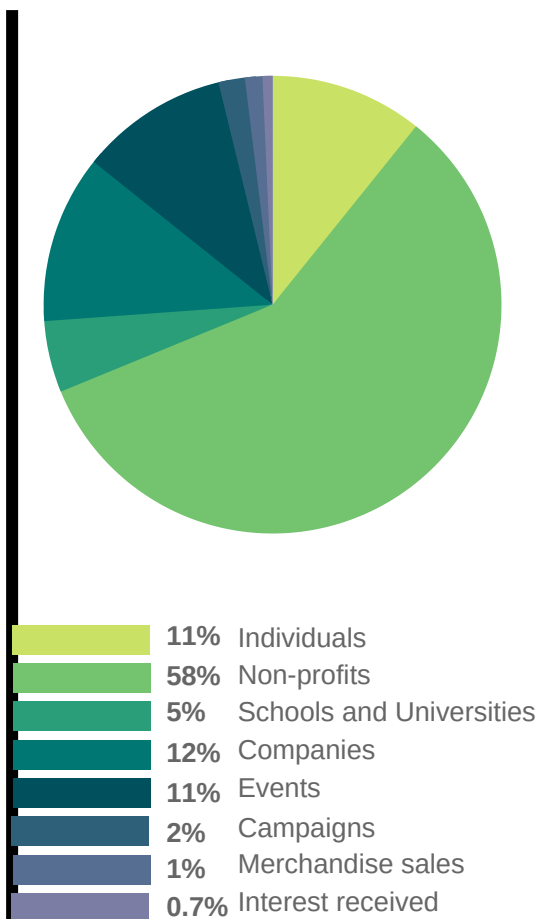
Unfortunately with the rapid spread of the disease and minimal control measures outside of protected areas, many reserves that fall within the new FMD zones, have restrictions on the movement of any cloven-hoofed animal.



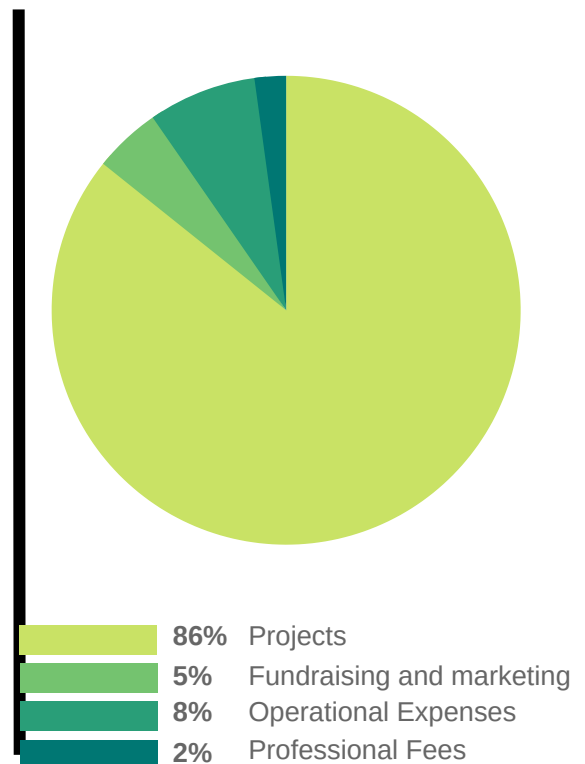
Financial Report

African Wildlife Vets raised R866 007 this year. This was a decrease from last years R1 045 163 that was raised. Despite the decrease, we carried out 105 operations in a cost effective manner, while not compromising on quality. While, about 98% of our operating revenue is from donations received, we continue to work on developing other sources of income such as merchandise sales. Interest received and VAT refunds are also a continual addition to our general operating expenses. Our indirect costs are carefully managed and our overheads have continued at a conservative 14%, allowing 86% of donations to contribute directly to veterinary operations. Although we saw a decrease in donations this year African Wildlife Vets continues to show growth through our active involvement in critical veterinary care of threatened and endangered wildlife.

