



From the Chairperson of the Board of Directors:

Dear Members,

I would like to welcome our new residents and owners to Moditlo and along with the established residents and owners offer a warm handshake to each and every person who has found Moditlo a place to lay down roots for the future.

At the AGM our members voted in some new board members and retained others and the board's vision has not changed. Our aim is to continue to make Moditlo the most desired place to live and invest in.

As a board we have a cross section of people who bring together experience from their own respective lives. Experience that we provide for no financial gain and do so because of the shared aim to make Moditlo the best it can be.

The combined board has to oversee the running of the estate within the parameters and obligations within the reserve and as such we identify the areas where the budget must be allocated to obtain the best solutions and services, achieving the best value for money for the

members.

For many months the board has been looking at Security, Water and the electrical infrastructure. We have invited many companies within those areas to put forward suggestions and solutions to these problems. From these independent studies we have had to establish what can be achieved within the financial constraints available to us. After many hours we established the best solution for each and placed proposals before the members at our general meeting. As a result of the choices made by our members, we can move forward with a major investment regarding the electrical infrastructure so that our members have a reliable electrical backup system. We also contracted K9 to provide an armed response within the reserve for the safety of those on the reserve. We will also start moving towards 24 hour security at the Contractors Gate along with providing facilities for the guards and upgrading the ATG (at the gate) security systems.

Pieter Janeke

Chairperson MEHOA



From the Estate Management team:

After the recent SGM a few changes were implemented in the Rules and Regulations and Architectural Guidelines. Highlighted are that walking and cycling has been removed from the Rules and Regulations. After much deliberation the Board of Directors decided that for the safety of our members/residents, this rule needs to be amended. With the current growth of Moditlo Estate and with more permanent residents occupying the Estate, the ever increasing risk of dangerous encounters between the wildlife and human population was the reasoning behind this rule change.

Upgrade was completed on a portion of the eastern fence line.



Upgrades in process on the Electrical Infrastructure on the Estate.



In terms of security, the Board are further looking into the final proposal for the moving of the Contractors gate to the now called residents gate. Residents and members have returned to the use of biometrics to enter the Estate, the current ATG system is in process of being refined for guests, employees and contractors entering the Estate.

The approval of an armed response vehicle was also given at the recent AGM, which will come into effect with the new financial year, 1 October 2022. This vehicle will patrol Moditlo Estate, they will be available in event of emergency situations and assist management in further enforcement of the Rules and Regulations of the Estate.

Our architectural committee meets weekly to scrutinise and approve building plans. This committee is overseen by our Operational Manager. Moditlo Estate has seen a large increase in Construction within the last year with their currently being 32 houses in construction and 13 new plans in approval phase and a total of 89 houses completed to date.

We want to thank our Architectural Committee for their time, dedication and diligence when it comes to this important task.

A number of projects are taking place and have been completed on the Estate.

Various upgrades and renovations were done on the water infrastructure including pump station and upgrades on the now 6 boreholes, incorporated into the water system.



From the Estate Management team:



With the current growth of Moditlo rule breaches within the Estate has increased in the last six months.

Management were informed and acted upon the following rule breaches:

Keeping of pets – not registered under the Pet Proposal = 4

Noise disturbance = 4

Trespassing on private stands = 2

Off-road driving = 8

Contractors rule breaches = 7

Tailgating at gates = 4

Waterholes = 3

Formal complaints regarding driving and speeding = 5

Members are reminded that they are ultimately responsible for all family, guests and employees on their property. You can obtain a copy of all Rules from the office or via our Website.

We Would like to thank our members for their continuous support, and further would like to thank the Board of Directors the rest of our staff for their hard work, dedication and professionalism.

It remains a privilege to work in such a beautiful Estate.

The Moditlo Estate Management Team

Ian Oliver. 70 years old Retired Business Development Director of Franki Africa (Pty) Ltd, specialist geotechnical engineering contractors. 40 years civil engineering contracting and commercial experience. Will be assisting Riaan Hugo with infrastructure design and maintenance requirements. Full time resident of Moditlo.

