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Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment
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(For written reply)

QUESTION NO. 124 {NW129E}

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Ms T Breedt (FF Plus) to ask the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment:

- 1) Whether, with reference to her reply to question 1818 on 2 June 2023, wherein it was advised that the information requested was included in a scientific manuscript drafted for submission to a technical journal, which was unpublished at that time, the scientific manuscript has since been published; if not, (a) by what date will the specified manuscript be published and (b) in what publication; if so, will Ms T Breedt be furnished with a copy of the manuscript;
- 2) whether she will furnish Ms T Breedt with the relevant details of the management of the Elephant Impact Areas referred to in the specified reply, including policies of the (a) SA National Parks and (b) Kruger National Park for the management of the specified areas; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
- 3) What progress has been made with the development and/or implementation of management interventions since the drafting of the scientific manuscript?

124. THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT REPLIES:

- 1) (a) The Scientific Manuscript, with additional analysis included to enhance the study, has not yet been submitted for review.
(b) The Technical Journal has yet to be decided.
Yes, the Honourable Member will be furnished with a copy of the manuscript which will also be freely available online at the relevant Technical Journal's website.

- 2) (a) In regard to management of elephants, the South African National Parks (SANParks) takes guidance from the relevant elephant Management Plans and the Integrated Wildlife Management Policies of SANParks.
(b) The management of the specified areas is included in the Kruger National Park Elephant Management Plan which is currently under review.

- 3) Currently, SANParks implements elephant management in line with the approved elephant management plans and relevant policies of SANParks. As stated above, the scientific manuscript has not yet been finalised, and no formal decision has been made to implement its recommendations. Once the scientific work is reviewed and approved by a relevant scientific authority, SANParks will consider its recommendations. Such recommendations may be used to further enhance the current SANParks elephant management plans and policies.



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MS B D CREECY, MP
MINISTER OF FORESTRY, FISHERIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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