

Managing Large Herbivores in the Thicket



SPEAKERS:

Ron Thomson - **Relative Cover Factor:**

The importance for black rhino management

Craig Tambling - **Buffalo in Addo**

Changes in herd dynamics & vigilance behaviour after reintroduction of large predators in Addo Elephant NP

Justin Gird - **Extralimitals**

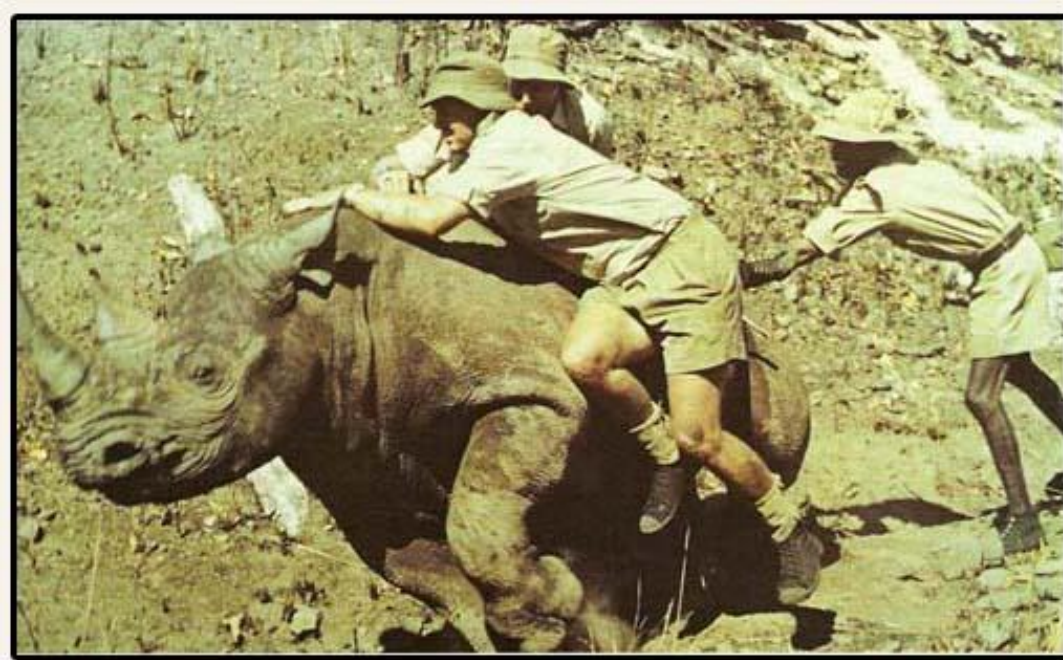
- managing giraffe in the Thicket

Howard Gird - **Extralimitals**

- managing Sable Antelope in the Thicket

Relative Cover Factor

The importance for black rhino management



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Managing Giraffe in the Thicket

The River Bend Story

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Extralimital:

Species that are not native to the area in which they have been introduced

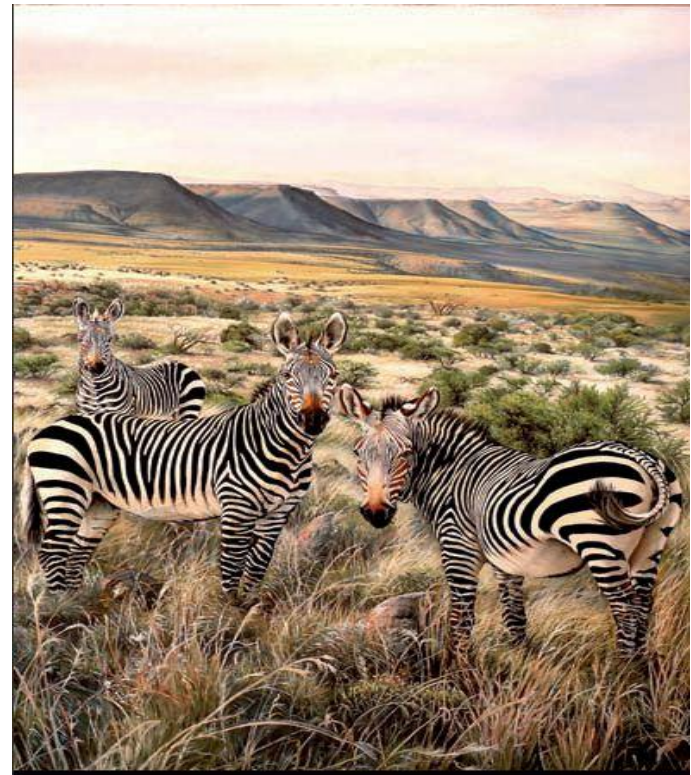
Giraffe – Extralimital to Eastern Cape



Spear & Chown (2009)

Extralimital

Skead (1982) -
Historical mammal
incidence in the
Cape Province.