Piet Scheepers, I am a retired veterinary surgeon. Our family has been involved on Riversdale since 1938. I have a passion to conserve the fauna and flora of the Bush. That's also the area I am involved in.

Craig Carnaby. I have worked in the conservation and hospitality industry for 30 years. Roles covered included guiding, private guiding, television production and game farm management, operation in many game reserves in South Africa. I have been located on the conservancy for over 10 years where I oversee all operations of the Vuyani brand as well as the mountain crest farm management teams that maintain and ensure the integrity of the fences of the BCPGR as well as +-50% of the BCPGR road network. We also are responsible For any fighting of fires in and outside of the conservancy boundaries and assist the Moditlo management with any Fire emergencies and response.

Alan Hiatt. My wife is Jen and we have two children Tom and Elinor. I've been an active member of the Board since 2019 something that I consider a privilege to be involved in. I'm based in the UK but travel to South Africa as much I can. In the UK we have an Educational Consultancy business. I was a computer analyst for many years and have for the past few years also written websites and installed networks.

Pieter Janeke, I'm married with 4 children and administer several businesses one of which processes fertiliser for farming. I own several farms within the conservancy and share my time between Vanderbijlpark and Hoedspruit. I breed with exotic game in the Potchefstroom area, and have successfully bred various 50" buffalo bulls and also 50" Sable bulls. I own some lime mines in different parts of the country, and produce a substantial portion of the agricultural lime sold in the country.

Godfrey Phillips

. schooled in Johannesburg and graduated with a Bachelors of Arts from the University of the Witwatersrand in 1973.
. received a Masters in Social Work in 1976, and a Ph.D in Social Policy from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania (1983)

Work History

1976-1978, worked as a social worker in the Johannesburg Municipal Department of Health. In America I worked in a variety of social Service jobs, until changing careers in 1985. My career change was to advertising where I worked as a strategic planner at Young and Rubicam in New York City.

In 2003, I was recruited to run research at the Network of City Business Journals, pioneering major studies in the small/midsize business market in America.

2015 saw my cousin Neil Tabatznik and I felt it was time to give back to the country of our birth. After much explorative research we started Tshemba Foundation (Tshembafoundation.org). here in Moditlo. Our purpose is to augment the health care in the area, through the recruitment of qualified medical professionals plus investing and pioneering of needed health care programs in the hospital, schools and clinics

Wimpie Pieterse. 57 years old, after matriculating in the Mpumalanga Highveld, I studied Accounting at the University of Pretoria. Served my articles at Hoek & Wiehahn and thereafter joined the Corporate world for about 30 years where I also served as FD / CFO for about 15 years. I now work mainly as a Consultant for a few large companies.

I am married with two boys aged 28 and 24, and blessed with two lovely daughters in law. I am an outdoor person and we all love the bush.

Bernard Koppes. Born in Germany, I mostly grew up in Luxembourg. I hold a degree in Banking and Int. Finance. After 11 years in London, I moved to Dubai where I still live now. I am married and a father of 4. I was the third person to build on Moditlo, and this estate is very much at the core of what I do. I own a couple of lodges on the BCGC, of which one is located on Moditlo. I am in charge of Moditlo's website which I manage on a pro bono basis.

Lorna Zoghby.

I was born and was brought up in the Kruger National Park where my parents (Ian and Merle Whyte) were employed for their entire working lives. I married Section Ranger Steven Whitfield, who is now the Regional Ranger at Satara Camp. We have 2 boys together aged 28 and 27. During this time I ran my own business doing SANPARKS reservations, Event Planning and Catering. In 2008 we divorced, and I moved to Sabi Sands and became the Assistant Lodge Manager at Savanna Private Game Reserve.

In 2014 I moved to Johannesburg to marry my husband, Anthony Zoghby. Anthony died in 2019 and I then moved permanently to our holiday home in Moditlo (Anthony had also previously served on the Board of Moditlo).

I am now 49 years old and the regular interactions with residents and members of the Moditlo management team is an aspect of my role on the board which I particularly enjoy.



