

Feel at one with the Spirit of Ancient  
Africa...



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# Eco Ranger

established in 1998

#Tourism #Conservation #Wildlife

The One-Stop Academy Right in the Heart of Africa!

**Eco Ranger is the Leader in Developing and Providing Quality Wildlife Education in Africa!**

Nature — Safari Guide	Conservation Practitioner	Wildlife Practitioner
1st Year	2nd Year	3rd Year
Survival ~ Bush Craft	Nature Conservation Management	Veld Management
Tracking Animals I	Tracking II ~ Man & Combat	Tracking III ~ Dangerous Wildlife
Dangerous Game I	Dangerous Game II	Guiding III ~ Trails Guide VPDA
Ranger I ~ Field Ranger	Ranger II ~ Anti-poaching Ranger	Ranger III ~ Park Ranger
Wildlife Photographer	Safari Operations in Africa	Wildlife Warden & Rancher
Wilderness 1st Aid	Advance Rifle Handling ~ ARH Bolt	Wildlife Health Care & Production
Tourism Manager	Professional Hunting	Game Harvesting & Utilisation
Firearm Competency	Firearm Business Purposes	Game Capture



# CAMPUS

Eco Ranger HQ & Campus is situated between Malelene and Komatipoort on a on our owned private Game Ranch, “**Klaserie Campus**” and The Senior Campus “**Malalane Campus**” on our own Private Game Ranch of 4 000ha in Mpumalanga, South Africa!

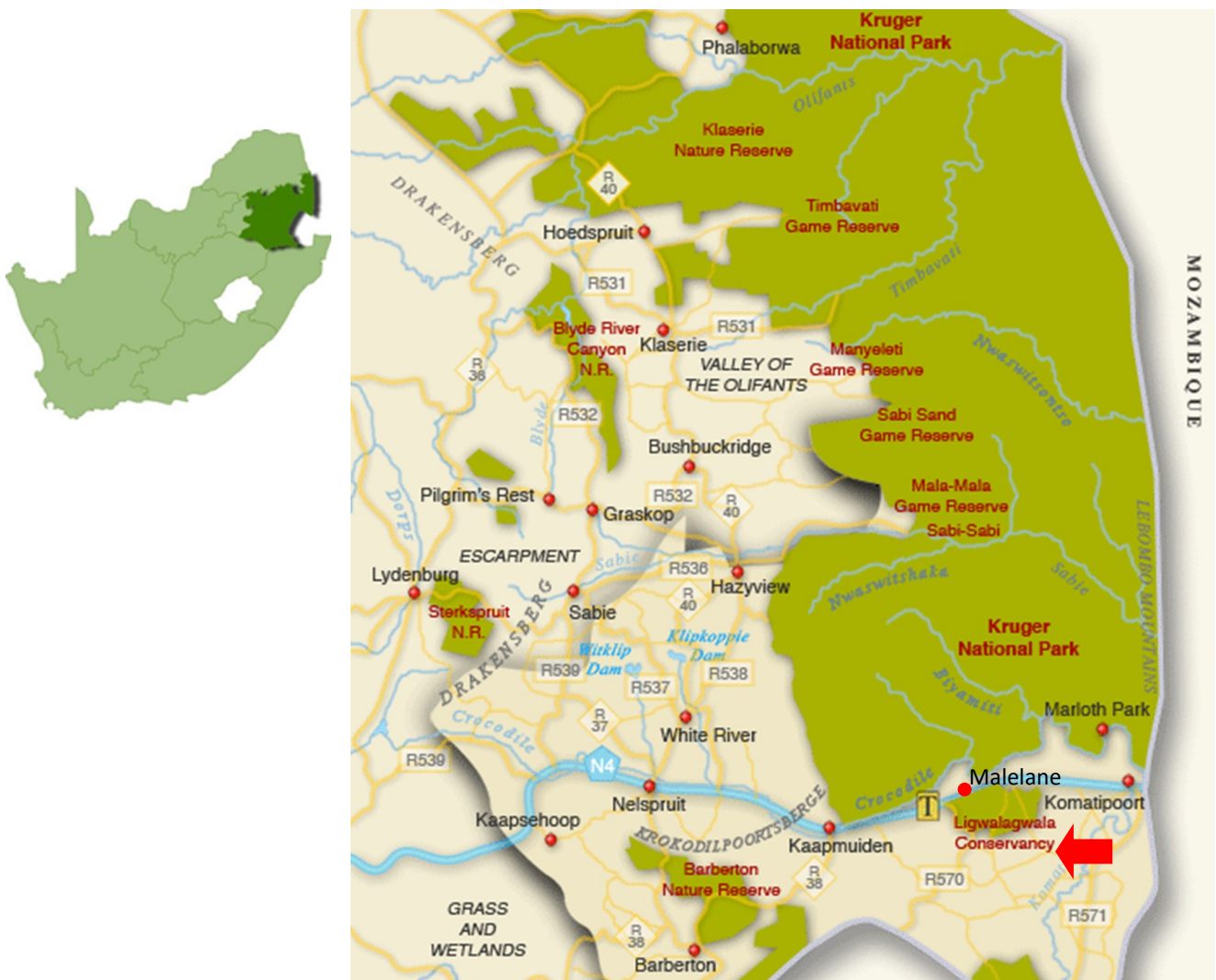
The region offers unique fauna and flora, all the Big Game and Predators of Africa, with 42 mammal varieties and approximately 350 bird varieties.

