

# MEERKAT

## PERSISTENT WIDE AREA SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

**Applications:** Security, Border and Wildlife Protection

**Current Application:** Supporting counter poaching operations in the Kruger National Park

### Functions:

- Radar detection and tracking of moving human size targets
- EO/IR track classification and monitoring
- Display and record information for:
  - Domain awareness
  - Intercept control
  - Actionable intelligence
  - Post mission analysis

### Characteristics:

- 24/7 operation
- > 200 km<sup>2</sup> coverage (20000 ha)
- Rapidly deployable to prevent crime crisis zones from developing
- Unattended sensor operation on high sites
- Data link to operator station at command HQ

### Contributors:

- **CSIR:** Meerkat system research, design and development
- **The Peace Parks Foundation in collaboration with the Postcode Lottery:** Project funding
- **SANParks:** Counter-poaching operations development
- **Reutech Radar Systems:** Radar subsystem

### Summary:

- Integrated sensor system designed to supply situation awareness of an area of interest.
- Detect and identify potential intruders in order to provide reaction forces with accurate, real-time information used to intercept suspects.
- Meerkat is a South African technology solution developed in-country for South African conditions.
- Bespoke solution continuously upgraded and optimised according to each user's specific requirement and scenario.

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