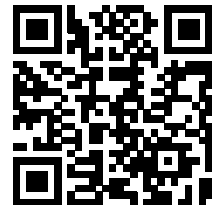


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Wildlife's Impact on South African Heritage



The early history of South _____ is deeply intertwined with the variety of wildlife that inhabits its landscapes. From the majestic _____ roaming the savannas to the elusive _____ in the mountains, each species has played a role in shaping the lives of the people. The _____ people, some of the continent's earliest inhabitants, depicted these animals in rock _____, showcasing a deep respect and understanding of their environment. These paintings are not just art; they are _____ of the human-animal relationships that have existed for thousands of years. The _____ used their knowledge of animal behavior to hunt and gather food, making them some of the most efficient _____ in the harsh African landscape. The arrival of _____ settlers in the 17th century marked a turning point, as the _____ was seen not only as a resource but also as a challenge to _____ and settlement. The _____, once widespread, became a symbol of the conflict between humans and _____, as its numbers dwindled due to hunting and habitat loss. Despite these _____, conservation efforts in the 20th century have helped protect many species and their _____, turning South Africa into a world leader in wildlife _____. Today, national parks and reserves such as the Kruger National _____ are a testament to the country's commitment to preserving its natural _____ for future generations. This enduring legacy highlights the _____ of wildlife in understanding South Africa's past, present, and _____.

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