**Entry survey: SA best practice wild dog control network**

**Survey for LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS**

This survey will be completed by all participants at the start, mid-point, and on completion of their involvement with the ‘SA Best Practice Wild Dog Control Network’ initiative, which aims to support primary producers to lift their productivity, including controlling wild dogs.

The survey responses will enable program managers to understand the needs of participants, as well as track skill development and adoption of new approaches. It will also be used:

* To improve the delivery of future projects
* As part of the evaluation process for the project to funding partners

**All information is confidential; individuals will not be identified in the reporting of analysed data**.

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| **Contact details** |
| Your name: |  |
| Property name(s): |  |
| Property size: | Hectares, or | Km2 |
| Phone number: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| **SECTION1: GENERAL** Details about the property |
| **Indicate the land uses of the property:***(circle all that apply)* | Livestock | Cropping | Conservation | Forestry | Tourism | Mining **Other**, please specify:  |
| **How long have you been on the property?**  |
| **Is the property organic?** | Yes / No |
| **If yes, does it have a management plan with the organic certifier to allow control of predators with 1080?**  | Yes / No |
| **Please rate the conditions/season on the property over the last 5 years** (circle the number) |
|  | *Very poor* | *Moderate* | *Very good* |
| 1. 2018
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. 2019
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. 2020
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. 2021
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. 2022
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. 2023
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| **Please indicate your agreement with the following statements about predators on the property:** (circle the number) |
|  | *Strongly disagree* | *Neutral* | *Strongly agree* |
| 1. Wild dogs do not occur on this property
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. Predators have decreased in the last 5 years
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. I am concerned about predators
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. Wild dogs are an important part of the ecosystem
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. None of my neighbours have problems with wild dogs
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. Biodiversity has increased with predator controls
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. I don’t bait because I have working dogs
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. Feral cats are a problem on my property
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. Foxes are a problem on my property
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 1. Wild dogs do not affect the cattle industry
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| **SECTION 2:** Livestock on the property |
| **Please estimate livestock numbers for last season:** |
| 1. How many head of livestock over 12 months of age did you run last season?
 | #sheep | #cattle |
| 1. How many head of livestock did you join last season?
 | #sheep | #cattle |
| 1. What was your lambing/calving percentage last season?
 | % lambs | % calves |
| **Please indicate general trends in livestock on the property** (circle): |
|  | *Increase* | *No change* | *Decrease* |  |
| 1. Number of merinos in last 5 years:
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | N/A |
| 1. Number of dorpers in last 5 years:
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | N/A |
| 1. Number of cattle in last 5 years:
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | N/A |
| 1. Number of merinos next year:
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | N/A |
| 1. Number of dorpers next year:
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | N/A |
| 1. Number of cattle next year:
 | 1 | 2 | 3 | N/A |
| If you are a wool producer, how many sheep did you shear last season?  |
| If you are a wool producer, how many sheep did you shear in 2018?  |
| **SECTION 3: Wild dog impacts ON LIVESTOCK PRODUCTIVITY** |
| **Describe wild dog impacts on the property in 2018:** | *None* | *Moderate* | *Severe* |
| The impacts of wild dogs on the livestock:  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Financial impacts of wild dogs: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The impacts of wild dogs on your wellbeing: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| What is your estimate of livestock killed by wild dogs in **2018** on the property? | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lambs/ sheep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calves/cattle |
| Any other comment about wild dogs on the property in **2018**: |
| **Describe wild dogs impacts last season:** | *None* | *Moderate* | *Severe* |
| The impacts of wild dogs on the livestock:  | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Financial impacts of wild dogs: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| The impacts of wild dogs on your wellbeing: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| What is your estimate of livestock killed by wild dogs in last season on your property? | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lambs/ sheep \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ calves/cattle |
| Any other comment about wild dogs on your property last season: |
| What are the barriers to controlling wild dogs on this property?  |
| How supportive are you of producer groups injecting their own baits with 1080? (circle)  | *NOT supportive* | *Neutral* | *Very supportive* |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Please explain your response: |
| Do you use WildDogScan?  | Yes / No |
| Do you pregnancy scan or test livestock on the property? | Yes/ No |
| If Yes, do you scan for multiples? | Yes/ No |
| If No, please indicate why not: |  |

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| **SECTION 4: RESOURCES FOR IMPROVING LIVESTOCK PRODUCTIVITY** |
| Please rate your level of confidence with pregnancy scanning or testing of livestock:*1 = not at all confident, 5 = somewhat confident, 10 = very confident* |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| If you do NOT pregnancy scan or test your livestock, please indicate why (circle all that apply):Too expensive | Need training | Need equipment | It’s unnecessary | Not enough time | OtherOther: (please specify) |
| Please rate your confidence level (circle) and tick box your top 5 interest areas in the following livestock management areas: |
|  | *Not confident* | *Moderate* | *Very confident* | *Tick* |
| *Livestock management:* |  |  |  |  |
| **Nutritional requirements for breeding livestock** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Scoring livestock condition** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Optimal stocking rates** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Pregnancy scanning/testing** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Managing livestock heat stress** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Identifying and managing livestock diseases** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Carcase compliance** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Mineral supplements for livestock** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **eID** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Low stress livestock handling** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| *Ag-Tech:* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Sensors – monitoring agricultural assets** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Genomics – managing livestock genetics** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Automated, remote water management** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Predator/gate/grid alert systems** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |

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| *Wild dog control tools:* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Trapping wild dogs** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Shooting wild dogs** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Maximising use of thermal scopes** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Using Canid Pest Ejectors (CPEs)** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Use of motion sensor cameras** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Exclusion fencing** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Use of guardian animals** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| *Other management:* |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Financial and business management** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Soil management for maximum production** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Predator management** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Managing native and non-native herbivores** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Being effective on local boards** | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | **🞏** |
| **Other: please specify any other livestock management area that you are interested in:** | **🞏** |
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Signed……………………………………………………. Date……………………………

Note that this survey has been modified from the Australian Wool Innovation and National Wild Dog Action Plan landholder survey, which PIRSA helped draft. All responses are confidential.

**Thank you for completing the survey**

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