

# FACT SHEET

## Tactical Tracking | Initial Track Find

When the team first discovers a set of suspect tracks that require follow up, it is important to record the right type of information to be used in the investigation. Additionally, certain information/data can be used over time to build a picture of suspect movements within the protected area, and aid in the deployment of tracker teams and/or other types of patrols.

### 1. Establish an all-round defence, the suspects may be near!

### 2. The VT1 and CM investigate the sign found

- The estimated age of sign at the incident site.
- The general direction the suspect(s) are/is travelling although more than one direction may be reported.
- The estimated or known suspect group size.
- Any sign of weapons, materials, supplies, or equipment.

### 3. The TL establishes the following information, compiles the track report and reports back to command:

- The time and date of the incident / discovery of sign.
- The coordinates or exact location by description of the incident or point where sign was first located.
- Your location.
- The possible objective of the suspect group may be assessed by the tracker team. By example: this can be a certain waterhole, a road, following a certain (group of) animals or hiding place inside the protected area.
- The possible location at that time of the suspect (group). This is an assumption, based on information found at the point where sign was first located. It should always be communicated stating it is an assumption!
- The intentions of the tracker team. What are you now planning to do?

TRACKING REPORT	
1. Date / Time of Incident / Discovery	
2. Location of Sign Found	
3. Suspect Group Size (Estimated / Known)	
4. General Direction of Suspect Movement	
5. Suspect Activity (Estimated / Known)	
6. Own Intentions	
7. Additional Information	

Figure 1 | Track Report

### 4. The team records all relevant data about the sign found.

We will also need to collect as much information on the suspect sign as we can, to facilitate further investigations or data analysis.

A. Fill in the Suspect Print Data Card

B. Photograph the suspect prints

C. Record the track being followed

SUSPECT PRINT DATA CARD			
DATE	TIME		
INCIDENT # / NAME	DIRECTION		
BAREFOOT	SHOE	SANDAL	BOOT
MEASUREMENTS			
A.	B.	C.	D.
DETAILS			
HEEL DETAILS			

