

Your place in the African bush – dream come true or potential nightmare?

Many people dream about owning their own game farm or ranch, wildlife area, or eco-tourism destination – escaping the rat race; becoming one with nature; answering the call of the African bush.

Many have already taken the plunge and own their own game farms or ranches. Some are still looking for that ideal destination.



But the dream can very easily turn into a nightmare – as many an owner has already found out the hard way when they buy land in good faith, only to find out that it does not meet all the requirements to realize their plans and dreams for the future:

- The carrying capacity of the land may not be adequate to support certain wildlife species.
- The condition of the soil may be poor; the grass species composition and cover may not be right or adequate; bush encroachment may pose a problem with great expenses involved in rehabilitation; maps of the infrastructure as well as the natural and physical characteristics of the land may not exist, making effective management and/or development extremely difficult.
- The owner may be completely in the dark as to how many and what species of animals can be introduced on the land. He may also not know that the interaction between wild animals and plants should be understood, and managed accordingly.
- Nature is dynamic and in a process of constant change. This necessitates a monitoring program to measure changes in all aspects of the land in order to be able to manage the land properly and ensure progress of the land.

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