

WHAT CARA ACT SAYS ABOUT VELD MANAGEMENT

Except on authority of a written permission by the executive officer, no land user shall—(a) burn any veld on his farm unit; and (b) utilise any veld on his farm unit that has burned for grazing.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY DALRRD THROUGH THE VELDCARE TEAM

- Control of bush encroachment



- Alien/invaser species control



- Construction of fencing for both boundary and division of camps



- Installation of boreholes and animal water troughs



- Veld restoration e.g., reseeding



- Assist in veld assessment:

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THE IMPORTANCE OF SUSTAINABLE VELD MANAGEMENT PRACTICES



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WHAT IS VELD MANAGEMENT

Veld management entails the planned utilisation and conservation of the natural vegetation for the mutual benefit of plant and animal. It should be remembered that the vegetation should not be changed to suit the animals but that the animals should be adapted to suit the vegetation. Good veld should have two main attributes: Firstly, it should be productive and palatable to sustain maximum animal production and ensure economic benefits in the short term; secondly, it should be stable and prevent soil erosion to ensure long term sustainable production.



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THE OBJECTIVES OF HAVING A GOOD VELD MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

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WHAT ARE THE FIVE VELD MANAGEMENT PRACTICES?

1. Match the stocking rate to the carrying capacity.
2. Use a rotational rest.
3. Use fire appropriately, at the correct time and for the correct reasons.
4. Ensure fences are in the correct location and make camps a uniform size.
5. Balance what is good for the veld with what is good for the animal.

CAUSES OF VELD DEGRADATION

- Overgrazing;
- Overstocking;
- Lack of good veld management strategies e.g. rotational grazing and resting of the veld;
- Lack of knowledge.

HOW DO IMPROVE PASTURE FOR LIVE-STOCK PRODUCTION

- Conduct a soil test. Based on the results, fertilise the pasture.
- Control the weeds.
- Create exercise areas and paddocks.
- Manage the grazing of the pasture by horses.
- Consider the need for reseeding or renovation.
- Do not overstock or overgraze pastures. Use rotational grazing.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, LAND AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT'S INTERVENTION

The Department of Agriculture, Land and Rural Development through the Directorate: Land and Soil Management, under the LandCare Programme has identified VeldCare as a theme that can help communities and farmers adhere to good veld management practices, that are both environmentally friendly and sustainable.

WHAT IS VELDCARE

VeldCare is one of the five Landcare themes that takes the legislative mandate from the Conservation of Agricultural Resources Act No 43 of 1983(CARA). VeldCare seeks to educate farmers and land users to comply with regulation 9,10 and 11 of Conservation of Agricultural resources Act,1983 (Act No. 43 of1983) (CARA).