



**Beneficiary Conservation Agreement
PROMOTION OF SUSTAINABLE LANDUSE IN UPPER MZIMVUBU CATCHMENT**

Village Name				
Livestock Association Name				
Chairperson Name				
Chairperson ID number				
Chairperson Contact number				
Committee Members (if more than six add on separate page)				
Name	Position	Id Number	Contact	
Nominated village coordinator				
Name	Contact	ID number	Signature	
MNP Representative				

Preamble:

This agreement rests on cooperation and goodwill between the village livestock committee and Meat Naturally Pty (MNP). By signing this agreement both parties agree to follow the guidelines in this document to the best of their abilities.

This agreement in no way estranges the community's rights with regards to the use of the land as stipulated by local tribal authorities, but rests purely on mutual trust and aims to align with local ordinances.

The Meat Naturally Initiative (MNI) is an initiative of Conservation South Africa that seeks to promote sustainable livestock farming and land use in the upper uMzimvubu Catchment. MNP is a social enterprise

of which 60% of profits will be transferred to the Meat Naturally Trust for re-investment in the communal livestock sector in which partaking and compliant livestock associations will benefit most.

This initial agreement is **valid for 1 year** (_____). The terms of the agreement will also be re-negotiated and adapted before renewal, depending on lessons learned about the effectiveness of activities in practice.

A basic requisite is that the livestock committee guides livestock owners to set aside and enforce compliance to an adequate summer rested grazing area ("Maboella/Dobo"). This grazing is then available as a winter fodder bank and can be utilised after the first frost upon agreement of the livestock association.

On signing this agreement, I _____(name) as representative of _____livestock committee, agree to follow the guidelines as set out in this agreement:

1. Completion of the following information (with assistance from the MNP facilitator)
 - a. Signed beneficiary conservation agreement;
 - b. Livestock committee member details (above);
 - c. Name, signature and contact of village coordinator appointed by the committee (above);
 - d. Completed list of livestock owners and livestock numbers for the village (list attached) who are part of the association;
 - e. Grazing area to be rested sketched onto provided topographic map in agreement with livestock committee;
 - f. A draft constitution for the association.
2. Enforce compliance to the rested grazing areas during the summer growing season, October to April, (please draw in rested area on map provided (MNP Representative does spot checks, reports back to livestock committee chairman who signs acknowledgement);
3. Proof on minimum numbers of stock on offer one month (30 days) prior to any auction event by completion of stock on offer lists coordinated by nominated village coordinator and returned to MNP representative (minimum of 70 cattle).

In turn, Meat Naturally Pty (MNP), offer the following benefits and incentives to the livestock committee:

1. A folder returned to the livestock committee. In the folder will be included a printed map of the agreed upon rested area, copies of the agreement and livestock and owner lists.
2. Provision of local cattle auctions, at any time of year as long as a minimum of 70 cattle are on offer from the different partaking villages. A 4% commission will be deducted from sellers at the end of the growing season/summer if agreement is completed and signed and suitable compliance was found. If this is not the case a 6% commission will be charged. Any sellers not part of the association will always be charged a 6% commission;
3. Where suitable compliance was found during the agreement period for a particular village the following additional benefits to will be returned during the last three months:
 - a. Provision of annual Covexin10 vaccination during May to all cattle (as per list completed above);
 - b. Training for two days provided to five representatives (nominated by each livestock committee) from each village on ecological, production and market literacy;
 - c. Support by partner NGO Conservation South Africa on formation of formal livestock association or cooperative and capacity building;
 - d. Employment to two persons from each village (nominated by respective livestock committees) for three - five days during the week of each auction event;
 - e. Exposure to new sustainable enterprises such as feedstock from wattle etc.

Sanctions:

- I understand that the contributions and support provided by the Meat Naturally Pty are only applicable for as long as I comply with the guidelines in this agreement and that benefits will be stopped if I do not comply with the stipulations of this agreement.
- Non-compliance is determined after two events where photographic evidence shows grazing in agreed upon rested areas. The facilitator will do two reports per month after completion of spot checks and report findings to committee chairperson;
- In cases where this agreement is not in place and suitable compliance is not reached, commission rates of 6% at auctions will be applicable.

***This Meat Naturally agreement is valid from date signed (below) until _____ 2018, hereafter the renewal of the agreement will be renegotiated.**

NOTE: All responsibility for compliance of national and provincial legislation rests with the livestock owner/land user.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON: Signed: (date)
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Date of visit by MNP Representative or approved consultant:

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MNP Representative: Signed: (date)
