



The impact of FMD on
Wildlife with special
reference to the Disease
Free Buffalo industry.

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All Buffalo are equal,
but some are more
equal:

Kruger Buffalo (Red Line)

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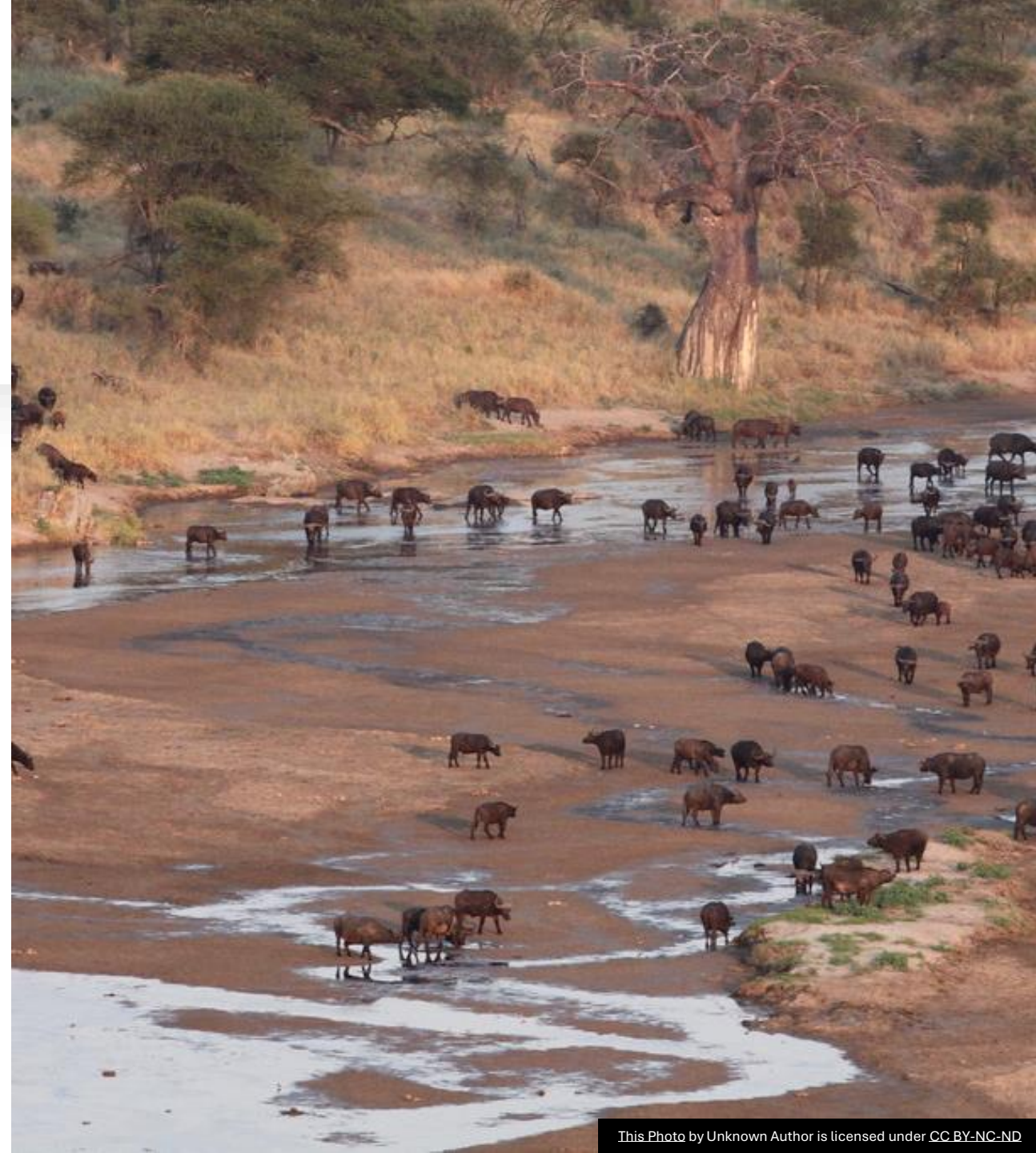
Disease Free Buffalo



RED LINE BUFFALO (Still disadvantaged)

PERSISTENT CARRIERS

- ALWAYS BLAMED FOR FMD
- RESTRICTED TO CERTAIN AREAS TO CONTAIN DISEASE.



Disease Free Buffalo: PREVIOUSLY DISADVANTAGED

Free of FMD, Corridor, TB and Brucellosis.

These Buffalo cannot transmit FMD for they are FMD free
(never state the obvious)

These Buffalo are susceptible to FMD infection and will
become carriers if exposed.

If FMD is confirmed in a disease Free Buffalo Herd that herd
must be destroyed as per protocol. NOT GOING TO HAPPEN.





The disease free Buffalo Industry

More than 3200 registered Disease Free Buffalo Farms

More than 50% of these are in Limpopo Province

The majority of these farms are on marginal agricultural land.