News from the Blue Canyon Conservancy

Unfortunately I start the Conservancy news by reporting the death of the remaining Cheetah “brother”. You will have seen the two brothers on the reserve for many years and I’m sure you’ve sat quietly with them for many hours watching them sleep and eat. Mainly sleep. We estimate their age at around 13 or 14. On the 12th June he was seen being chased by the lions and unfortunately his body was found on the 13th June. Presumably the Lions caught up with him.



The following game figures only provide the Blue Canyon with approximate figure and are used to advise the management on sustainable numbers which is then managed accordingly. A recent Game Count was undertaken and the results can be seen in the table immediately below. **As with all game counts they are not 100% accurate with a high percentage of error in not seeing every animal within 30,000 acres with many animals being difficult to count as they hide in bushes, trees and holes.** However they do provide the Blue Canyon with important details regarding the animal density.

Animals	Animal Count	Male	Female	Juvenile
Bushbuck Total	8	0	2	0
Bushpig Total	1	0	0	0
Duiker - Grey Total	32	0	0	0
Elephant Total	31	0	0	0
Giraffe Total	205	0	0	0
Hippo Total	11	0	0	0
Hyena - Spotted Total	1	0	0	0
Impala Total	3024	174	6	0
Jackal Total	3	0	0	0
Kudu Total	202	18	27	0
Leopard Total	2	1	0	0
Lion Total	4	0	1	3
Nyala Total	255	55	22	0
Warthog Total	271	0	0	0
Waterbuck Total	53	4	1	0
Wildebeest - Blue Total	307	3	0	0
Zebra Total	147	0	0	0
Grand Totals	4557	255	59	3

A study was done by scientist showing that there are more than 20 leopard on the conservancy and to the best of our knowledge there is currently more than 14 Lions on the conservancy.



Vulture nest monitoring update – Blue Canyon

Summary:

- On 8 July 2022, Joy Scheepers and her team did the 1st vulture nest check of the year for Blue Canyon Private Game Reserve.
- We recorded 1 inactive and 14 active White-backed Vulture nests, and 1 nest that might belong to a different raptor species.
- Our sincere thanks to the home-owners on Moditlo who allowed us to search for nests around their homes.
- Thanks to everyone who joined, especially Dr Scheepers, for driving us the 40 km route.
- Joy usually does a second nest check in Oct 2022.

During our nest check, we recorded 16 nests. Of these, 14 nests showed signs of activity (i.e., they are being used this breeding season: adults were incubating, or the nest had fresh whitewash below it - we are pretty sure these are all White-backed Vulture nests), 1 nest ('BC009', which may not be a vulture nest) seemed to be inactive, and there is 1 White-backed Vulture nest ('BC015') that we are unsure whether it is active or not (it may be a second nest for the pair at nest 'BC016').



Above: On 8 July 2022, Joy Scheepers and her team conducted the first vulture nest check of the year. The team included Dr Scheepers (driving), Glenda and Tony Sparkes, Mike and Toi Skellern and Graeme Gouws, their grandson from Australia.

Map of our 40 km
survey route on 8 July.