Second Edition

**HISTORICAL INCIDENCE OF
THE LARGER LAND MAMMALS IN
THE BROADER EASTERN CAPE**

CJ Skead

Why bring in Giraffe?

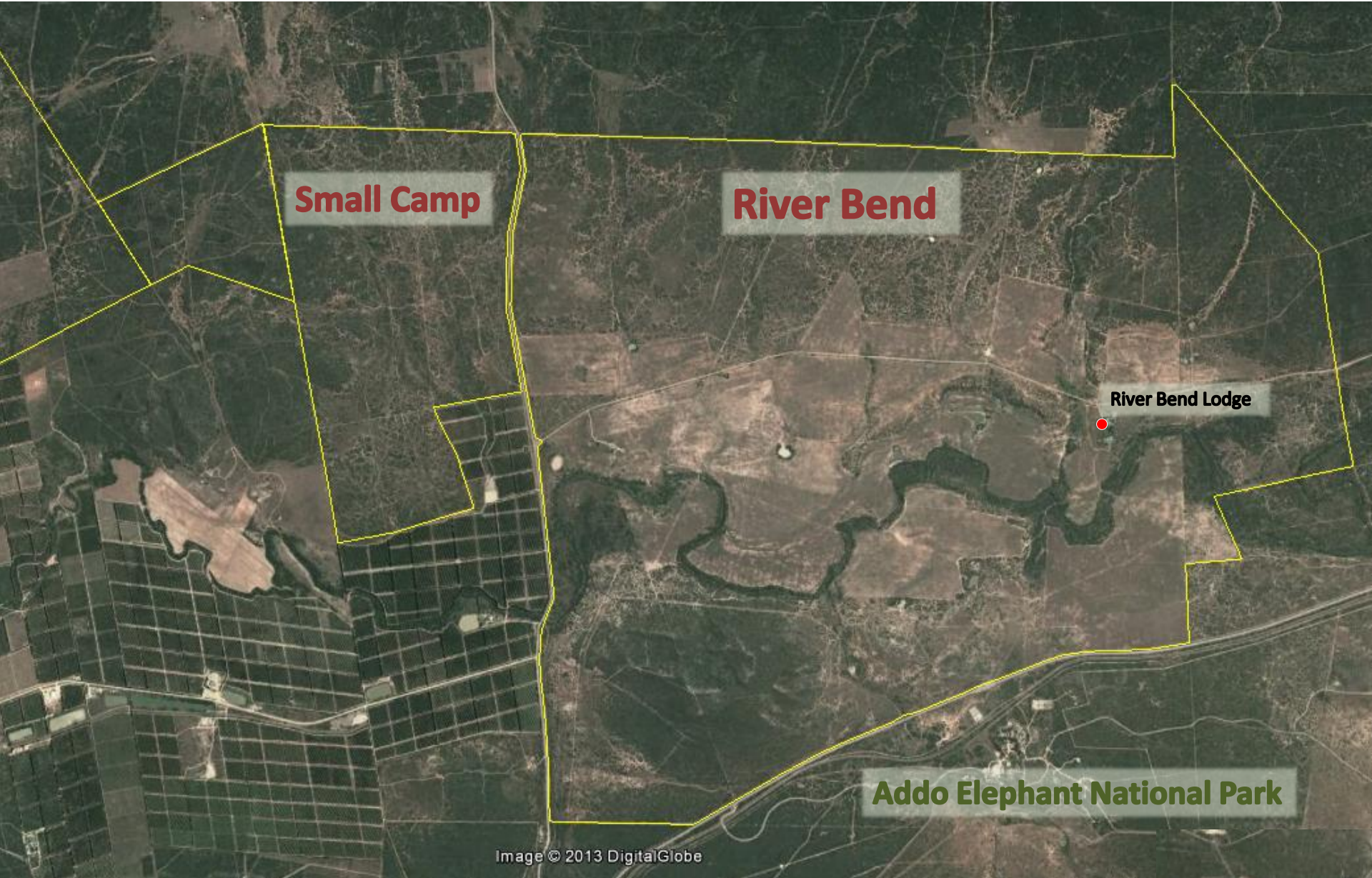
Charismatic species

Draw card for tourists

Hunting....?

