

# “Members write to the GSSA”

*This is a new spot that we are going to make permanent in Grassroots.  
A spot for anything that you would like to say (within reason, of course).  
Start a debate, share an anecdote, or just a suggestion.  
Use the GSSA address details on the front page.*

---

Hi  
I have just received my copy of Grass Roots and take note that you are selling Mugs with the Big Five Logo. Please could I request that the committees look into mugs with some of our indigenous African grasses on them as an alternative in future. I would definitely buy a set of *Themeda* or *Cenchrus* glasses in future. The **Big 5 Grasses** would in my opinion go down well. Just a suggestion.  
Keep up the good work.  
Regards.  
Ralf Kalwa

## GSSA SOUVENIRS

To raise some funds for the GSSA, the Council organised some limited edition GSSA branded souvenirs to sell at the International Rangelands Congress held in Durban last year. For those of you who couldn't make it, now is your opportunity to get some for yourselves (and they make excellent gifts!!). All of the items are engraved with either the GSSA logo or one of Africa's "Big Five".

The sets of Schnapps Glasses or Glass Coasters are available with either all GSSA logos or with one GSSA logo and one each of the "Big Five". If you would like to order any of the items listed below, email [admin@gssa.co.za](mailto:admin@gssa.co.za), fax 033 390 3113 or phone Freyni on 083 256 7202. Postage is not included, but will be determined by how much is purchased.

DESCRIPTION	PRICE
6 Schnapps glasses in wooden gift box	R180.00
2 Whiskey glasses in wooden gift box	R130.00
6 Glass coasters in wooden gift box	R110.00
Stainless steel mugs (with GSSA logo and one of the "Big Five", or just GSSA logo, or just one of the "Big Five")	R25.00
Stainless steel glasses (with GSSA logo and one of the "Big Five", or just GSSA logo, or just one of the "Big Five")	R25.00

## Journal News

### Should we change the name of our journal?

The publisher of the GSSA's official scientific journal, NISC, has proposed that the name of the journal be changed this year from *African Journal of Range & Forage Science* to *Range & Forage Science*. The motivation is that this simple change could have a major impact on the sustainability and international exposure of the journal to the benefit of African scientists. Many Australian journals have dropped "Australia" from their title in order to be more sustainable and more international. It may be argued that having "Africa" in the title limits our submissions and readership. With increasing competition among journals, changing the title to a more international one is a strategic move towards becoming the international journal of choice for grassland, rangeland and forage research. The journal is already well positioned for this as it has been substantially improved and currently looks attractive in the international market. What do members think? Please direct comments to the Scientific Editor ([pscoging@pan.uzulu.ac.za](mailto:pscoging@pan.uzulu.ac.za)).

