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### **SA TRANSLOCATES MORE WILDLIFE TO MOZAMBIQUE**

Translocation a demonstration of SA's commitment to Trans-national Cooperation for Sustainable Development  
The development of the Great Limpopo Transfrontier Park, Africa's largest transfrontier conservation area, will receive yet another boost this week when South Africa translocates more wildlife to the Mozambican side of the Park. In October last year, South Africa's Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Mohammed Valli Moosa, began the process of relocating 1 000 elephants to the Mozambican side of the park when he handed over the first 40 elephants to the Mozambican Minister of Tourism, Mr Fernando Sumbana. Tomorrow, Tuesday 13 August, the Chief Executive Officer of South African National Parks (SANParks), Mr Mavuso Msimang, and senior officials from the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism will hand over hundreds of animals to Mozambican officials as part of a three-year programme to translocate 6000 wildlife to Mozambique. This week's translocation is expected to be concluded by Friday, 16 August. The programme has been started ahead of the opening of the Great Limpopo Transfronteir Park, dubbed Africa's "Super Park" and stretching over 35 000 square kilometers The animals are being moved in an effort to re-stock an area where wildlife had been decimated and to promote the socio-economic development on the Mozambican side. Commenting ahead the translocation, the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism Mohammed Valli Moosa said the opening of the GLTP in the near future will not only usher in "the world's greatest animal kingdom", but will also give a major boost to tourism in the region, attracting much-needed investment. Minister Moosa added that the GLTP is a demonstration of what can be achieved through regional economic cooperation, the vision behind the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). Meanwhile, the Minister will today, 13 August 2002, address the media in Parliament on various projects of the Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (DEAT), the main one being the department's involvement in the upcoming World Summit on Sustainable Development (WSSD).

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