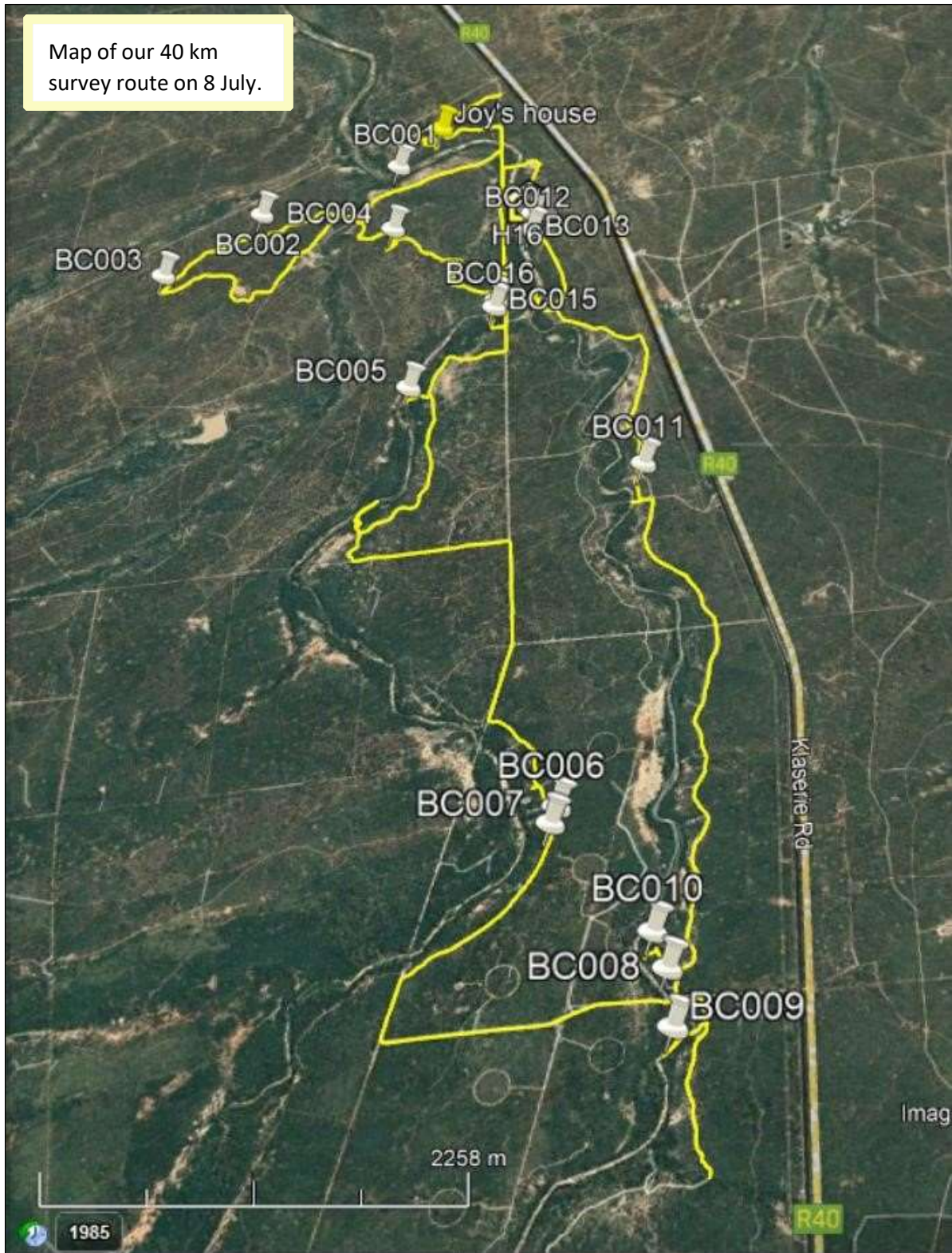


Table: Summary of our findings during the vulture nest check on 8 July 2022 at Blue Canyon, including: Nest codes, species (of raptor occupying the nest), nest coordinates (Latitude, Longitude), Tree species, Date of the nest check, description of nest location within the tree, and any relevant notes. 'inc' = incubating. Nest 'BC015' was labelled as 'unsure' because it seems, from the landowners' information, that it may be an alternative/old nest from the pair at nest BC016.

