



Concern over rise in poaching at PMB nature reserve

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A conservation group says it is worried about the spike in poaching activity at Bisley Nature Reserve in Pietermaritzburg.



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An operation recently conducted by the Friends of Bisley Nature Reserve found five wild animals caught in snares.

The group's chairperson Peter West says the animals included a zebra, wildebeest and an impala.

He says their members have been combing the area and removing traps.

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"In the last couple of weeks, we found in certain areas a marked increase in the number of snares and a zebra was just left to rot where it had died, caught up in the snare.

"We need to ask people to walk regularly and look for the snares. Quite often, they will set the snares and then they don't return in time to see if the animal has been caught in the snare and the animal is just left to rot."

The Msunduzi Municipality has also raised concern about the rise in poaching at the reserve in recent weeks.