Practical training is conducted in the Greater Kruger National Park, Private Conservancies, Nature & Wildlife Reserves, and Wildlife Ranches.

The Campus is a place of intellectual stimulation and discovery, where ideas foster change and awareness will inspire commitment and success.

The student village is in harmony with the environment and aligned with eco-friendly building principles.

Dining Services create a sense of community by offering social hubs focused around food in a comfortable Game Lodge environment, enhancing the overall dining experience, we offer a variety of high-quality, authentic and healthy cuisine.



# NATURE GUIDING / “SAFARI RANGER”

The term “nature guide”/ "field guide" is often confused with ranger (game ranger) and "tourist guide". A game ranger manages a specific area where wild animals roam.

The tourist guide profession embraces a vast complexity of specific areas of the entire country, guiding tourists in cities, museums, battlefields and many places of interest, placing the accent essentially on the manmade environment and cultural-historical aspects.

The Nature / Safari Guide leads people into the natural areas of the environment.

This form of guiding is not necessarily confined to walking trails. It could also include vehicle drives, horseback safaris, canoeing and other outdoor activities.

The nature guide's interests relate to Ecology and Nature, but the name Ranger is so embedded in the Tourism Guiding Industry that it will never change... so by achieving this Qualification and Register as a Nature Guide you will be employed as a “Ranger” at Game Reserves... Entertaining tourist to see leopard, lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino... the Big 5 of Africa!



# DANGEROUS GAME GUIDE / TRAILS GUIDE

## (View Potentially Dangerous Animals)

Entrance Requirements: Nature Guiding + Tracking + Survival & Bushcraft



For the man in the bush, more important than having a sound knowledge of firearms, is having an intimate knowledge of the behaviour of dangerous game species. It is better to avoid a dangerous situation than have to face the consequences of a confrontation. To View Potentially Dangerous Animals on foot, a hands-on practical course, where Africa's dangerous game are tracked down and approach is done live and not via distance learning or classroom .... Learn the golden rules, animal behaviour, anatomy and danger signs / displays and how to let your clients have an unforgettable safe experience.

