



DINOKENG GAME RESERVE LOCKDOWN

Dear Landowner,

The president announced on 23 March that from midnight on Thursday, March 26, until midnight on Thursday, April 16, the country will be in lockdown. This means that the majority of the public needs to stay home except under exceptional circumstances. Grocery stores, pharmacies, banks and other essential industries will remain open. All non-essential activities are suspended.

The Dinokeng Game Reserve will therefore be CLOSED from 27 March 2020.

While this is going to be a trying time, it is important to remember that the lockdown is a necessary measure to flatten the COVID-19 curve and get a handle on the pandemic in South Africa. We stand in solidarity with our president to fundamentally disrupt the chain of transmission.

During this lockdown, the DGRMA will continue to operate as follow in compliance with the Government Directives:

1. The DGRMA offices at the Ndlovu and Tau gates will be closed from Friday 27 March 2020 until Friday 17 April. Operations will however continue remotely as below:
 - a) The General Manager, David Boshoff can be reached on david@dinokengreserve.co.za or 082 789 1399
 - b) For any product related matters, Neeltje Prins, can be reached on info@dinokengreserve.co.za
 - c) Ranger on duty can be contacted on 060 648 2329
2. Personnel working at the 6 DGR gates (Tau, Ndlovu, Ts'ukulu, Nyathi, Yingwe and De Witskraal will continue to monitor access in and out of the reserve for security and anti-poaching purposes. Here the necessary hygiene regulations will continue to be followed. Landowners will be required to swipe their own access cards at the gates and thoroughfare traffic will themselves need to insert tickets upon exit.

Dirk van der Westhuizen will be on standby for any gate system problems.

The Wilderness Way gate will be closed as from 27 March 2020 prohibiting all access to and from the self-drive routes. Please note that NO self-drive permits will be sold during lockdown.

3. Picnic sites and bird hide will also be closed as from 27 March 2020.
4. The anti-poaching team will continue their duties as we pre-empt snaring and poaching to increase. The rhino monitoring will also continue as usual and the other section rangers will assist with either anti-poaching operations or with rhino monitoring.
5. Our fence patrol team will continue with fence patrols and fence maintenance as usual.
6. The Working On Fire teams will be sent home end of business on 26 March 2020.

What to do?

The Dinokeng Management Association requests that ALL landowners stand together, work as a team and look out for each other. We are all feeling unsure, concerned and perhaps even fearful. Please notify management / each other should you observe illegal traversing on property; or see vehicles driving around at night.

As Working on Fire is not around, let us try and reduce our risks surrounding fires (especially open fires). Our priority is to keep the animals safe and in turn keep each other safe.

Please assist us to reduce any possible risk of spreading the disease. **STAY AT HOME!**

Any positive or suspected case of COVID-19 must be reported to David Boshoff (0827891399) to assess the risk and provide support.

What if you have an emergency?

Emergency services, including doctors, clinics, hospitals and pharmacies will continue to operate as usual.

From the President:

This is important. You will not be allowed to leave your home except under strict circumstances, such as to buy food, seek medical care, buy medicine and other supplies or collect a social grant.

The lockdown is not a suggestion, it's the law. If you violate the rules of the lockdown, you could find yourself in jail. The National Defence force will be working with SAPS to ensure that the lockdown is implemented correctly.

"This is a decisive measure to save millions of South Africans from infection and save the lives of hundreds of thousands of people." – Cyril Ramaphosa

Stay Safe

Dinokeng Game Reserve Management Association