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**SOUTHERN AFRICAN WILDLIFE COLLEGE CAPACITATES 41 FIELD RANGERS FOR DEPLOYMENT**

The Field Ranger Training Services Division of the Southern African Wildlife College recently trained 41 field rangers for deployment. This is in addition to the 137 field rangers, including 10 female guides, being trained as part of the National Treasury's Jobs Fund Project.

This armed field ranger training programme took place from 26 October to 4 December 2015 and has further capacitated 10 field rangers from the Dr. Ruth S. Mompoti District Municipality in the North West Province as well as 30 field rangers, who will be deployed as environmental monitors by the Isimangaliso Wetland Park Authority. The remaining student, Forster Mukansi from Phalaborwa, enrolled himself privately.



The 10 participants from the North West are pictured at the passing out parade with the Cllr. Elvis Choganyetso Tladinyane (middle front) and Cllr. Morutoe Motshiwagae (far right). The Executive Mayor, Dr. Ruth S Mompoti District Municipality was also present to congratulate and encourage the learners.



During the six-week programme, learners do both theoretical and practical training to ensure that what they have learnt can be properly applied.



Learners during a drill exercise which emphasizes the need for discipline, physical fitness and teamwork.