

Bonnox protects exotic game like gold



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After erecting 10 kilometres of Bonnox, Jaco de Wet, farmer, and Simon Makhule, worker, are satisfied with the results.

No farmer can afford to take chances with the safety of his assets, and rare game is one of the most difficult assets to protect. Therefore, it is worth your while to invest good money in the protection of your valuable game.

Jaco de Wet cashes in on the favourable climate of South Africa's North-West Province to breed various types of rare game, such as golden wildebeest, sable antelope, nyala, bushbuck, steenbok and duiker. Jaco had to do thorough research to keep expensive game safe on his farm, and to also keep predators out. Bonnox provided the answer.

"I have read about the benefits of Bonnox in the media, and the first time I saw how it was used was on a friend's farm," says Jaco.

"Bonnox makes their fencing affordable with their special offers. For every ten rolls I bought, they gave me a roll for free. It worked out much cheaper than the 2,24 mm steel wire that I was considering. The service I received from Bonnox is unbelievable. I phoned them for a quotation – and received it within ten minutes.

After my payment was made, they immediately called to inform me that the stock was ready. I hitched my trailer

and went to the Bonnox factory where friendly workers quickly loaded the trailer and tied down everything perfectly. The Bonnox staff members were very helpful afterwards and gave me advice regularly, which made my task very easy."

Jaco bought Bonnox's 2,4 m game fence. The lower 1,2 m has a smaller mesh, which becomes larger towards the top. It keeps the predators out effectively. "If you check your fence every

day and refill warthog holes, you won't have any trouble with jackals, caracals or leopards." Jaco also deforested an area of four metres wide on both sides of the fence to prevent leopards from jumping over.

Jaco fenced in four camps of 50 hectares each. Two of the camps each accommodate 25 blue wildebeest cows and a bull. In the third camp he keeps his black impalas, bushbucks and nyalas. He has a post every 50 metres and a straining post every 100 metres, which made it very easy to measure and determine the spacing of the 100 metre fence.

The rest of Jaco's farm is populated by other game such as kudus, wildebeest, impalas, eland and oryx. The males frequently try to fight with his breeding stock through the fence. Jaco promptly put a stop to that by simply adding a Y-standard every 10 metres and a dropper every metre.

Jaco and his workers erected the fences with ease. "Bonnox enabled me to quickly fence in a huge area. The game kept inside were bred in camps and are used to fences, so I could put them into the Bonnox camps before all the droppers were added. This saved me a lot of time," he says.

During the morning his workers could roll out and join the fencing for a whole side of one camp, and in the afternoon, he could help them to lift it evenly, strain it at every 100 metres and then fasten it.

"In the future I will expand my breeding operations, and never again will I use any fencing other than Bonnox. I saw how easily predators were able to break through ordinary fencing. There is no better fencing than Bonnox," a very satisfied Jaco concludes.



Bonnox's 2,4 m game fencing makes it impossible for predators like leopards, jackals or caracals to reach Jaco de Wet's nyalas and impalas.



Jaco de Wet's golden wildebeest can breed safely and undisturbed in one of the 50 ha camps enclosed with Bonnox fencing.

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