The relationship between shooter, rifle and environment are constantly being challenged, but kept in check through speed and accuracy. Shooting scenarios have a limited amount of time to respond, so speed is often the primary goal. The mistake that happens is when we are compelled to act quickly, we emphasize speed over accuracy and actually end up missing the goal of the task entirely. You have to resist the urge to go so fast that you compromise your accuracy, this is probably the hardest skill to develop with a heavy calibre .... ***“Expect Anything – Assume Nothing - Fast is Fine but Accuracy is Everything”***

Advance Rifle Handling **ARH** on Heavy Calibre Rifles (.458, 416). Learn how to use your big bore rifle fast and accurate, under pressure, at short distances with the correct shot placement to “drop” charging dangerous game.

Achieve the National Competency Certificate on Act 60 of 2000 on Use of a Rifle for Business Purposes Plus a Specialised Medical Course “STOP THE BLEEDING”.

# TRACKING

Man has, over time, developed skills to survive in his natural environment. We know that man had to develop skills in the art of tracking to become a more effective hunter.

The refinement of tracking in Eco Tourism ensured the development in better techniques to locate elusive game such as lion, leopard and special sought-after species.

The art of tracking has developed into a science with many practical uses and plays a major role in Nature Conservation, Eco-tourism, Environmental Education, Scientific Research, the control of and the fight against poaching, nature research programs and trophy location.

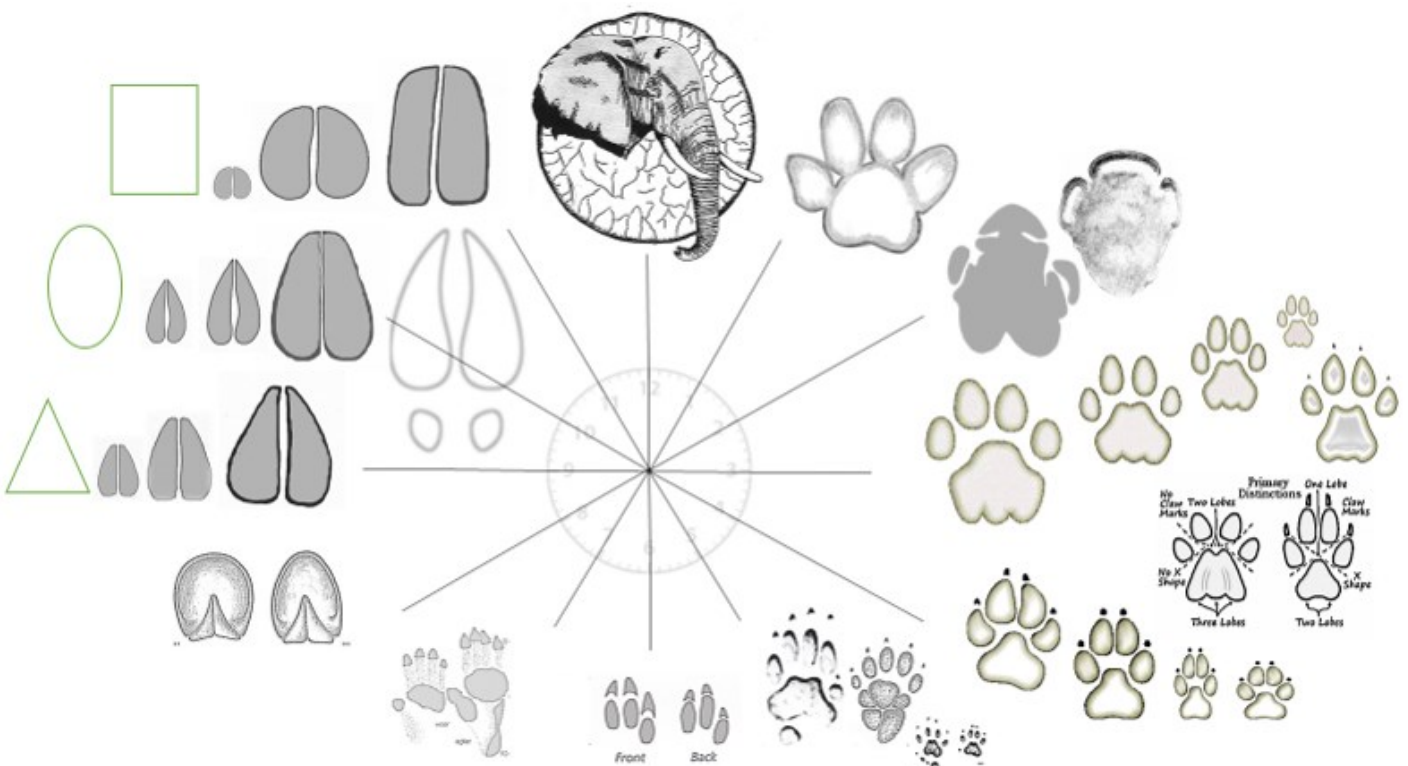
However, it is impossible to become a tracker by simply reading a book or attending a short course. This is a start, and with an expanding knowledge of the bush and a bit of experience, it will be remarkable what a little practical thinking and application can do.

