Progress towards identifying 11 spatial nodes for the wildlife economy

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The wildlife sector comprises 3 sub-sectors

**Wildlife ranching**
- **Primary activities:**
  - Breeding
  - Live sale
- **Secondary contributors:**
  - Live captures
  - Translocation Services
  - Veterinary Services
  - Fencing and maintenance

**Wildlife activities**
- **Primary activities:**
  - Wildlife Viewing
  - Trophy Hunting
  - Biltong Hunting
- **Secondary contributors:**
  - Accommodation
  - Transport
  - Equipment & Supplies (Arms, Ammunition etc.)
  - Taxidermy

**Wildlife products**
- **Primary activities:**
  - Game Meat Processing
  - Skin and Hide Production
  - Other products (e.g. curios and decorations)
- **Secondary contributors:**
  - Packaging and Transportation
The Wildlife Economy Lab developed detailed plans for 15 initiatives and a further 6 recommendations.

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*Note: Some will be included with high level activities, but these will not have 3ft plans*
Framework
Areas that are incompatible for the development of the WLE

• Existing developed areas: e.g. Urban/ built-up areas, mining areas, some existing agricultural land (high priority)

• Critical Biodiversity Areas, PAES
Areas that can inform the location of the nodes

- Agricultural areas suitable for expansion of the Wildlife Economy
- Protected areas and existing game farms
- Existing wildlife nodes
  - KZN, LP, NW
- Existing cadastres identified for land reform
- Agricultural hubs (animal related)
Zonation exercise to identify broad areas for creation of biodiversity economy nodes
Way forward

- Use existing data to refine and identify spatial nodes
- Identify additional data that can be used for refinement
- Finer scale planning within nodes to identify types of development that can take place
- Link to agricultural guidelines
- Stakeholder engagement