



How Thicket sustains households.

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- **The Thicket Environment.**
- **What Thicket does for us.**

The Thicket Environment

- Mostly a relic vegetation type.
- Vegetation hard to restore.
- Thicket occurs in unpredictable climate.
- Future climate probably even more unpredictable.

What Thicket does for us.

- **Protects soil and water resources.**
- **Retains dune systems.**
- **Provides fodder for stock and game.**
- **Supports tourism industry.**
- **Retains healthy estuaries.**

Vital to build and retain soil & water



Thicket vital to retain soil & water



Too often we see Thicket in this state.



HELP ...

No mulch No water



Thicket vital to ...

Retain soil along river banks



Prevent siltation of dams

— provision of clean water to communities

Prevents excessive flood damage



**Retains established infrastructure
and sustains healthy estuaries.**



A photograph of a green hillside with scattered trees and sheep grazing. The hillside is covered in lush green grass and small shrubs. Several white sheep are scattered across the slope, some standing and some grazing. The trees are small and green, scattered across the hillside. The sky is overcast and grey.

**Opening Thicket for grazing
may be locally important, but
can we afford this?**



**A disaster awaiting. For the landowner
and the downstream community.**



**Disturbed Thicket enables
establishment of alien species.**

**Who pays
for this cost?**

Thicket retains vulnerable dune systems.



Thicket avails unique tourism opportunities.





Lost opportunities – how clever are we?

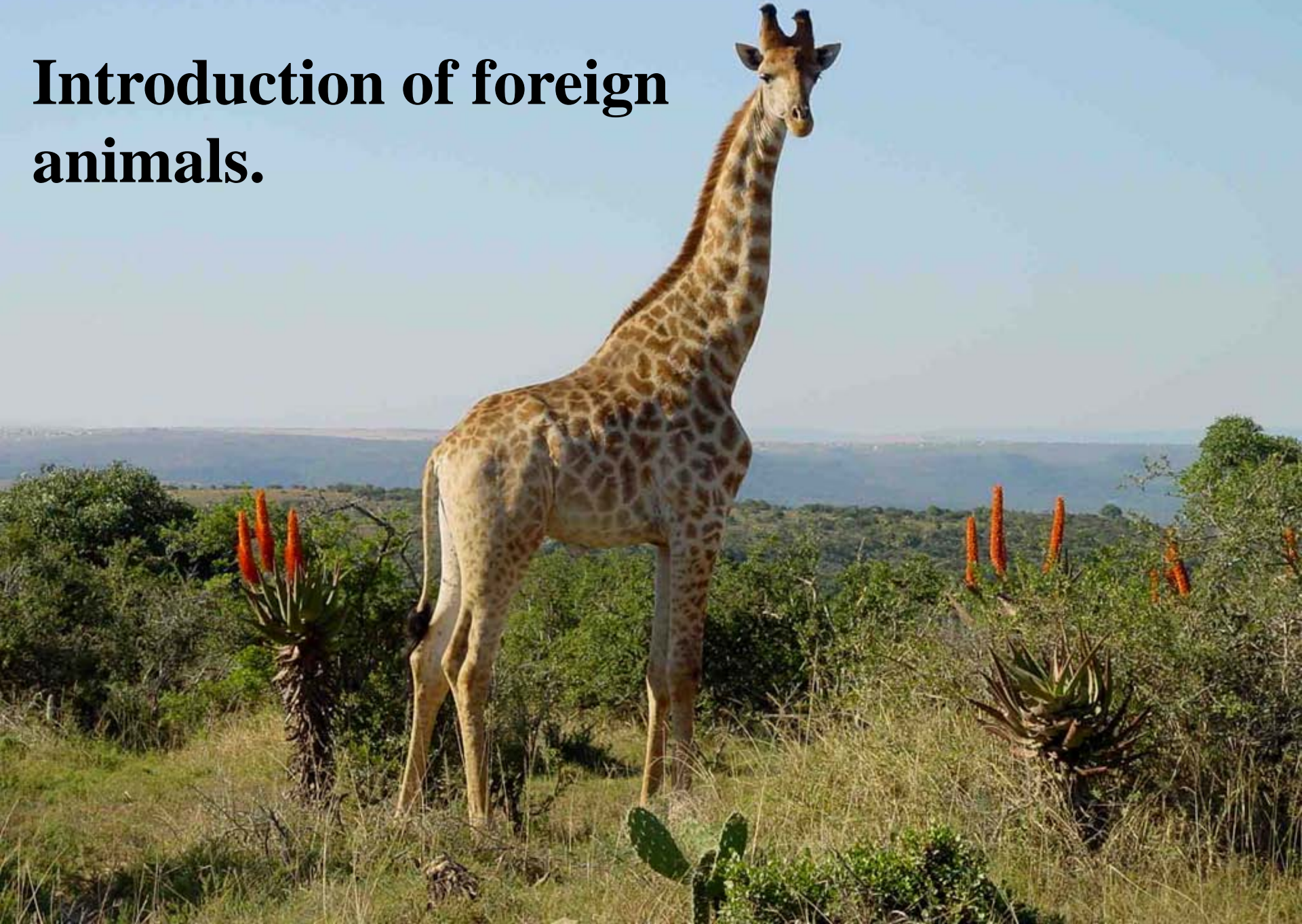
We know all of this,

but still allow...



Overgrazing, even in a National Park.

Introduction of foreign animals.



Clearing solid Thicket stands for short-term commercial purposes.





Trampling the earth to dust.

An aerial photograph showing a rural settlement in a green valley. The settlement consists of numerous small, simple houses with colorful roofs (blue, red, green) scattered across a lush green landscape. The houses are densely packed in some areas and more sparse in others. The foreground is dominated by a large, open green field with scattered trees and bushes. The background shows a hilly horizon under a bright, cloudy sky. The overall scene depicts a rural community in a natural, green environment.

**Uncontrolled rural
development in the former
homelands.**



**Who
cares?**

**Where is the
threshold?**