One needs practical experience to master the art of tracking. The art of tracking also includes the continuous process of discovery and the most experienced tracker will always find something to learn.

Your tracking ability can only enhance the enjoyment of nature.



Eco Ranger test against National Credits and Levels – No One Else DO !!!

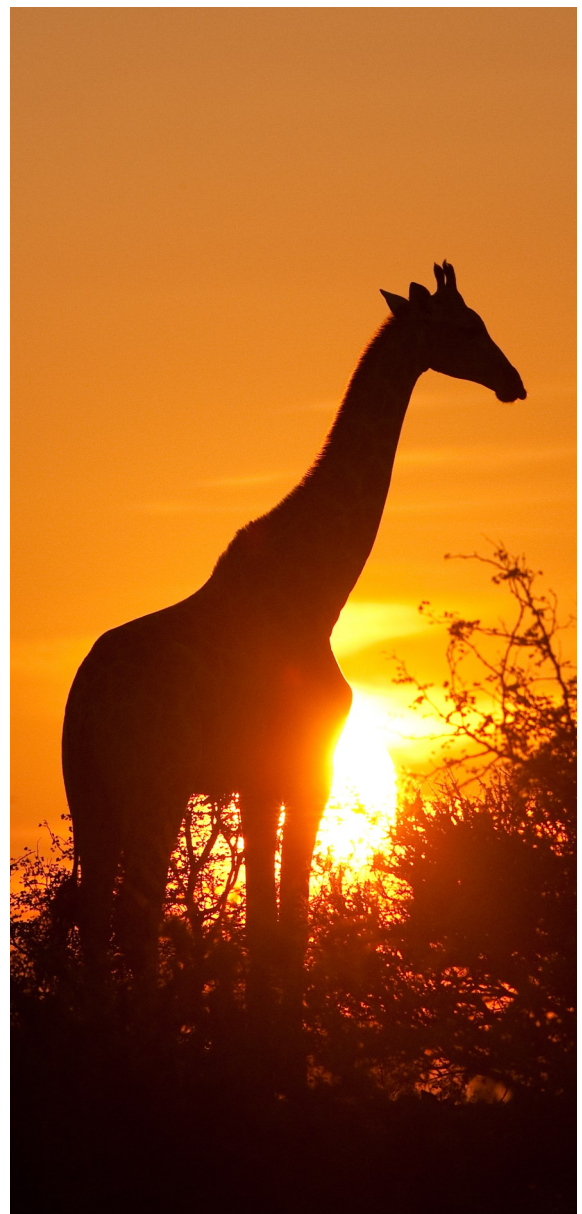


# FIELD RANGER - ANTI-POACHING RANGER - PARK RANGER

Game Rangers and Field Rangers are the principal guardians of the world's premier natural and cultural protected environments. Field Rangers are involved in complex and highly important tasks in the preservation of natural and cultural resources, which constitute core elements of the world's natural and cultural heritages. If you are looking for a career that will be an adventure, this course is an ideal platform for a successful career in the challenging private Game Reserve industry, or to find your way into a Provincial or National Park as a Wildlife Field Ranger.

