

## **Media Release - 1 June 1999**

### **SANP/NPS Joint Press Statement**

United States National Parks Service Director, Robert Stanton, is concluding a visit to SANP, which has taken him to Kruger, West Coast, and Cape Peninsula National Parks. His visit also included Robben Island and Kirstenbosch Botanical Garden. SANP Chief Executive, Mavuso Msimang, accompanied him throughout most of these visits.

Having concluded visits to each country, both executives recognise the mutual benefits to be gained by their organisations through closer collaboration in the following areas:

- ***Social ecology and community involvement*** - Optimising community involvement in national parks
- ***Visitor and information management***
- ***Commercialisation strategy*** - Management of businesses which are perceived as non-core to the primary mission of national parks
- ***Alternative park management strategies (for example, contractual parks)***
- ***Invasive species management***
- ***Youth programmes*** - Programmes aimed at engaging youth in the stewardship of their parks
- ***World Park Congress*** - Provide high level input into the proceedings of the World Parks Congress in 2002

The principals agree to refine and update these areas of collaboration as the need arises.

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