**Landowners
like them**





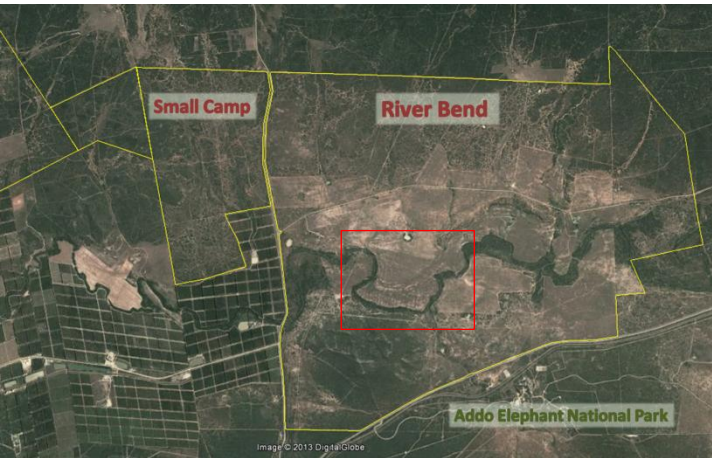
Small Camp

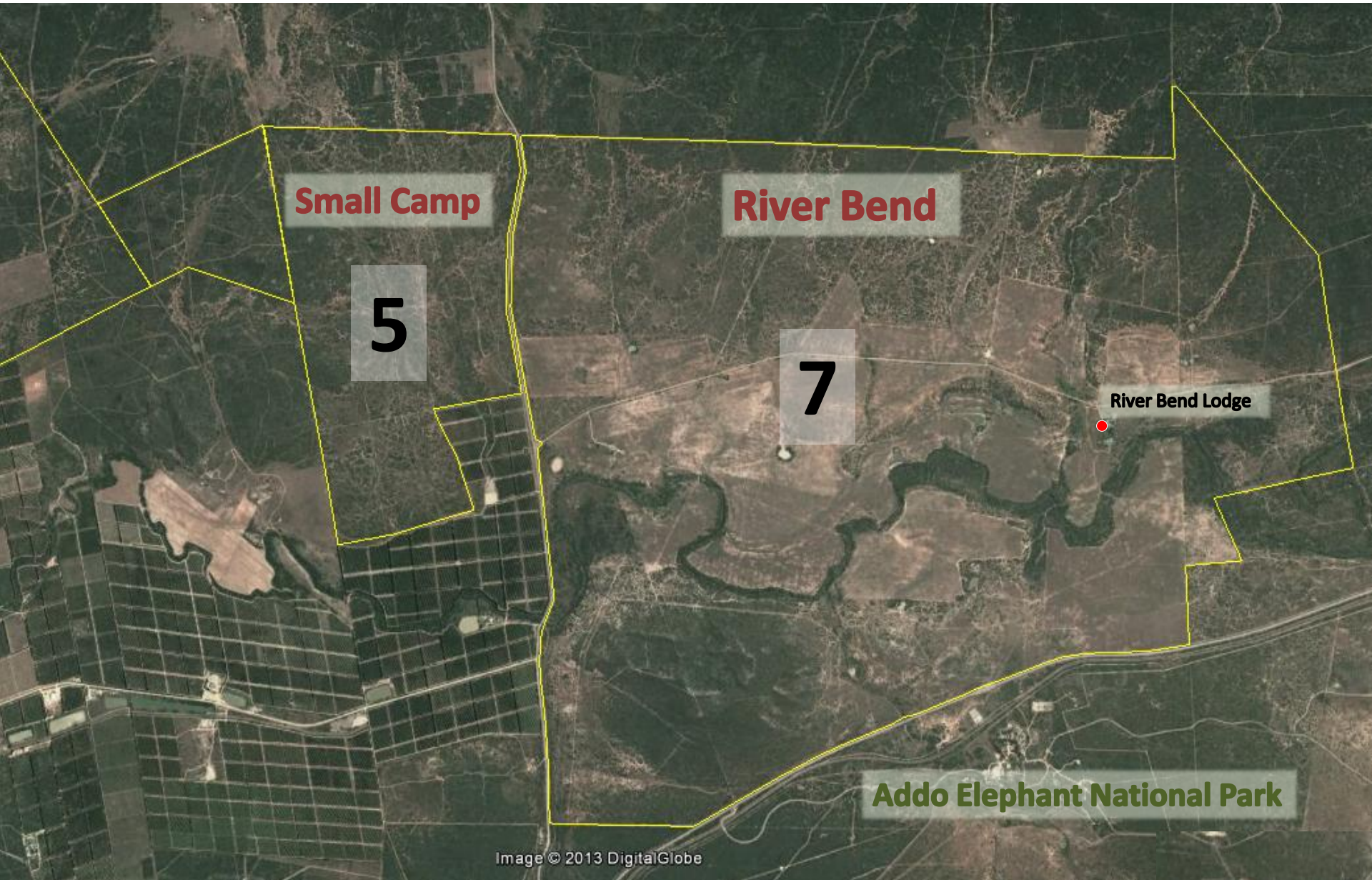
River Bend

River Bend Lodge

Addo Elephant National Park

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Reasons for Deaths:

Stress - Capture myopathy

Introduced during the Wrong Season







Successes

Current population is around 30 animals

- Around 12 have been sold

Record price for Giraffe – R42 000 (2006)