If you pass SELECTION an Anti-Poaching Ranger Course is offered, with Tactical Combat Techniques, Combat Tracking and Security, Critical Incidents and Recovery (SCIR) to become an Anti-Poaching Ranger or more correct a Field Ranger Law Enforcement Armed.

The Park Ranger - Game Ranger (Area Integrity Management) in the 3rd Year, complete this portfolio, in theory, practical and Workplace to lead Ranger Teams and successfully manage the integrity of Wildlife in Protected Areas, Game Farms, Nature Reserves, Provincial and National Parks in Africa.



## Nature Conservation Practitioner – Advance Level 2nd Year

Nature Conservation Practitioner addresses skills and competencies enabling advance-level employment in conservation and access opportunities for further development and training in Conservation and Private Wildlife careers.

The Nature Conservation Sector is a highly regulated environment tasked with the protection and utilisation of our Natural resources and heritage whilst ensuring, controlling and managing access to this environment by both national and international tourists.

Consumptive and Non-Consumptive utilisation of our natural resources is protected and managed by a Nature Conservation Practitioner.

Sustainable Conservation Practices contributes significantly to the country's foreign exchange earnings and the marketing of South Africa as The Safari and Tourism destination in the World.

Eco Ranger present the Theory ... Practical ... Work Integrated Learning in One on our Own Reserve !

## Wildlife Practitioner – Professional Level 3rd Year

Careers: Wildlife Rancher - Wildlife Warden - Game Ranger - Game Capturer

Recognised Knowledge and Skills is required by the Private Wildlife Arena, State Reserves, Range States and SADC in order to meet operational requirements to remain profitable and increase growth of wildlife areas.

The main objective stays the veld and habitat management, wild animal production, wildlife health care, biodiversity protection and sustainable utilisation of wildlife.

Eco Ranger present both Custodial and Manipulative Wildlife Management in Africa protecting our continents natural heritage, integrating protected and wildlife areas into our local and national economies and shrugging off the fortress conservation image that we have inherited from our colonial days.

Subjects include: Ecology, Veld & Habitat Management, Parasitism and Contagious Wildlife Diseases, Nutrition, Animal Production, Marketing, Finances and HR, Sustainable Utilisation, Wild Animal Health Care, Game Capture & Relocation, Safari Industry, Custodial and Manipulative Wildlife Management in Africa.

**Eco Ranger is the Only Institution that presents:  
Custodial and Manipulative Wildlife Management with Game Capture**



**Professional Occupational Qualifications: SAQA & QCTO with CATHSSETA as  
Quality Assurance Partner**

Category	Course Details	Duration	Cost
	Entry-Level Requirements: Loving Nature and Wildlife with Heart		
	<b>Nature Guiding / Safari Guide</b> Subjects: Taxonomy, Ecology, Geology, Weather and Climate, Astronomy, Botany, Birds, Mammals, Insects, Reptiles		
	African Bush Craft & Navigation & Survival Tracking I (Animals)		
<b>Entry Level</b>	Dangerous Game Guiding: Open Safari Vehicle - <b>VPDA 1</b>	1st Year	R 89 900.00
<b>Safari Guide &amp; Eco Tourism</b>	<b>Eco - Tourism</b> Tourism Management, Create a Tourism Experience Wilderness First Aid Wildlife Photographer		Education Cost
<b><u>3 in One</u></b>			
Safari Nature Guide Tourism Field Ranger	<b>Field Ranger I – Law Enforcement</b> * Physical Selection Required for Armed Field Ranger ** Bushcraft, Survival, Obstacle Course, Fitness, Discipline ***Alternative ~ Game Lodge Management Program  Firearm Competency - Bolt Action Rifle  Dedicated Sport Shooter – (Own Registration Fees)		