Nest code	Species	Lat	Long	Accuracy	Tree sp.	08-Jul-22	Nest location	Pic	Notes
BC001	WbV	-24.422590	30.994290	Approx.	Faidherbia	inc	on top	yes	
BC002	WbV	-24.427380	30.985245	Approx.	Knobthorn	inc	on top	yes	50m north of the road (on RHS)
BC003	WbV	-24.433198	30.979771	Approx.	Knobthorn	inc	on top	yes	30m from road on RHS (south)
BC004	WbV	-24.428800	30.995258	Approx.	Knobthorn	active	1m below top	yes	Nest tree is 30m from here.
BC005	WbV	-24.442799	30.999553	Approx.	Faidherbia	inc	on top	yes	Tree in riverbed, view from The Bird's house.
BC006	WbV	-24.472586	31.014968	Approx.	Jackalberry	inc		no	Tree is 10m from road.
BC007	WbV	-24.473592	31.014779	Approx.	Jackalberry	inc	on top	no	Nest tree is 20m from road.
BC008	WbV	-24.481819	31.022747	Approx.	Faidherbia	inc	1m below top	yes	Anna Mussi's tree
BC009	unsure	-24.484950	31.023480	Approx.	Acacia sp.	inactive	within canopy	yes	Tree on edge of river, accessed from no. 98.
BC010	WbV	-24.479790	31.021640	Exact	Faidherbia	active	on top	yes	Tony's nest. Can see nest from road.
BC011	WbV	-24.448890	31.016610	Approx.	Faidherbia	active	on top	yes	Nest across dry riverbed from here.
BC012	WbV	-24.428851	31.005466	Approx.	Faidherbia?	inc		yes	Riverbed. View from Zebra road or H16.
BC013	WbV	-24.427286	31.005248	Approx.	Jackalberry	inc	on top	yes	Close to Andrew's house (H16).
BC014	WbV	-24.426907	31.004870	Approx.	Jackalberry	inc	3m below top	yes	Nest across river from H16, 100 m to left.
BC015	WbV	-24.435320	31.004110	Approx.	Faidherbia		left-hand nest	yes	30 m towards river from here.
BC016	WbV	-24.435882	31.004089	Approx.	Syc Fig		1m below top, LHS	yes	40 m past pool.



Nest 'BC001' with an incubating adult White-backed Vulture, on 8 July 2022.



Nest 'BC002' with an incubating adult White-backed Vulture, on 8 July 2022.





Nest 'BC003' with an incubating adult White-backed Vulture, on 8 July 2022



Nest 'BC004' on 8 July 2022.



Nest 'BC005', with an incubating adult White-backed Vulture, on 8 July 2022.



Nest 'BC008' (near Anna Mussi's house), with an incubating adult White-backed Vulture, on 8 July 2022.

Empty nest 'BC009', on 8 July 2022.



'BC010' (Tony's nest) was empty (no birds), with some whitewash below it, on 8 July 2022.