Managing Sable in the Thicket



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Many different areas within thicket

**Some suitable &
other not**



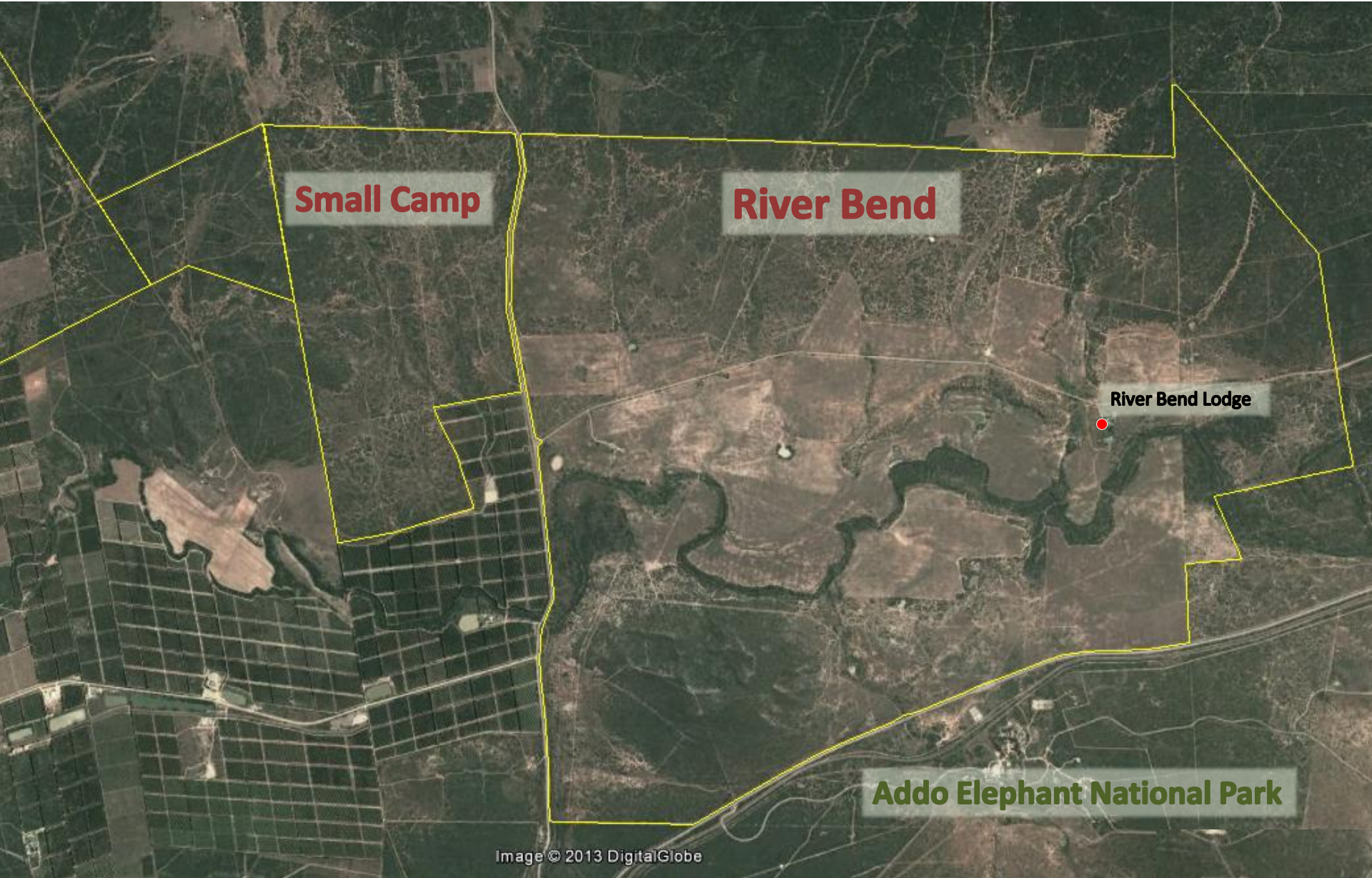
HABITAT

**EVALUATE THE AREA TO
BE STOCKED**

HABITAT MANAGEMENT

**REHABILITATION OF CLEARED
LAND AND POOR GRAZING**





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Example of good cover and open area grazing



HERD MANAGEMENT

CAPTURE AND RELOCATION

HOLDING AREAS OR BOMAS
BREEDING CAMPS

WATER POINTS

FEEDING

COMPATABILITY WITH OTHER
SPECIES



Old cleared lands can be over sown to provide a good fodder bank.









Why breed sable.

MAINLY:

ECONOMIC ASPECT

- hunting
- tourism
- live sales

SECONDARY:

SUSTAINABILITY

PRESERVATION OF HABITAT

DIVERSIFICATION OF SPECIES



CHARLIE: R 12.2 million