**Professional Occupational Qualifications: SAQA & QCTO with CATHSSETA as  
Quality Assurance Partner**

Category	Course Details	Duration	Cost
	<b>Entry-Level Requirements:</b> Eco Ranger Year 1 or NQF 2 Nature Guiding with Matric: Mathematical Literacy, Geology, Biology <b>Conservation Practices &amp; Principals</b>  <b>Game Ranger – Nature Conservation Management</b> Ranger II - Anti-Poaching Ranger Tracking II – Man & Combat Tracking Protected Area Management and Wildlife Monitoring	2nd Year	R 89 900.00
<b>Advance Level</b>			Education Cost
<b>Conservation Practitioner</b>	<b>*Dangerous Game Guiding II</b> (Backup - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Rifle) Advance Rifle Handling .458 ( <b><u>own new ammunition required x 20</u></b> ) Firearm Bolt Action for Business Purposes		
<b>4 in One</b>	<u>Additional Extra:</u> <b>Professional Hunting &amp; Outfitter - 1 x Provincial Examination</b> Plus entrance to National Qualification: Professional Hunting		R 14 000.00  Additional

**2nd Year:**

- Conservation Practice - Nature Conservation Management
- Tracking II ~ Man & Combat
- Dangerous Game II ~ Advance Rifle Handling = ARH Bolt 1st level
- Ranger II ~ Anti-poaching Ranger
- Safari Operations in Africa ~ Professional Hunting & Outfitter



## Professional Occupational Qualifications: SAQA & QCTO with CATHSSETA as Quality Assurance Partner

Category	Course Details	Duration	Cost
<b>Entry-Level Requirements:</b> Eco Ranger Year 2 / NQF 4 Nature / Conservation Diploma NQF 5 or Equivalent			
<b>Professional Level</b>  <b>Wildlife Practitioner</b> <b>The Ultimate and Most Sought-After Qualification in Wildlife</b>  <b>5 in One</b>	<b>Wildlife Management</b> Ecology, Veld & Habitat Management Parasitism and Contagious Wildlife Diseases, Nutrition	3rd Year	R 89 900.00
	<b>Wild Animal Health Care</b> <b>Game Capture &amp; Relocation</b> Wildlife Management in Africa and Sustainable Utilisation,		Education Cost
	<b>Wildlife Rancher &amp; Wildlife Warden</b> Custodial and Manipulative Wildlife Management Game Production, Genetics, Nutrition, Green Economy		
	<b>Dangerous Game Guiding VPDA 3 – <u>Trails Guide</u></b> <b>Optional Elective: VPDA</b> .458 (own new ammunition required x 20)		R 14 000.00  Additional

### 3rd Year:

- Wildlife Management
- Veld Management
- Ranger III ~ Park Ranger
- Wildlife Warden & Rancher
- Wildlife Health Care & Production
- Game Harvesting & Utilisation
- Game Capture & Relocation
- Tracking III ~ Dangerous Wildlife
- Guiding III ~ Trails Guide ~ VPDA



## FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

- Education @ **R89 900** per Year
- Handbooks & Practical's, Material and Uniform @ **R9 900.00**  
(Main Handbook Commercial, Pants, Shirt, Cap, Jacket, Belt, Gaiters)
- Meals, Board & Lodging / Koshuis @ **R69 900.00** (Payable in Advance Instalments)
- Total Estimated Cost: **R169 700** per year
  
- Additional Requirements: SA National Parks: Wild Card @ R805 (estimate costs for 2024)
- Eco Ranger Shorts & Shirts, Cap, Belt, Gaiters and other Eco Ranger apparel available in our shop.

