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SAWMA MATTERS

Electronic newsletter of the Southern African Wildlife Management Association

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Please support WWF's earth hour from 8:30pm to 9:30 pm today, Saturday, 27 March. Earth Hour is more than just turning off the lights - it is instead a highly "visible" symbolic global action that millions of people can easily join in with.

It is an action that allows our voices to be joined together in sending out a serious message to our leaders, politicians and governments, saying: "We care about our planet!"

Join [Earth Hour](http://www.panda.org/how_you_can_help/earth_hour/).
(http://www.panda.org/how_you_can_help/earth_hour/)

SAWMA membership

Membership rates for 2010:

Invoices were emailed to all members during March. If you have not received an invoice yet, please request one by sending an email to elma@mweb.co.za

New rates for 2010:	Local individual members:	R330-00
	Fulltime Student members (Local):	R165-00
	Fulltime Student members (Foreign):	R330-00
	Foreign individual members:	USD 90-00
	Local Institutional Subscribers:	R630-00
	Foreign Institutional Subscribers:	USD187-00

Please remember to use your surname or invoice number as reference or email proof of the payment to elma@mweb.co.za! We still receive payments with no reference on the bank statements and it now cost R14.00 to log a query with the bank.

New SAWMA members:

A warm welcome to the new members who joined SAWMA over the past 30 days:

Local individual members:

Quinton Diedericks, manager at Imbamba Nature Reserve, Jansenville.

Peter Milton, Founding Director of SPOTS (Strategic Protection Of Threatened Species).

Shannon Chapman from Pietermaritzburg, has an MSc in Biological Antropology and interest in animal behaviour.

Jana Pretorius, Veterinary Wildlife Specialist who is currently working as Vet in Bela Bela.

Student members:

Lourens Swanepoel, PhD student at Centre for Wildlife Management, UP.

Mary-Lee Potgieter, currently busy with her MSc in Plant Science with specialization in Ecology at the University of Pretoria.

Gavin Tait, currently busy with his MSc in Environmental Ecology at UP.

Annual News Bulletin 2010 still in production...

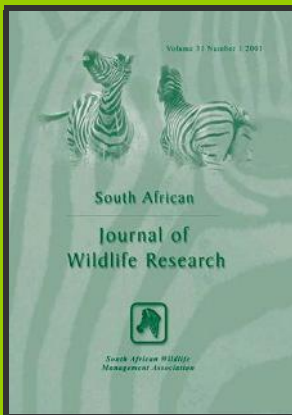
Unfortunately the annual Newsletter is not available yet. As mentioned in the previous newsletter, it was decided to reduce the contents of the annual SAWMA NEWSLETTER to include mainly the official reports of the SAWMA council, the financial statements, statistics and general feedback. Specific items submitted by members for the News Bulletin will still be published in future, but latest news will be published in the SAWMA MATTERS, which is published every month.

SAWMA Symposium 2010

The first announcement and call for papers is slightly delayed, but should soon be ready. The conference celebrating SAWMA's 40th year of existence, is going to be held in the North West Province. The organizing committee chaired by Pieter Nel of the North West Parks and Tourism Board, is trying to finalize a few issues and addressing some challenges to make the conference more affordable. This could result in an alternative venue than originally planned.

For now please make a note of the dates and venue: 19-22 September 2010, and 23 September for a mini-symposium/workshop.

THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE!



South African Journal of Wildlife Research:

Survey to determine the format of the SAJWR:

The survey to determine the format in which you prefer to receive the SAJWR is still open until 31 July. The survey will stay open until 31st July. The results will be analyzed and discussed at the AGM in September.

You only need a minute to open this survey and tick your preference:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=KSoxCvd0QyAsl1YRv2gonw_3d_3d

Vol. 40/1

The first issue of volume 40 is in production and we do not expect any delays with the publication.

Page fees increase

Please remember page fees are R200 per page for SAWMA members and R300 per page for non-members!

Submissions for SAJWR

Manuscripts for publication in the South African Journal of Wildlife Research can be submitted to elma@mweb.co.za or Michael.Somers@up.ac.za. For more details about the journal and instructions to authors, visit the SAWMA website: <http://www.sawma.co.za/>

SAWMA registered as NPO

SAWMA has recently applied to the Dept of Social Development to register as Non- Profit Organization. We would like to report that SAWMA was successfully registered on 15 March 2010. Registration number: 077-639 NPO.

SAWMA also recently received accreditation as Voluntary Association from SA Council for Natural Scientific Professions.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PUBLICATIONS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VACANCIES, NEWS SNIPPETS & MORE

UNEP post: Senior Programme Officer, Pretoria

Closing date: Sunday, 9 May 2010

The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) is the United Nations system's designated entity for addressing environmental issues at the global and regional level. Its mandate is to coordinate the development of environmental policy consensus by keeping the global environment under review and bringing emerging issues to the attention of governments and the international community for action. UNEP's Division of Regional Cooperation (DRC) helps to implement UNEP's global programmes in the regions by initiating, coordinating and catalyzing regional and sub-regional cooperation and action in response to environmental problems and emergencies. The division coordinates the work of six regional offices, which bring regional perspectives to the development of UNEP policies and programmes and present and enlist support for UNEP global policies in the regions.

