

SAWMA Conference

BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN SCIENCE AND MANAGEMENT

Reserve Management Day: Tuesday, 6 September 2022



Funky managers and scientists – let's learn from each other!

There is often a lack of engagement between wildlife scientists and managers due to limited opportunities to engage in a meaningful way. Improvements in the science/management interface will be critical for the successful management of conservation areas in the future and overcoming the challenges that conservation areas face. Improved learning from management, and trust in science and each other will assist in finding novel solutions for the day-to-day challenges of conservation areas in a fast-changing world.

This year the SAWMA conference will dedicate an entire day (Tuesday, 6 September) to reserve management where we will focus on sharing experience and knowledge between the wildlife management and scientific communities. The day will start with a keynote address from Dr Mike Peel, who has more than 30 years' experience in consulting and assisting reserve managers with key management issues. The rest of the morning program will consist of selected presentations by our members, reserve managers and students on key issues relevant to reserves. ([Provisional programme](#))

For the afternoon we have planned a brainstorming session in workshop format to discuss and unpack real life reserve management issues and collectively focus on finding possible solutions for the future. Some issues already highlighted include but are not limited to:

- Cheetah translocations hampered by TB restrictions: Isolation from meta-population
- Too many rhino – what do we do with them?
- Practical monitoring tool for monitoring rehabilitated pangolins released into reserves.

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- Bush encroachment and other challenges created by climate change, how do we manage for this in the future?

This is the first time that SAWMA dedicates a whole day to practical reserve management issues, and we hope that this will lead to increased participation and involvement by reserve management at future symposia. Only by working together and continuously sharing ideas between science and management can we find solutions for long-term conservation of our natural assets. We would like to invite all reserve managers and owners to the reserve management day at the SAWMA conference. Details for day registration and participation below:

Date: **Tuesday, 6 September 2022**

Time: **09:00 to 17:00**

Bonamanzi Game Reserve, KwaZulu-Natal (<https://bonamanzi.co.za/>)

Accommodation available at Bonamanzi: [Accommodation booking](#)

Special day registration rate for Tuesday: **R900 per manager**

To register click here: [Registration form](#)

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