20% Deposit on Academic Fees with Acceptance for Enrolment ~ Full Academic Fees payable on Registration Excluding VAT if applicable

Campus Board & Lodging / Kampus Koshuis: Breakfast, Brunch, and Dinner + Campus Canteen and Shop for Snacks & Beverages on Campus

Alternative Area Accommodation: Malelane 30km, Komatipoort 40km



**ECO RANGER**  
*Academy*

**LEADERS IN**  
**WILDLIFE**  
**EDUCATION**



# QUALIFICATIONS

**The National Certificate in Guiding is the Only Qualification by law - Tourism Act 3 of 2014 to register as a Tourist Guide with the Department of Tourism. Please confirm this with your local Provincial - Registrar of Tourist Guides**

Qualifications for tourist guides are governed by the National Qualifications Framework (NQF).

There are only two qualifications registered on the NQF:

National Certificate in Tourism: Guiding (NQF2)

National Certificate in Tourism: Guiding (NQF4)

Note that a new NQF 4 qualification has recently been registered and this replaces the 20155 qualifications.

Several unit standards, within the different areas of specialisation, have been clustered together to form skills programmes addressing areas of specialization, and aimed at persons wishing only to complete the specialized minimum area of learning required to guide.

These skills programmes are registered by CATHSSETA (The Culture Arts, Tourism, Hospitality and Sports Sector Education and Training Authority )for certification purposes. The applicable unit standards are registered on the NQF. In order to register as a site guide specialising in culture, nature, or adventure guiding you need different combinations of unit standards. These rules of combination can be accessed on the CATHSSETA website, at [www.cathsseta.org.za](http://www.cathsseta.org.za).



## CATEGORIES OF TOUR GUIDES

There are three categories of tourist guides:

Site Guides – these tourist guides have attained the minimum qualification in order to guide in a “limited geographical area” i.e. Hiking in the Drakensberg, visiting the Natal Battlefields, taking a day tour of Cape Town, visiting Soweto;

Provincial Guides – are qualified to take tourists around an entire province i.e. Limpopo or Gauteng;

National Guides – are permitted to conduct tours around South Africa, crossing all provincial boundaries. These guides would accompany people taking a comprehensive tour of South Africa, say, by coach.

## CLASSIFICATION OF TOUR GUIDES

Adventure Guides – conduct a guided adventure experience e.g. rock climbing, paddling, abseiling, etc.

Nature Guides – conduct a guided nature experience in areas such as Game Reserves, National Parks, nature conservation areas, trails, and the like.

Cultural Guides – conduct a guided cultural experience in a limited geographical area such as a museum, community, wine farm, town or city.