The Buffalo industry is estimated to generate 30 billion rand in foreign currency compared to 4.5 billion rand in foreign currency by beef exports

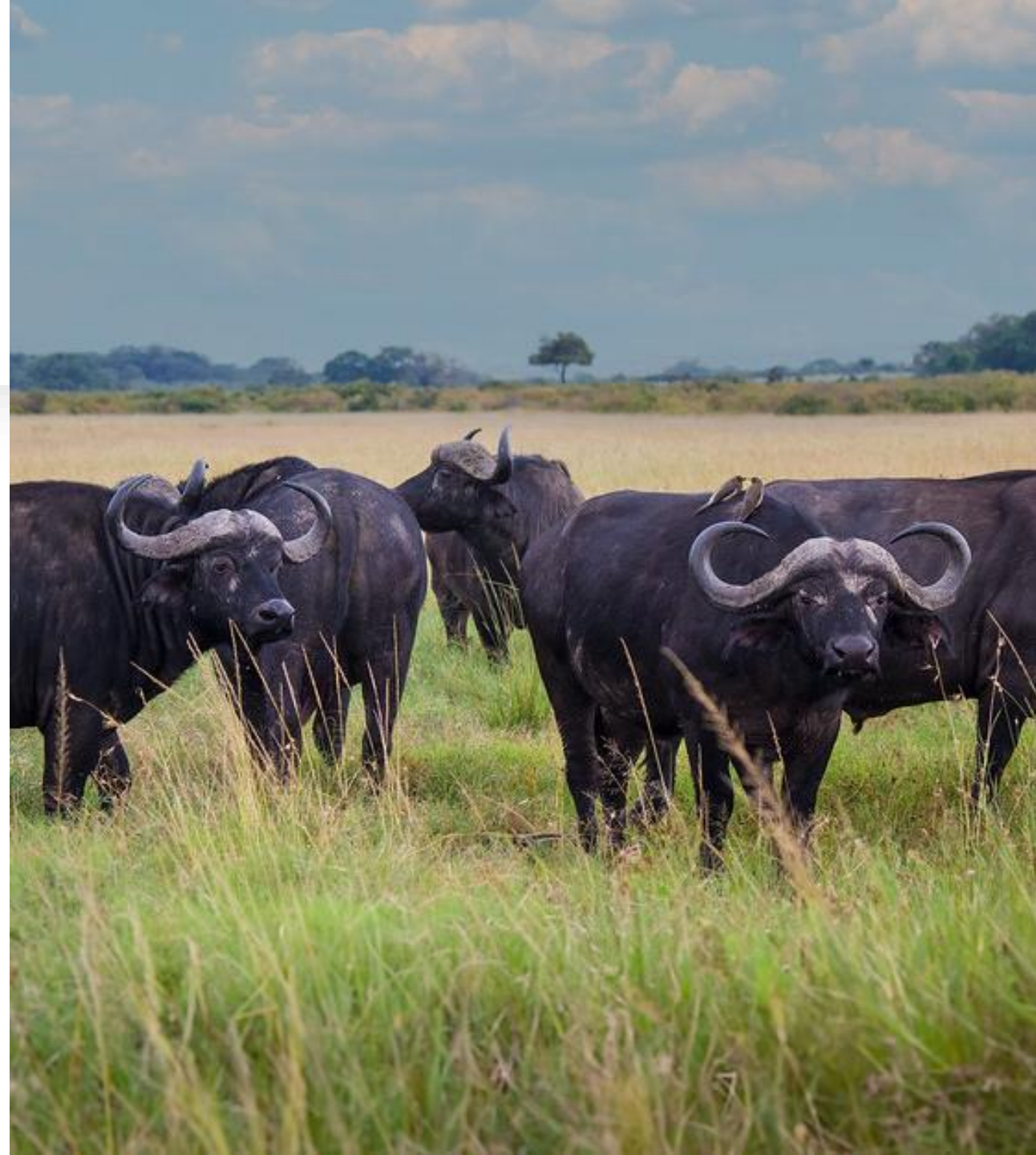
It provides income and job opportunities for poor communities in rural areas. These are people with skills that cannot be used in other industries – Trackers, Skinners, Taxidermy

Current FMD outbreak:

- Disease free buffalo did not transmit FMD to cattle.

RISK:

- Cattle infecting buffalo herds.
- Buffalo herds re infecting cattle.
- If we have FMD carrying buffalo in a region, the cattle will always get clinical FMD outbreaks. So, why did the MTT exclude wildlife industry representation????





What can we do?

- **KEEP AREAS WITH HIGH DENSITY BUFFALO FARMS FMD FREE**
- **Effective vaccines is NOT available immediately.**
- **Movement control can be immediate.**
- **FOCUS MOVEMENT CONTROL EFFORTS ON FMD FREE AREAS: BE PRO ACTIVE – MTT Representative 1st priority.**
- **We urge the state veterinary services to focus on very stringent movement protocols on local level. Cooperation between local state vets and local private vets.**
- **Prohibit the movement of cloven hoofed animals into FMD free areas until the vaccination campaign is in place.**

Local State Vet + Local Vet + Local community = Solutions



Power and jurisdiction to control FMD with movement control must be decentralized

National Level: Impossible

Provincial level: Near impossible

Local level: Possible

Please empower the people at ground level to make decisions for the community by the community and by the industry for the industry