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Media article

All animals accounted for and made safe

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Mahikeng: The Department of Rural, Environment and Agricultural Development reports that one animal was neutralized and it seemed all animals were counted for in the facilities, after the search was called off at midday last Saturday.

This comes after the department has reported last Friday to the public about the alert of possible escaped lions. It was found out due to fire, electricity was switched off to the enclosures, and there may have been a momentary weakness when one or more escaped.

Since the community was availed of the information were pleased that the animals were all accounted for and made safe.

The Director for Biodiversity Management, Mr Jonathan Denga lauded his team about the excellent job done and indicates that there will be an investigation as to compliance with the management plan of the lion facility which is routine.

“Denga further said even today we still have calls about other lions in the same area, but this is often the case after such incidents for weeks even after. Our staff will however still endeavor to follow up regardless, in case that is, he remarked”

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