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MEAT NATURALLY AUCTIONS - STATISTICS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

The rangeland restoration and Meat Naturally initiative in the northern Eastern Cape has been driven by Conservation SA in partnership with local NGOs (LIMA, INR and ERS), as a collective under the Umzimvubu Catchment Partnership (UCPP) since 2013. This is outlined in the Rangeland Toolkit produced by the UCPP collective in February 2016, which can be viewed at www.umzimvubu.org/toolkits/rangeland.



Eight village based auctions have been hosted to date, benefitting more than 140 households directly with over R3,3 million in cash for almost 600 cattle sold straight off well managed rangelands. The approach is assisting with follow up maintenance on areas cleared of alien wattle, where increased access to grassland acts as an incentive to control regrowth as part of a managed grazing plan by livestock owners and traditional authorities. At Mzongwana village, this income can be translated into fulltime job equivalents: sound pastoral lifestyles can be beneficial for ecological infrastructure as well as livelihoods. Two auctions translate into full time equivalent income for more than 30 people, as shown below:

	JUNE 2016	NOVEMBER 2016
TOTAL SALES	R400 250.00	R585 550.00
TOTAL OFFERED	128	118
SOLD	80 cattle (63% of offered stock)	109 (92% of offered stock)
TOP PRICE	R10 000	R10 700
SELLERS	65 (out of 85 offering)	47 (all sellers sold stock)
PRICE/KG	R11.85	R14.70
AVERAGE INCOME PER HOUSEHOLD	R8 000	R12 800 with top seller Mr Gibixhego, Ngcwengana village, R37 000 for 5 oxen
JOB EQUIVALENT R110/day or R30 000/year	3 630 PERSONDAYS / 13 FULLTIME JOBS FOR ONE YEAR	5 305 PERSONDAYS / 19,5 FULLTIME JOBS



Upcoming Meat Naturally auctions around Matatiele early 2017:

- **29 March at Mzongwana**
- **19 April at Mafube**
- **17 May at Ongeluksnek**