Please see this link for the Pretoria based UNEP post - a P5 position, challenging and exciting senior position. Please circulate to possible candidates.

<http://unjobs.org/vacancies/1268217857495>

Directorate: Environmental Coordination: Biodiversity Specialists (x4)

Specialists in the following fields: Plants, Reptiles, Amphibians, Fish, Invertebrates, Mammals (Specifically small mammals), Birds, Wetlands

Salary: R240 318/annum; Centre Mafikeng Head Office

Requirements:

- A minimum of a BSc (Hons) or BTech in the relevant field.
- At least 5 years experience in conducting field surveys in the relevant field
- A proven track record of scientific publications in the relevant field
- Proficiency in using GIS and Arc View
- At least 1 year relevant experience in data management
- Should be prepared to spend long periods of time in the field.
- A code EB (08) driver's license is a pre-requisite.
- Have some experience in managing projects

Duties:

- To systematically survey the whole of the North West Province for biodiversity features (Species and Wetlands)
- To populate the Biodiversity Information Management System with Field Data
- Accurate map threatened and non-threatened locally endemic and restricted distribution species
- Assess sensitive habitats and ecosystems within the Province
- Assist with compiling various reports on the status of biodiversity in the Province
- Have experience in field mapping technologies, i.e. GPS and Field Mapping Software
- Ability to read maps
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to communicate effectively

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KURSUS IN ... WILDPLAASBESTUUR



AFRICA LAND-USE TRAINING bied 'n drie-dag kursus in Wildplaasbestuur aan . . .

INLIGTING

Datum: 20 – 22 April 2010

Plek: Mabula Game Lodge

(Shekinah kamp - www.shekinahkamp.co.za/Afr/)

Koste: R3 500 / person (akkommodasie en etes ingesluit)

Die kursus word aangebied deur Gert Fourie, Danie van Eeden en Frits van Oudtshoorn

KURSUS INHOUD

Die kursus sluit aspekte soos wildplaasbeplanning, wetgewing, plantegroei en drakrag, wildvestiging en populasiebestuur, infrastruktuur en vele meer in.

Notas en bywoningstifikate word voorsien

BESPREKINGS

Om te bespreek vul asb. die besprekingsvorm aangeheg in en faks dit saam met u bewys van betaling na 086 531 6075. Kontak ons vir verdere reëlings indien u nie betaling voor die kursus kan reël nie. Vir besprekings en admin navrae kontak Ilse by info@bushveldeco.co.za of 014 717 3819. Vir meer kursus inligting kontak Frits van Oudtshoorn by frits@bushveldeco.co.za of 078 228 0008.



AFRICA LAND-USE TRAINING

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International Year of Biodiversity

To help to promote the International Year of Biodiversity, increase awareness of the enormous variety of life on our planet, and raise the profile of threatened species, IUCN has launched the IUCN Red List Species of the Day (<http://www.iucnredlist.org/species-of-the-day>)



FynbosWiki

Dear Fynbos Ecologist and Enthusiast,

We are starting the year 2010 with a fresh approach to communication and knowledge exchange. We have created a wikipedia-type communication and information sharing platform in the internet - the /FynbosWiki/ (<http://fynbos.hallowiki.biz> <<http://fynbos.hallowiki.biz/>>). It is an easy-to-use, web-based, wikipedia-style approach to collect and enhance knowledge and transfer in a collaborative and enjoyable way.

If you are working and living in the fynbos biome (or beyond), you are invited to contribute by adding news and projects from your area, updating the /Fynbos reference database/ (<http://www.fynboswiki.org/refbase>) or sharing your views and thoughts. We hope you will enjoy /FynbosWiki/ and we are looking forward to your contribution and feedback.

Please contact us on email (cbkrug@gmail.com or steffen.heelemann@biologie.uni-regensburg.de) if you'd like more information, or have any queries about the site and how to use it.

Small Carnivores

The latest edition of *Small Carnivore Conservation* is available on the *Small Carnivore SG* webpage – [click here](http://www.conservacion.in/scc/) (<http://www.conservacion.in/scc/>) to access

Mini-poster on venomous snakes and snakebite

Below is a link to a useful pdf [mini-poster on venomous snakes and snakebite](#) that can be downloaded and printed in A3 format

The link for outside users to download the file is: <http://196.201.7.42/downloads/Users/ernst/>

The files are called **Gevaarlike slange en slangbyt.pdf / Dangerous snakes and snakebite.jpg**. You can "Save page as..." to your computer and print it from there.

How do we reverse biodiversity loss?

David Dickson, director of SciDev.net, argues that the scientific community has not been able to effectively communicate its concerns to decision-makers, "at least not in a way that sufficiently prioritizes biodiversity conservation within a political agenda predominantly concerned with employment and economic growth." Read the [article](http://www.scidev.net/en/editorials/biodiversity-loss-matters-and-communication-is-crucial.html). (<http://www.scidev.net/en/editorials/biodiversity-loss-matters-and-communication-is-crucial.html>) (NASTEF eNewsletter - 25 February 2010)



Call for expression of interest: Stewardship Conservation and Extension

short learning programme – Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University

This short learning programme of conservation stewardship and extension offered at the Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University is the only offering of its kind in the country. Several seats are still available for the 2010 course.

