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Royal Malewane Field Guide, Riaan Fourie, is announced as Safari Guide of the Year 2019 by the Field Guides Association of Southern Africa

2 July 2019 (The Greater Kruger National Park, South Africa) Royal Malewane professional Field Guide, Riaan Fourie, has won the prestigious Safari Guide of the Year 2019 competition. The prestigious title is awarded every year by the Field Guides Association of Southern Africa (FGASA) and represents a significant career achievement for the winner.

The week-long contest consisted of a gruelling schedule of bush walks, game drives, birding assessments, advanced rifle handling contests, tracking and storytelling around the campfire, all under close scrutiny of a panel of six judges - all experts in their field.

A consistent performance over all the categories saw Riaan emerge as the winner. Riaan becomes the second Royal Malewane guide to win the trophy following Nikolas Vounnou in 2012.

Riaan has been a professional guide at Royal Malewane for nearly 13 years. He holds a National Diploma in Nature Conservation and is a FGASA Level III Professional Field Guide with SKS-Dangerous Game and SKS-Birding. He is also a Level II Tracker.

The Royal Malewane team continues to go from strength to strength and is now the only team in the world to have three Master Trackers. The award represents another remarkable achievement for the most qualified guiding team in Africa.

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