

## Section 4: Legal Scan of Applicable South African Legislation – Trail Grading and Registration

### 4.1 Overview

There is currently no legislation governing the grading or registration of trails and routes in South Africa.

In 2004, a formal trail evaluation assessment initiative was started as a joint venture between:

- DriveOut Magazine;
- Participating trail owners; and
- A group of independent assessors nominated from the off-road industry.

The “Trail Evaluation and Assessment Model” grades / classifies trails according to 4 categories, viz:

- Destination classification i.e. pristine, natural and rural/urban;
- Accommodation;
- Trail assessment; and
- Trail environmental assessment.

There are detailed criteria under each of these categories and trails are evaluated according to these criteria. A different weighting is applied to different categories and criteria.

According to SAROOF, in the first year, 60 trails were graded under this model.

Additional information on this framework is included in **Annexure C**.

In addition a discussion of other accreditation and grading systems is included in **Section 9**.