# "Producing Nature": An ethnographic case study on a game farm in thicket

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Preliminary Findings

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#### Questions

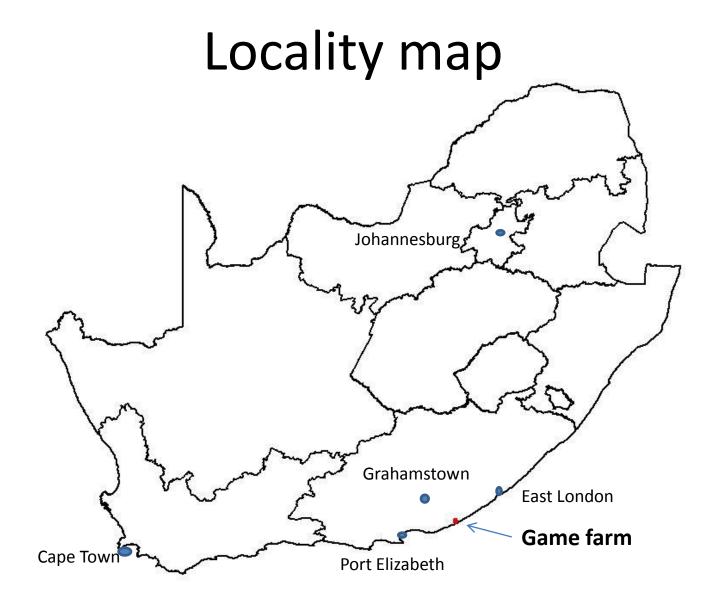
- Who are these game farmers?
- What are their motivations?
- How do they give meaning to 'their' game and the environment?
- Which other actors are involved?

How does game farming change the landscape?

## Objective

 How the interaction between landowners and their environment is expressed on a game farm.

 A better understanding of game farmers and game farming from a sociological perspective



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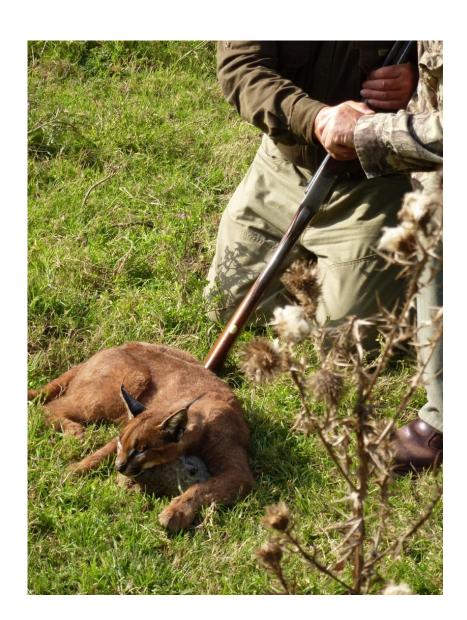
## Animal categories

Indigenous and extralimital species

Game farm and non-game farm species

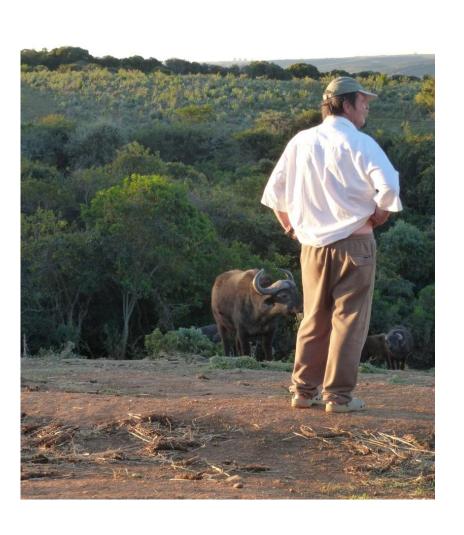
Trophy animals and vermin

### Animal categories



Lynx: Vermin or a trophy?

#### Passion for hunting and game



"I am a conservationist"

"Without hunting their wouldn't be any game left"

#### Labour



"It saves money...
...and trouble"

**Unskilled**people
unemployed

## Thicket is about people!