

# Restoring Rangelands and Livelihoods in the uMzimvubu Catchment



A photograph showing four individuals on horseback in a grassy, mountainous landscape. The people are wearing traditional-style blankets and hats. The horses are brown. The background features rolling green hills and mountains under a clear blue sky.

# Working with Grazing Associations 2019/2020

- 21 Grazing Associations on board (Ndakeni, Mvenyane, Thabachicha, Mt Fletcher) – 6 are new
- Conservation Agreements being signed now
- Mapping of rangeland areas
- Access to incentives for CA compliance and improved rangeland management practices
- Capacity building – governance and skills development

# Community/GA Training activities

- Community Based Rangeland Monitoring
- Vuma Game
- Community Visioning and Skills Audit
- Financial Literacy
- Animal Identification and Recording
- Animal Health and Nutrition
- Livestock Improvement



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# Some Grazing Association stats 2019/2020 season (Thabachicha)

Village name	Grazing Association	No. Members	No. Livestock	Hectares (rested areas)	Bank Acc	End Date
<b>Mapoleseng</b>	Mapoleseng Grazing Association	28	243	115ha	1	31/05/2020
<b>Motseng</b>	Motseng Grazing Association	27	115	90.2ha	1	31/05/2020
<b>Letlapeng</b>	Letlapeng Grazing Association	46	235	321 ha	1	31/05/2020
<b>Mahasheng</b>	Masheng Grazing Association	15	285	351 ha	1	31/05/2020
<b>Lekhalong</b>	Lekhalong Grazing Association	40	235	351ha	1	31/05/2020
<b>Seqhobong</b>	Tsatshela Grazing Association	20	138	242ha	1	31/05/2020
<b>Koebung</b>	Kopano ke matla GA	30	539	174 ha	1	31/05/2020
<b>Diqalabeng</b>	Diqalabeng Grazing Association	64	550		1	31/05/2020
<b>Majoro</b>	Khauta Grazing Association	8	350		1	31/05/2020
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<b>Total</b>		278	2690	1529.2	9	

## Upcoming events/activities

- Auction (ThabaChicha) – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- Signing of new agreements (in process)
- Upcoming training - Sheep Shearing and Wool Sorting (Nov-Dec 2020)
- Rangeland vegetation assessment (Jan-Feb 2021)
- Vaccination of small livestock
- Conservation Agreements - Lessons learnt stakeholder workshop (Dec 2020)
- Revisiting structure of Conservation Agreements (ongoing dialogue)
- CA Implementers Learning Exchange (Nov 2020???)
- Potential future partners/collaborators (Matat LM, DRDAR, ARC)

# LIVELIHOOD BENEFITS

- Animal health support
- Access to fair markets
- Livelihood diversification
- Gender representation
- Governance and social cohesion
- Empowerment



# Some Recent Auction Stats

The screenshot shows a software interface with a list of items on the left and a detailed statistics table on the right.

**Left Column (List of Items):**

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- MOKEJANE M
- MOSHESHOE W
- MAKELENI NS
- SETHATHI MA
- SETHATHI MA
- QHUSHEKA AM
- MATLI MM
- MATLI MM
- MPOTA MF
- NIKEJANA TE
- NIKEJANA TE
- MATUMANE MA
- LETSAKHA GL
- LETSAKHA GL
- XINGWANE MF
- MAKOMFANE ZW
- SHEMANE MG
- RALENKU PK
- SHEMANE MG

**Right Column (Statistics):**

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Item Stats Roll ExNS.rep  
Item Stats Roll.rep  
LsLoadingRoll.rep  
QREP Loading Instructions NoRoll.rep  
QREP Loading Instructions Roll.rep  
QREPx Loading Instructions Roll.rep  
Roll Per Buyer Detailed.rep

ID	DESCRIPTION	VALUE
1	POTENTIAL TURN	1797500
2	QTY SUPPLIED	305
3	QTY SOLD	246
4	QTY NOT SOLD	59
5	% SOLD	80
6	MAXIMUM PRICE :	13200
7	MINIMUM PRICE :	2500
8	AVERAGE PRICE	306.91056910569

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# MNP COVID19 Auction Survey



“ The auction is important because it happened in our village, and we don't have to travel far to sell our livestock and that saves me transport money.”



People Need Nature To Thrive, now more than ever Conservation South Africa and partners saw this first hand on the 21st May 2020 in Thaba Chicha, Eastern Cape, where we facilitated a legally approved, carefully-sanitized and socially-distant Meat Naturally Pty auction that yielded a turnover of over R1.7 million / \$ 95 000! With 246 animals sold, there is now reduced grazing pressure on these high biodiversity rangelands as we enter the winter season, and a much needed cash injection into the rural economy for communal livestock farmers, many of whom have lost supplementary sources of income due to the pandemic.



“It was difficult during lockdown to get money as I am working part-time at EWP, so the auction came at the right time so that I can have a source of income to feed my family.”

“As a farmer I could not move around and that means I cannot go and buy vaccines for my livestock and in general everything was at a stand still and I cannot make money for my family.”



Thank you!!!