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South Africa has dedicated more than three million hectares of its total land mass to the conservation of its natural resources.

The Kruger National Park covers around 2 million hectares and is the largest game reserve in South Africa.

In 1896 the rinderpest virus wiped out most of the region's game and cattle, leaving the area almost empty.

After the second Boer War, James Stevenson-Hamilton, a Scottish born individual, was appointed as the first game warden.

In 1926 the reserve was named after President Paul Kruger and was declared South Africa's first national park.

Today more than 1 million people per year visit this magnificent park. Stevenson-Hamilton was the first warden.

Altogether there is about 1 982 species of plants, 517 species of birds of which 253 are resident and 234 are migratory.

There are also 120 species of reptile including the Nile crocodile, 52 species of fish and 35 species of amphibians.

It virtually does not rain during the winter months which forces the animals to come to the waterholes.

There are also 130 recorded rock art sites in the park you can go and see while you spot the animals.

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