

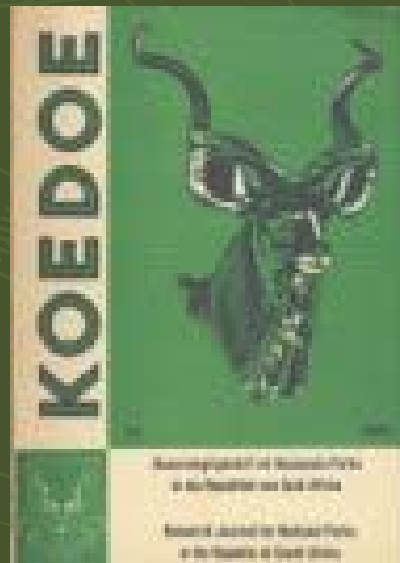
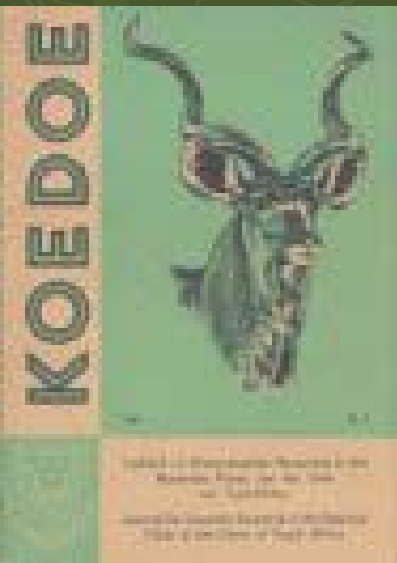


Past, present and future...

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History

- ▶ First produced in 1958
- ▶ Initially published annually
- ▶ Biannually since 1989
- ▶ Will be producing issue number 50 this year



What is *Koedoe* all about?

The publication of original papers concerned with:

- ▶ the perpetuation of wildlife
- ▶ the conservation of biological and associated natural resources
- ▶ the diversity of flora and fauna
- ▶ their habitats encountered in southern Africa
- ▶ the ever-changing and increasing effects of man on an evolving biosphere

But...

- ▶ Increasing pressure on most local journals
- ▶ Pressure to publish in ISI rated journals
- ▶ A large number local journals
- ▶ Papers rejected elsewhere, submitted in the hope of publication 'somewhere'

Understanding *Koedoe*

To conduct a systematic bibliometric survey
Koedoe's abstracts
from the first issue to the present,
to better understand the contribution that the
journal has made over the past five
decades.

Bibliometric survey

We propose to determine trends in:

- (i) affiliations and nationalities of authors
- (ii) how SANParks-specific or of general interest the papers are
- (iii) whether the papers are descriptive or analytical,
- (iv) whether the papers follow a practical and/or theoretical approach
- (v) whether the papers have a systems or species approach,
- (vi) taxon biases
- (vii) research objectives over- or under-represented (Kruger only).

The FUTURE-

- ▶ Appointment of a new editorial board
- ▶ Revisit the main aims of *Koedoe*
- ▶ Higher rejection rate!!! (i.e. increased focus on journal aims and quality)
- ▶ Journal information already available on the SANParks web site
- ▶ Dedicated Koedoe email address

Future continued

- ▶ Scanning and making available, via the web, all back issues of Koedoe in PDF format
- ▶ Special issues for hot topics!
- ▶ Longer term, apply for ISI rating

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