Quagga Project

Herd Report January 2024

Breeding Groups
The total number of animals in the Quagga Project herd is **139 animals**.

There are **16 breeding groups** (1 new venue)

- **Nuwejaars** – 54 animals in 5 breeding groups and 3 bachelor groups
- **Elandsberg** - 30 animals in 4 breeding groups and 1 bachelor group
- **Vlakkenheuwel** - 20 animals in 3 breeding groups and 1 bachelor group
- **Pampoenvlei** - 19 animals in 2 breeding groups
- **Vergelegen** – 8 animals in 1 breeding group
- **Kloovenburg** – 5 animals in 1 breeding group

As well as single nomad stallions at

- Arc en Ciel
- Bontebok Ridge
- Wedderwill

Animal management and movements

- 5 animals were captured at Pampoenvlei to reduce numbers.
- 1 stallion was captured at Vlakkenheuwel.
- A new breeding herd was set up at Kloovenburg in Riebeek Kasteel. This group was made up of 4 females from Pampoenvlei and 1 stallion from Vlakkenheuwel.
- 1 stallion from Pampoenvlei has been moved to Bontebok Ridge Reserve

Herd composition

- 70 males
- 69 females

- 56 animals (38%) are young (below 2 years)
- 81 animals (60%) are mature (between 2 and 20 years)
- 2 animals (1.5%) animals are old (over 20 years)

- Marjean at Kosierskraal has reached 23 years and last foaled in January 2022
- Rebecca at Pampoenvlei is 20 years and has last foaled in October 2021

- 1 female in the QBS at Wedderwill (Marriette) has reached 29 years.

- 52 animals are breeding females.
- 16 animals are herd stallions.

- 23 births have been recorded over the last year.
Grading
The grading system is being applied on an ongoing basis.

The project now has:

- 29 x A
- 38 x B
- 31 x C
- 5 x D
- 36 X young animals (up to 2 years) still to be graded.

Planned captures.
The capture of animals at Elandsberg did not occur due to last year due to logistical problems with game capture operators and will be a priority for the coming year.

Births
In the last 6 months the following foals have been recorded:

- 3 foals at Elandsberg
- 6 foals at Nuwejaars
- 4 at Pampoenvlei
- 5 at Vlakkenheuwel

RC23 at Nuwejaars Hazevlakte from Rain and Corona