

MEETING REPORT

**AFRICAN
WILDLIFE
FORENSICS
NETWORK**



7th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AFRICAN WILDLIFE FORENSICS NETWORK

Mabula Game Lodge, Limpopo, South Africa

27 June – 1 July 2022



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report describes the proceedings of the 7th annual meeting of the African Wildlife Forensics Network (AWFN), held in Mabula Game Lodge, on 27 June – 1 July 2022 and hosted by the South African National Biodiversity Institute.
2. The overall aims of the meeting were to;
 - maintain and expand network opportunities of laboratory and crime scene practitioners in Africa;
 - discuss and plan approaches for enhancing wildlife forensic capacity throughout Africa, through practical initiatives that can be implemented regionally;
 - continue to develop and expand on the AWFN work plan through exploring new opportunities and areas
 - update members on the activities of the network since the 2021 meeting;
 - provide a platform for sharing knowledge and training within relevant disciplines and roles of WLA and WCSI;
3. In total 65 members, donors and stakeholders attended the meeting representing government and non-government entities from 20 countries (13 African countries).
4. The programme included two plenary sessions and breakout training sessions covering the focal areas of WCSI and WLA.



