

Botswana is a cattle country whose economy depends on the meat industry. Botswana also depends on livestock for their livelihood. Stock theft therefore affects the economy of the country and the livelihood of Botswana.

With a view of fighting stock theft in the country, the Administration of Justice has established Specialized Stock Theft Courts in the most affected parts of the country to deal with cases involving stock only.

The courts which were launched in August 2009 are now operating in the following stations:

- **Francistown Magistrates Court.**
- **Letlhakane Magistrates Court**  
– *this covers the whole of Boteti region.*
- **Mochudi Magistrates Court.**
- **Molepolole Magistrates Court**  
– *covers Kweneng region.*
- **Selibe Phikwe Magistrates Court**  
– *to cover Mmadinare, Serule and Bobirwa areas*
- **Palapye Magistrate Court**  
– *to cover Tswapong, Mahalapye and Serowe areas*
- **Jwaneng Magistrates Court**  
– *to cover Southern Kgalagadi and Gantsi*

Experience from the operation of the Courts has shown that a lot of cases are completed quickly by specialized courts when the exhibits are readily available.

The courts sit where the offences were committed and places which are accessible to the members of the public. The public is free to attend and witness justice being done.

*In order to address the escalating theft of stock in the country, the stock theft Act Cap 09:01 of the laws of Botswana has a number of provisions that are in place to control the menace."*

## **VISION**

**Achieving a world class Judiciary**

## **MISSION**

**To uphold Human Rights,  
Democracy and the rule of law  
in accordance  
with the Constitution of Botswana**

## **VALUES**

**Transparency  
Ethical  
Service Excellence  
Inclusivity  
Independent  
Innovation  
Botho**



**Administration of Justice**

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