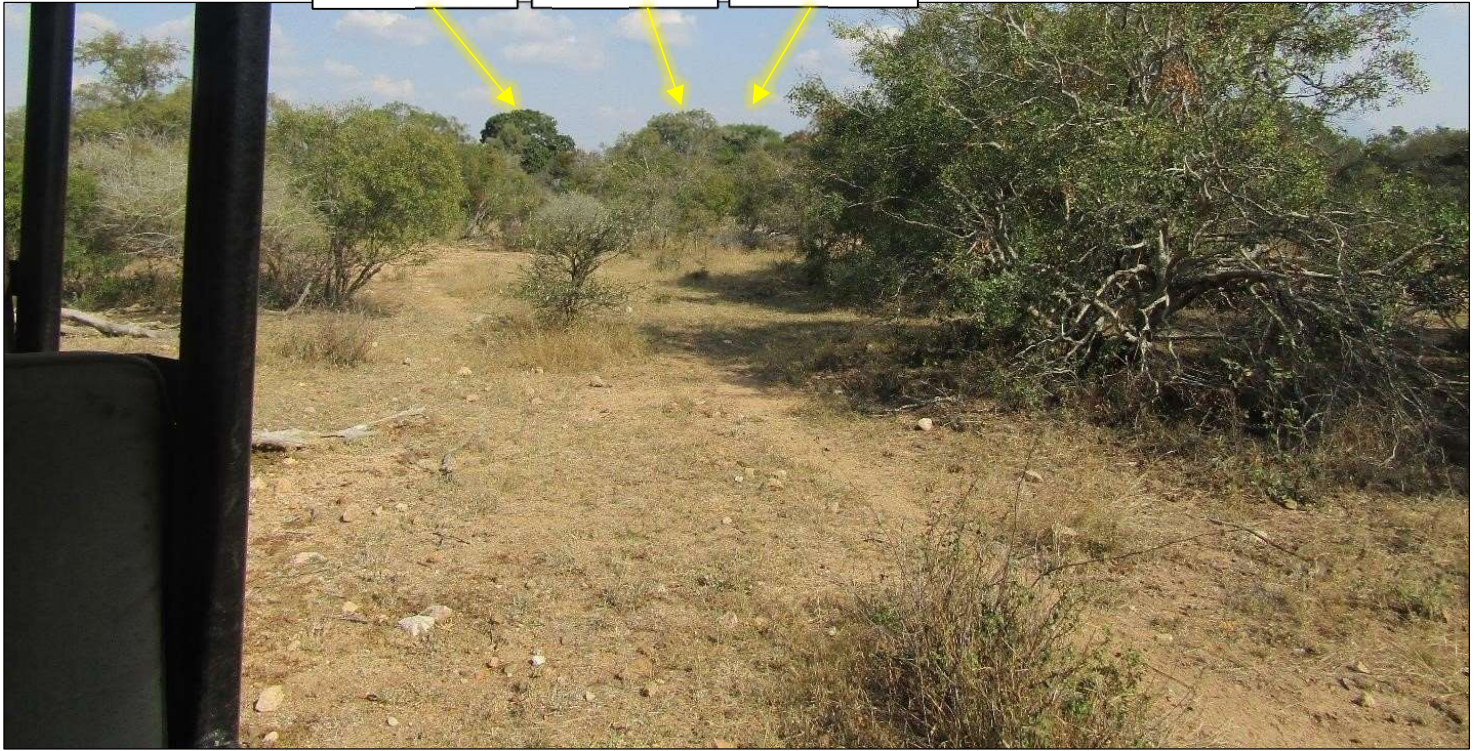


Nest 'BC011', with an adult White-backed Vulture, on 8 July 2022.

Jackalberry

Appleleaf

Nest tree



Nest 'BC012', viewed from the road (from the vehicle), with an adult White-backed Vulture, on 8 July 2022 (continued).



(continued) Nest 'BC012', viewed from the road (from the vehicle), with an adult White-backed Vulture, on 8 July 2022.

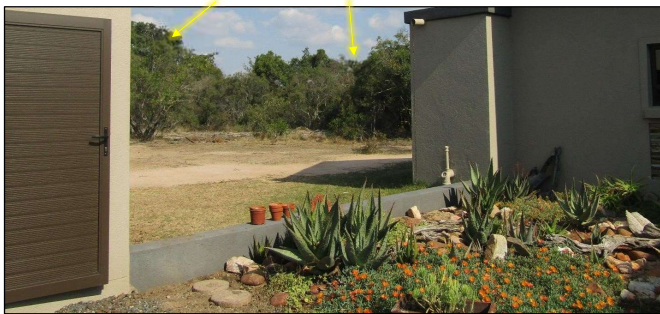


Nest 'BC013',
with an
incubating adult
White-backed
Vulture, on 8
July 2022.



Nest 'BC013'

Nest 'BC014'





Nest 'BC014', viewed from the house, with an adult White-backed Vulture



Nest 'BC014', with an adult White-backed Vulture



Nest 'BC015', on 8 July 2022. The home-owners say the adult vultures move between this nest and the one at their pool ('BC016'). This nest tree also has 2 Buffalo Weaver nests in it.





Nest 'BC016'. Adult White-backed Vulture had been incubating but was flushed off nest when group approached



Thanks to the Blue Canyon Private Game Reserve management and Moditlo home-owners for allowing us access to monitor vulture nests. Thanks especially to Joy Scheepers for allowing me to tag along during this vulture nest check.

Please feel free to send Joy Scheepers updates of what is going on in vulture nests on your land: Joy's cell: 082 337 6536.

If you see any wing-tagged vultures, please note the date, location and wing-tag number, and report it to Lindy: LindyT@ewt.org.za or WhatsApp cell no. 0722 414 611, so that we can add the records to the EWT's database

Report prepared by: Lindy Thompson (right), Endangered Wildlife Trust.



Leopards of Moditlo?

Finding Rosettes

My name is Tristan Cary and I have been a permanent resident on Moditlo for 18 months. I am a passionate wildlife photographer and nature enthusiast and I have taken a keen interest in understanding and observing the predators as well as the dynamics of the different lions and the leopards on Moditlo.

