



Wildlife as a land use – A personal historical perspective

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1800's

- Wildlife decimation begins
- By the start of the century the Bloubok had disappeared
- By 1876 quagga disappears
- Trekbok disappear
- 1883 Natal Game Protection Association formed
- First fenced farm of 420 in 1890 helped protect game

1800's

- Rinderpest outbreak of 1896
- Led to disappearance of nagana in the lowveld

Game Reserves

- First game reserve between the Pongola, Swaziland and Lebombo mountains on 13 June 1894 (17 400 ha)
- Two others in 1895
 - Groenkloof (SANParks HQ)
 - Sabie Game Reserve
- Hluhluwe, Umfolozi, Umdhletshe and St Lucia in 1897
- First in the Cape 1903 – Namaqualand

Game Protection

- Game protection Ordinances are implemented
- Control of dogs Act 1907

Ngana campaign

- In 1916 Dr DT Mitchell finds connection between game and nagana
- Game eradication begins in northern KZN
- At least 25 000 wildebeest destroyed
- Calls to de-proclaim Umfolozi were successful
- From 1929 over 15 000 zebra shot in Imfolozi
- This link was questioned

White Rhino

- Almost extinct in Natal by 1895
- Declared Royal game
- Led to declaration of first game reserves

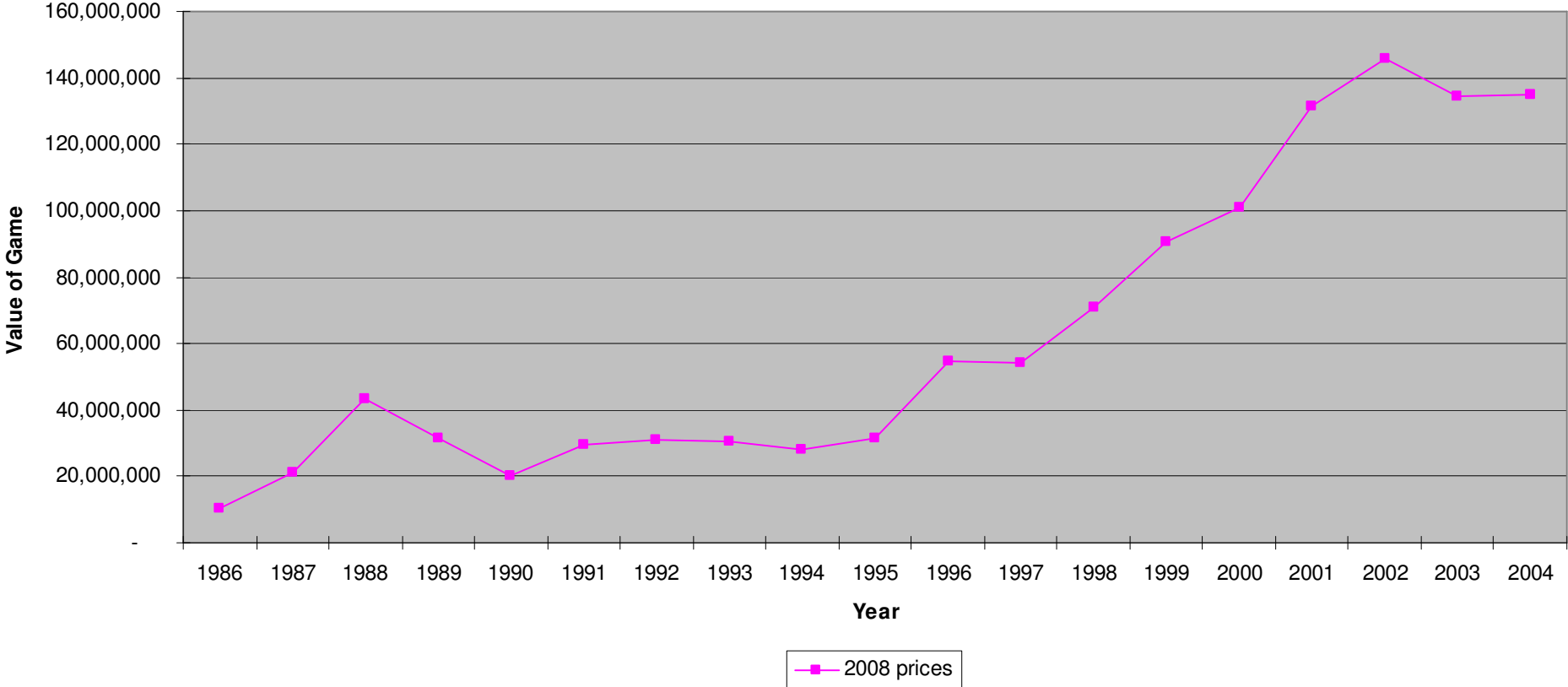
1940 to 1970's

- Game numbers proliferate in Game Reserves
- Game farming – is it feasible proposition?
Asks Dr Bengt Lundholm
- Mossman and Dasmann from the USA decided to explore this