2021 - 2022 Operating Revenue:
R 866 007



2021 - 2022 Operating Expenses
R 658 437



Income Statement

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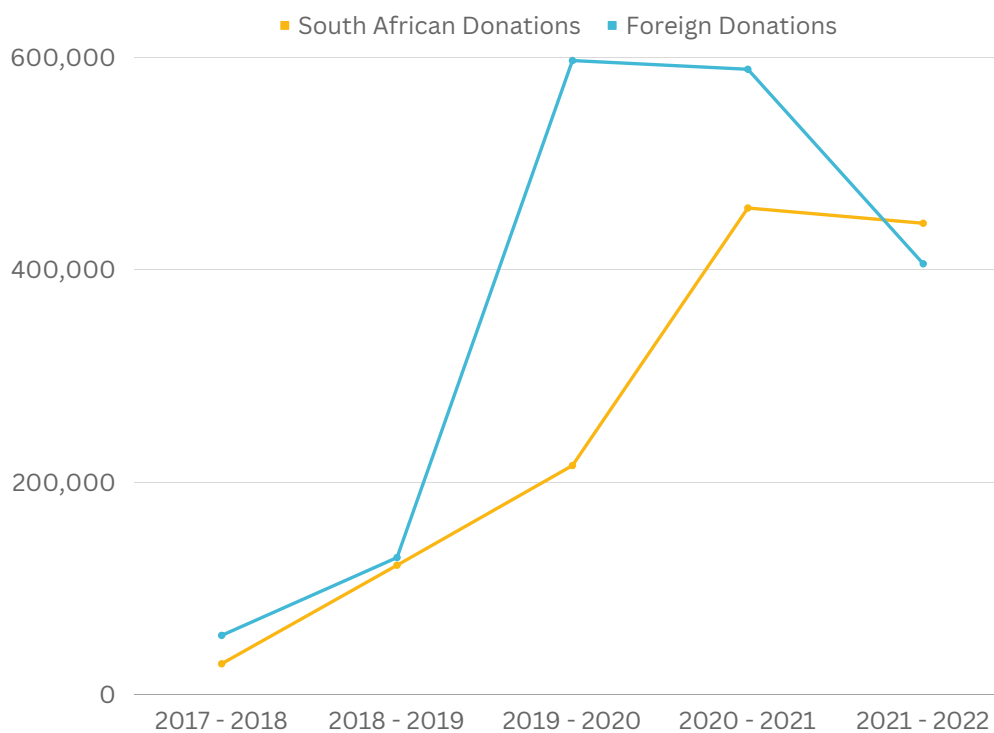
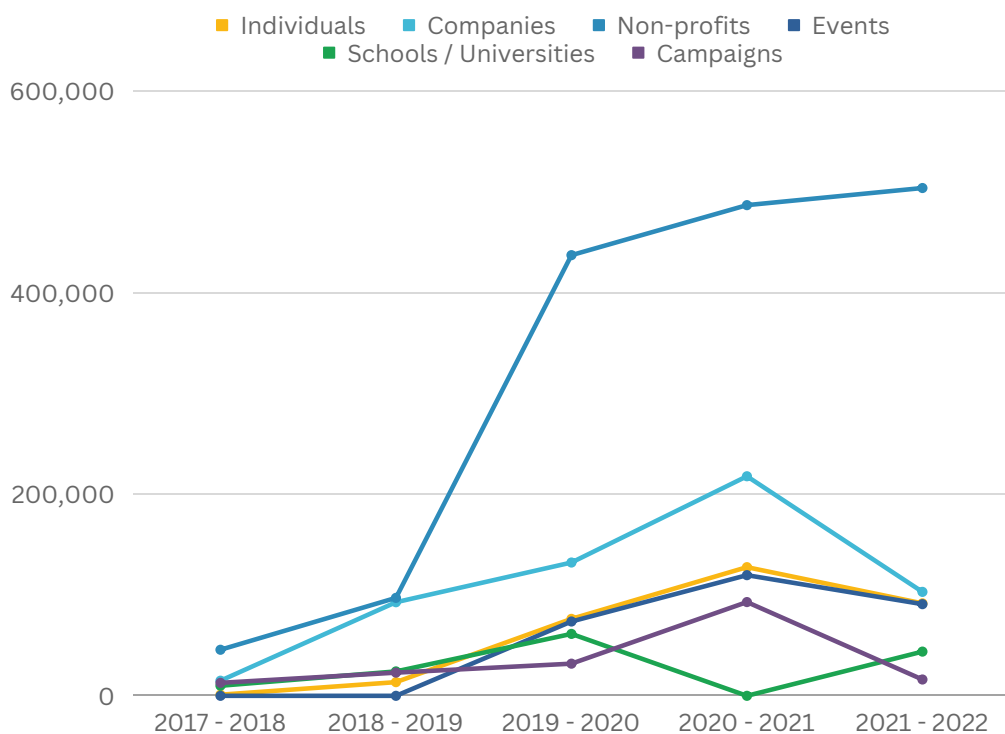
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