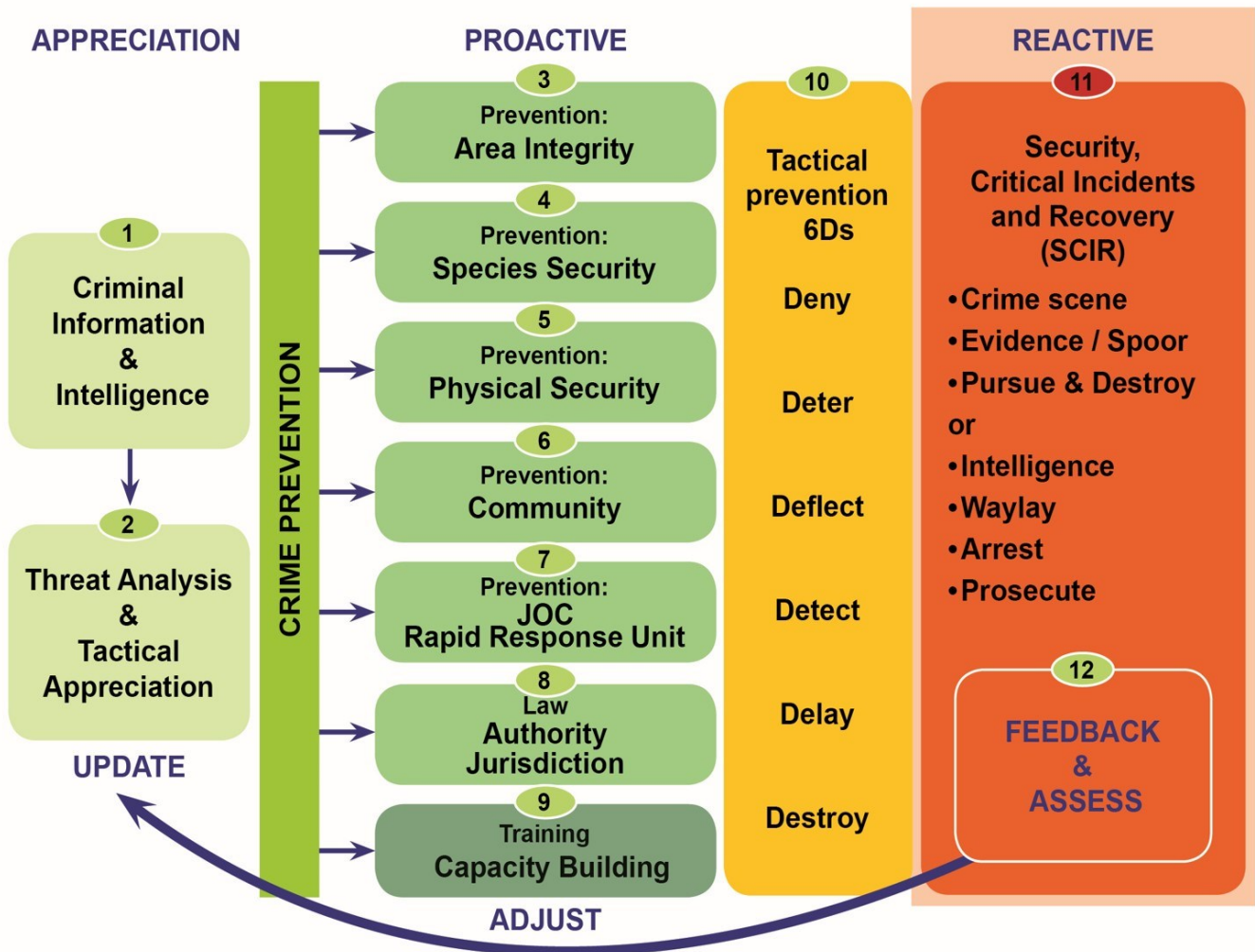
To register as a provincial or national guide you need, as a minimum, qualification at NQF level 2 plus the required unit standard for your area of specialization – You can also view these on the CATHSSETA website as given above. Note that the requirements for guide registration, including what learning programme or course is needed for which category of guiding, is the competence of the Provincial Registrars of Tourist Guides.

## TOURIST GUIDING TRAINING AND ASSESSORS

**All tourist guide trainers and assessors have to be accredited by CATHSSETA to be able to train according to the nationally recognized standards and qualifications network.**

## WHAT IS A TOUR GUIDE?

Any person who, for monetary or other rewards, accompanies people who are travelling through or visiting any place within a country, and who furnishes those people with information or comments concerning a place or objects visited is defined as Tourist Guide. Many tourist guides may also wish to run their own tour operations in which they are both tour guide and tour operator.



**NEW: Park Ranger**

QCTO Qualification Direct Assessment - RPL - after 3rd year at Eco Ranger @ R 35 000.00

**The South African - Park Ranger Qualification** is the first of its kind in the world and will be the most Elite Ranger qualification worldwide, it is on-par or more comprehensive than similar courses found in regional military units and will specialise rangers as field rangers that have a broad base on conservation monitoring and reporting, specialised combat trackers, an Elite Anti-Poaching Ranger and an Area Integrity Ranger that can pro-actively lead his rangers in the African bush to ensure that Rangers is the principal guardians of the world's premier natural biodiversity.