



Environmental Management Plan Guidelines

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Somerset West Pistol Club is committed to responsible, sustainable land use. Our *Environmental Management Plan* is a mandatory condition of our lease with the City of Cape Town, and compliance with it is required of all members, visitors, and contractors on-site. An *Environmental Control Officer* conducts regular inspections to ensure these standards are upheld.

How You Can Help

- **Stay on established roads and tracks.** Vehicles and pedestrians must remain on prescribed routes at all times. Indigenous Fynbos areas are designated No-Go zones — please respect these boundaries.
- **Park only in designated parking areas** and ensure access roads remain clear at all times. Emergency vehicles must be able to reach all parts of the site without obstruction.
- **Collect your spent cartridges** at the end of every shooting session and place them in the bins provided or take them for reuse. Do not leave them on the range.
- **Place all waste in the designated bins.** Do not burn rubbish or leave any refuse behind on the range.
- **Log wildlife sightings.** Record any bird or animal sightings, including species, date, time, and location, and report them to the Executive Committee for our Wildlife Register. Photos are appreciated.
- **Be aware of the Fire Danger Index (FDI).** Check the daily rating and report any smoke, flames, or potential fire hazards to a Range Officer or the Executive Committee immediately.
- **Use drop sheets for painting or maintenance work** to prevent paint or chemicals from contaminating the soil.

What to Avoid

- **Do not enter Fynbos No-Go areas** on foot or by vehicle. These sensitive areas must not be crossed under any circumstances.
- **Do not smoke** outside of designated smoking areas.
- **Do not light open fires, use gas cooking, or burn any rubbish or waste** outside of the club's permanent, dedicated braai structures.
- **On high fire-risk days (FDI Orange or Red, above 60), do not burn waste or brush piles, or operate brush cutters, chainsaws, angle grinders, or welding equipment.** These spark- or flame-producing activities are strictly prohibited to prevent accidental ignition.
- **Do not fire at any animal** at any time, under any circumstances.
- **Do not feed wildlife** or leave food out in a manner that may attract animals.
- **Do not attempt to handle tortoises or snakes yourself.** If an animal strays onto the range, notify a Range Officer or the Executive Committee for safe capture and relocation.
- **Do not introduce invasive plant species** to the site.
- **Do not let cement, concrete, or fuel come into uncontrolled contact with the soil.** Refueling must take place in a designated area with drip trays and spill absorbents.

Thank you for helping us protect this environment.
For full details, please refer to the complete *Environmental Management Plan* on our website.