

Quagga Project Report June 2022

Breeding Groups

The total number of animals in the project is 120 animals

There are 14 breeding groups with the addition of a new breeding group at Vergelegen and a new group that formed at Pampoenvlei.

At both Elandsberg and Nuwejaars Waskraal there are breeding groups that although there are 2 mature stallions, they keep very close together and move as a unit. This is similar to what was observed at Pampoenvlei last year and presumably as the stallions mature and become more dominant, the groups will split.

Births and Reproduction

There have been 22 births in the last 12 months.

Notably the Pampoenvlei and Vlakkenhuiwel herds have been productive.

There are 42 females of breeding age. 14 of these are mature (7 to 13 years) while 28 are young (4 to 7 years) and 16 immature females i.e., a young breeding population

There are 25 stallions and 28 young males (surplus males)

9 foals still need to be sexed.

Completed Captures and Movements

The following movements were made since January 2022 (23 animals were moved in the previous 6 months – see previous minutes)

A breeding group of 7 animals (1 stallion, 4 females and 2 mature foals) was captured and moved from Pampoenvlei near Darling to Vergelegen in Somerset West. The capture and release went off very smoothly thanks to all the preparation work done by all the people involved.

Planned Captures and Movements

Several animals need to be moved in the next 6 months and the following moves are being planned:

3 young mares from Nuwejaars Waskraal to Nuwejaars Hazevlakte (to join good stallion with 1 mare)

2 stallions off Vlakkenhuiwel (to make space) to Bontebok Ridge

2 stallions off Pampoenvlei (to make space) to Middelpoos

2 older stripy mares off Elandsberg to Cor (to improve quality and make space) - sold

1 stripy stallion off Vlakkenhuiwel to Cor (to join single stallion previously belonging to Steve Mitchell) – sold at cost