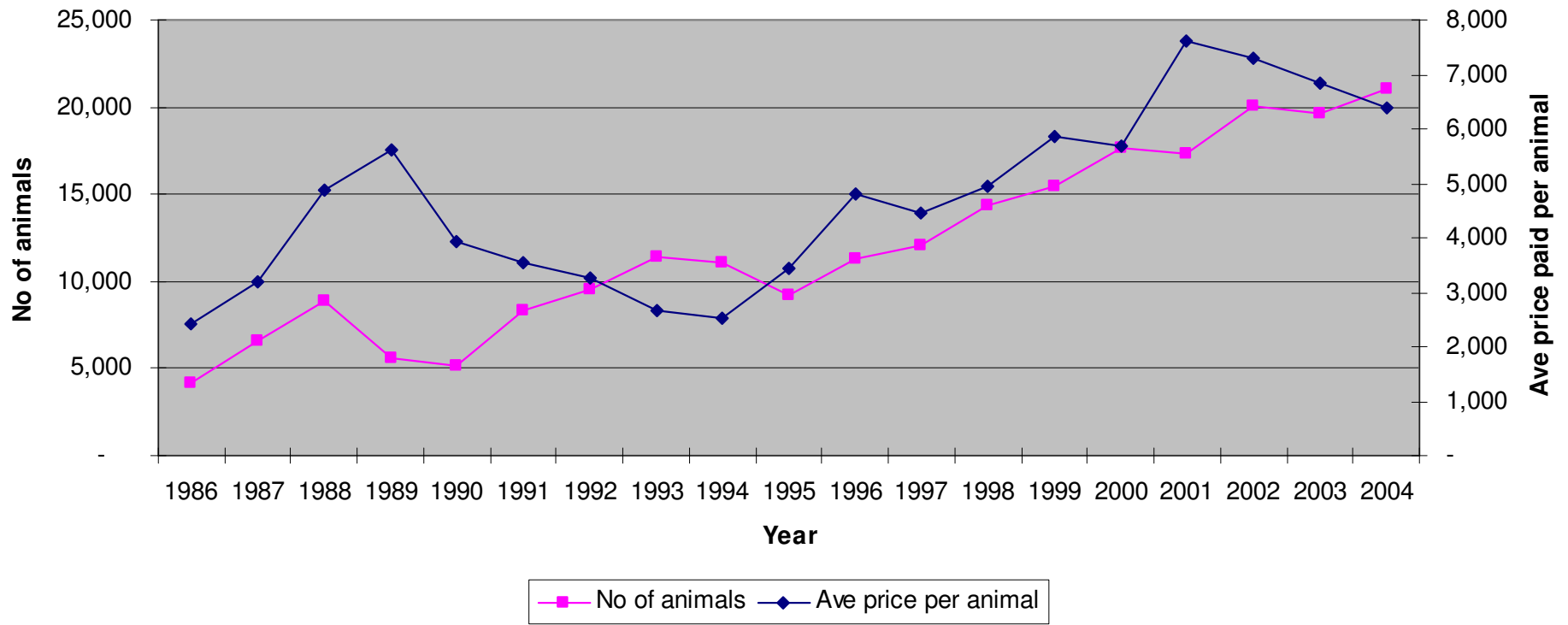
Game sales

- Provinces operate extension service for landowners
- Game sold, often at cheap prices, to landowners
- Game numbers proliferate on private land
- Culling for venison for local and export
- On private land and in parks
- Trophy hunting with subsidised marketing

Auction values at constant 2008 prices
(Source 86 to 90 Davies, 91 to 04 Eloff)



No of animals sold at auctions and ave price at constant 2008 prices



Game

- Breeding rare and valuable species increases
- Questions regarding genetic integrity of some populations
- Sustainable use becomes the by word
- Conservation replaces conservation

Private land 1990's

- Private game industry well established
- Biltong hunting replaces venison
- Live game industry flourishing
- Trophy hunting continues
- Areas expand through conservancies and other allowing for Big Five

Tourism

- State dominates 2 to 3 star market
- 3 to 5 star dominated by private sector
- Continues to grow as game farms expand
- Supply starts to outstrip demand

Into the future

- Tourism?
- Hunting, canned hunting muzzled
- Elephant numbers
- Costs of protecting rhino
- Land reform