	2022 R	2021 R
Donations received	849,170	1,045,163
Other income		
Shop contribution	10,697	3,051
Interest received	6,140	2,173
Sundry Income	-	15,185
Total Income	866,007	1,065,572
Project expenses	563,710	975,500
Capture and retrieval	24,313	59,925
Collaring and branding	131,842	240,113
Contraception	13,434	9,057
Dehorning	78,020	39,621
Disease control	35,017	27,489
Notching	23,550	-
Post-mortems	37,140	117,738
Relocation	83,137	138,719
Rhino orphans	62,418	190,076
Treatment of endangered species	52,576	82,934
Veterinary management of the canine and equine unit	22,263	69,828
Administration expenses	94,727	
Operating expenses	49,113	-
Fundraising and Marketing	30,364	-
Professional fees	15,250	-
Accumulated surplus for the year	207,570	90,072
Accumulated surplus at the beginning of the year	347,422	257,350
Accumulated surplus at the end of the year	554,992	347,422

*The above image is an excerpt from our Financial Report. Please contact us should you wish to receive a copy of the full Financial Report.

R3 128 485 raised in 5 years

5 Year Operating Revenue



Partners and Supporters

We strongly believe in **COLLABORATION** and that together we can make a difference. We cannot do what we do with out our incredible partners and our generous supporters.

Our Partners





Core Value: INTEGRITY
We are accountable to our donors and to the wildlife organisations that we support. It is important to us that our donors trust us and are aware of our capabilities.



Our Generous Donors

The list of donors below are those that have made donations to African Wildlife Vets within the year beginning July 2021 and ending 30 June 2022.

Donation of R2000 +

Bimall Naidoo
Jeremy Brink
Kate Deetlefs
Leland Ayres
Megan Nelson
My School / My Planet
Nydia
Tony Hewitt

Donation of R5000 +

American School of Doha
Brother's Safari's

Donation of R10 000 +

Julien Fattebert
Makakatana Bay Lodge
Tammi Ruddle
Virbac

Donation of R30 000 +

Blankets for Baby Rhinos
Ciaran Lane & Harcourts Foundation
Rodel Finance
Anonymous

Donation of R90 000 +

AWV Hit and Run

Donation of R100 000 +

Conservation Beyond Borders



Looking forward

It is important to us that we maintain a positive attitude in our work. That we look forward with new goals and new ways to make a difference.

SHORT - TERM GOALS (1 - 2 years)

- To ensure that we achieve our vision, we need to provide more veterinary support to protected areas. This means raising more funds so that we are able to contribute more on the ground and increase our impact.
- Provide extra support for disease and surveillance in protected areas.
- Increase our support in other provinces (in particular Limpopo and Mpumalanga Province).
- To support more community conservation areas.

LONG - TERM GOALS (5+ years)

- Provide support to other countries in Africa
- Fully fund two veterinarians

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



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Contact Us

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