In the beginning I only had very brief sightings of leopards and would probably only have two sightings a month and in some cases one sighting in three months. My leopard sightings started to pick up in May 2021 and I started seeing leopards more frequently especially during the winter months. The sightings however were still brief...

During November 2021 I had some of the most incredible sightings of leopards and got to know a young male (18 months old) who goes by the name Rhulani. Rhulani means peaceful and harmony in the local Shangaan language...

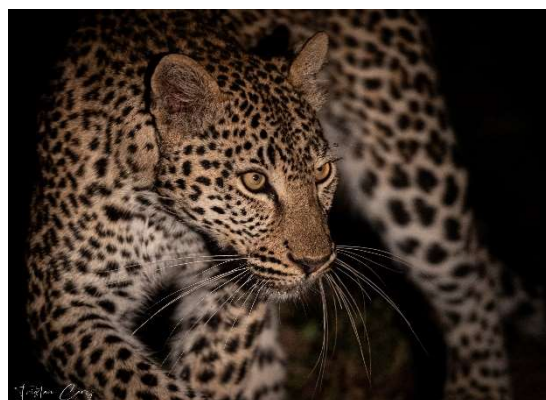


Rhulani



I have also come to know a young female under 24 months old who is known as Kwetsi. Kwetsi means inquisitive in Shangan

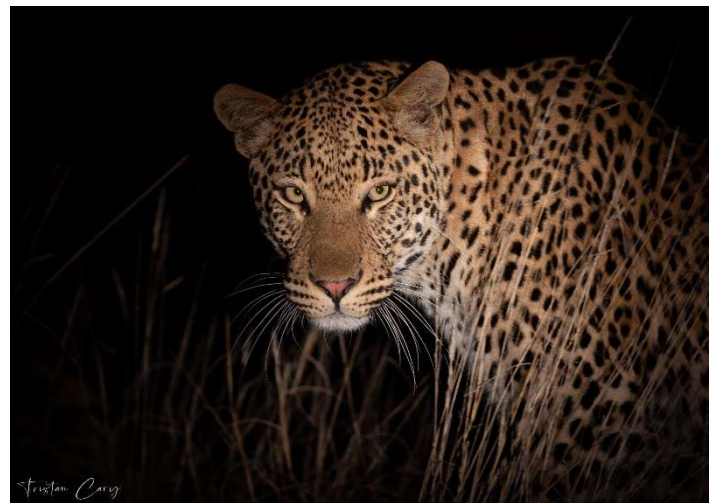
Kwetsi



Leopard Of Moditlo

I have come across other leopards that have been named and identified but do not show themselves as much as these two individuals. For example, a male leopard known as the Quarry Male I have only encountered on three separate occasions.

Quarry Male



The same goes for a female leopard who goes by the name Nganakati. Nganakati means princess. Here are some of my leopard photographs from the past few months

Nganakati



The More Eyes The Better

It is always special identifying new leopards, especially ones you have not encountered before! I have recently come across two new females in the months of February and March 2022.

I have also come to the conclusion that I will not be at every leopard sighting on the reserve and that is why I need other residents to photograph and share images from their leopard sightings. This will make my job a lot easier and definitely add a lot of value to the research I am trying to conduct. The different lodges on the reserve have played a huge role by assisting me with past knowledge and identifying some of the leopards. By observing these big cats more frequently hopefully we can get to a stage where the majority of leopards are relaxed around vehicles and do not get spooked easily.

I will continue to follow the leopards on this reserve in an attempt to learn more about them and their different dynamics as well as relationships with other leopards. Their secretive nature really does add to their elegance making them the perfect big cat.



