KRUGER NATIONAL PARK: EXPERIMENTAL BURN PLOT TRIAL

Location: South Africa

Duration: 1954- present (>50 yrs)

Vegetation type: Sub-tropical savanna

Habitats included: Terminalia savanna (Pretoriuskop)

Combretum savanna (Skukuza)

Acacia savanna (Satara) Mopane savanna (Mopane)

Mean annual rainfall: 750mm Pretoriuskop

600mm Skukuza 550mm Satara 450mm Mopane

Aspects of fire regime tested: Season & frequency

Burning treatments: Five seasons (summer, autumn,

winter & spring burns), five

different frequencies of burn, and a control plot which has remained unburnt for the duration of the

experiment.

	Season				
	February	April	August	October	December
	Summer	Autumn	Winter	Spring	Summer
Frequency	2	2	1	2	2
	3	3	2	3	3
			3	4	
				6	

Plot size: 7 ha

Replication: Four replicates of the treatments in

each habitat type.

These photographs show plots burnt in August annually and the control plot (unburnt) in the Satara habitat.





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