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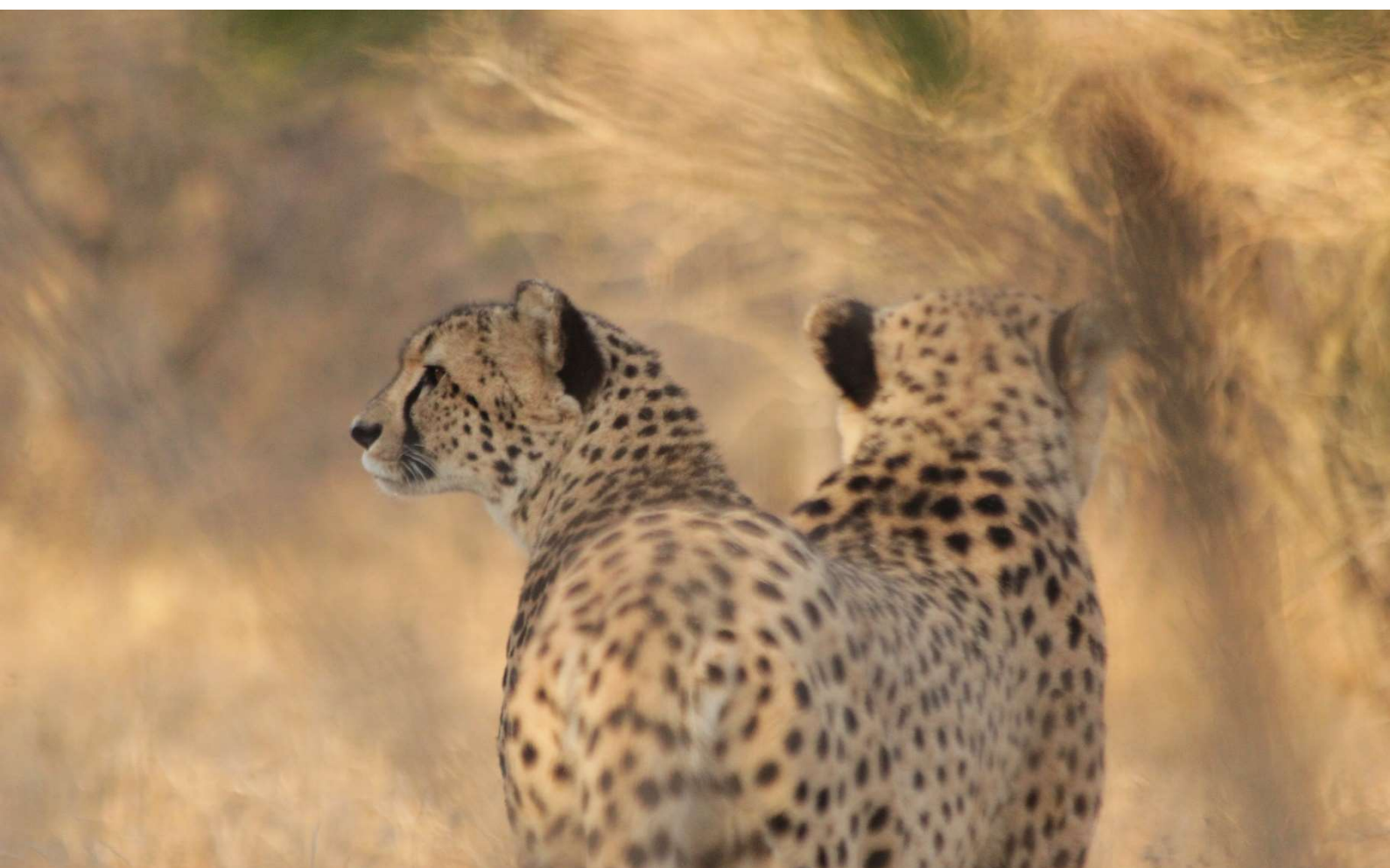
Security Main Gate: **066 220 6706**

WhatsApp groups:

Moditlo Official – For official notices from management to Members.

Moditlo Social and Chat - Try and keep to matters pertaining to Moditlo, no personal attacks, no threats, no swearing, nothing religious, nothing political

Moditlo Services - For service related queries and announcements - NO CHAT



This concludes our Winter 2022 Newsletter. Thank you to all contributors. Should you want to publish an article or have any suggestions for our next newsletter please send an e-mail to our office at: moditloestatehoa@gmail.com.

Warmest Regards
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