Please take note that the **deadline for applications has been extended till the 31st March 2010**. Bianca Currie, School of Natural Resource Management, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Private Bag X6531, George, 6530.
bianca.currie@nmmu.ac.za



Media releases from IWMC World Conservation Trust

CITES REJECTS LISTING OF ALL NINE PROPOSED MARINE SPECIES

Thursday, 25 March 2010

Doha, Qatar: All nine marine species put forward by various proponents amongst others; the United States, Palau and Monaco did not meet the criteria for Appendix I listing and following extensive debate was either rejected by the Conference of the Parties or withdrawn by the original proponents.

Despite concerted efforts to have marine species such as the North Atlantic Tuna, hammerhead sharks and look-alike species, as well as red coral (*Coralliidae corallium*) placed on the CITES Appendice I listed, these attempts failed to meet the required criteria.

Although there was general agreement that some of the marine species are at risk from over-fishing, a listing on the CITES appendices would not necessarily save these species from further exploitation. When considering listing proposals, CITES Parties rightly attach importance to assessments made by the Food and Agriculture Organization Ad Hoc expert panel. It is essential that species are only listed if the FAO agrees that this would satisfy the newly developed listing criteria. If a species does not meet the criteria, it cannot be placed under the CITES listing conventions.

Read more...

www.iwmc.org

www.conservingwildlife.org

email: iwmc@iwmc.org

CITES LEADING AFRICA'S ELEPHANTS INTO CONSERVATION CUL-DE-SAC

Thursday, 25 March 2010

Doha, Qatar: Tanzania and Zambia's appeals to have their burgeoning population of elephants more appropriately managed under CITES Appendix II listings was rejected in the plenary session of the 15th Conference of the Parties earlier today, leaving these elephants heading towards a conservation cul-de-sac.

The proposals of both Tanzania and Zambia which went to the vote of the assembly were both rejected in the final ballots with members overlooking the remarks made by supporting countries and pushing aside the amended proposals re-submitted by both countries.

Zambia's revised proposal asked Parties to reconsider an Appendix II listing of the species. In terms of their amendments, Zambia sought sanction from CITES to be able to relocate excess elephants into other countries and by so doing, help supplement depleted stocks in other parts of Africa. Their proposal also revised the permissions for the trade of raw hides and licensed trophy hunting which could earn valuable revenues for conservation and stem the growing tide of human-elephant conflicts in the region.

Read more...

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South African Journal of Science – moving to an online publishing platform.

The *South African Journal of Science* title, in its 106th year of existence, is now owned by the Academy of Science of South Africa and hosted by AOSIS, OpenJournals Publishing.

The *South African Journal of Science* website has been transformed re-released on Friday 19 March 2010. Published articles are openly accessible online in PDF, HTML and XML formats at www.sajs.co.za.

See some articles of interest in Vol 106, No 1/2 (2010): January/February:

Commentary:

No Deal at Copenhagen – Jessica Wilson Full Text: <http://www.sajs.co.za/index.php/SAJS/article/view/128/135>

News and Views:

Ancient DNA from fossil equids: A milestone in palaeogenetics – J. Francis Thackeray

Full Text: <http://www.sajs.co.za/index.php/SAJS/article/view/111/133>

Research Articles:

Historical mammal distribution data: How reliable are written records? – Andre F. Boshoff, Graham I. H. Kerley

Full Text: <http://www.sajs.co.za/index.php/SAJS/article/view/116/pd>

The African Journal of Range & Forage Science

The African Journal of Range & Forage Science is the leading rangeland and pastoral journal in Africa, published by the Grassland Society of Southern Africa and NISC (Pty) Ltd.

The African Journal of Range and Forage Science, in collaboration with Taylor & Francis and NISC, have introduced an **Online Submission System** as of January 2010. All research articles and research notes should now be submitted to the journal via this channel, although the Journal Administrator will remain on hand to assist.

To submit your manuscript, go to <http://mc.manuscriptcentral.com/tarf> and register. Most of the GSSA members and many of the GSSA database are already registered so enter your email address into the "Password Help" box on the right hand side of the log-in page, and click "Go". You will be sent an e-mail providing you with a temporary password which you can then use to log-in to the site and upload your manuscript following the instructions given.

For more information, contact: Freyni du Toit: journal@grassland.org.za

IX INTERNATIONAL RANGELANDS CONGRESS

Diverse Rangelands for a Sustainable Society; 2 to 8 April 2011, Rosario, Argentina

The Second Announcement is now on the web site, www.irc2011.com.ar, together with the Call for Papers and the Guidelines for Authors.

Full papers should be uploaded at <http://www.abstractsmanager.com/conf/rangeland/author>, from November 1st, 2009, up to April 30th, 2010.

Further enquiries or invitation requests should be made to secretariatAOC@rangelandcongress.com.



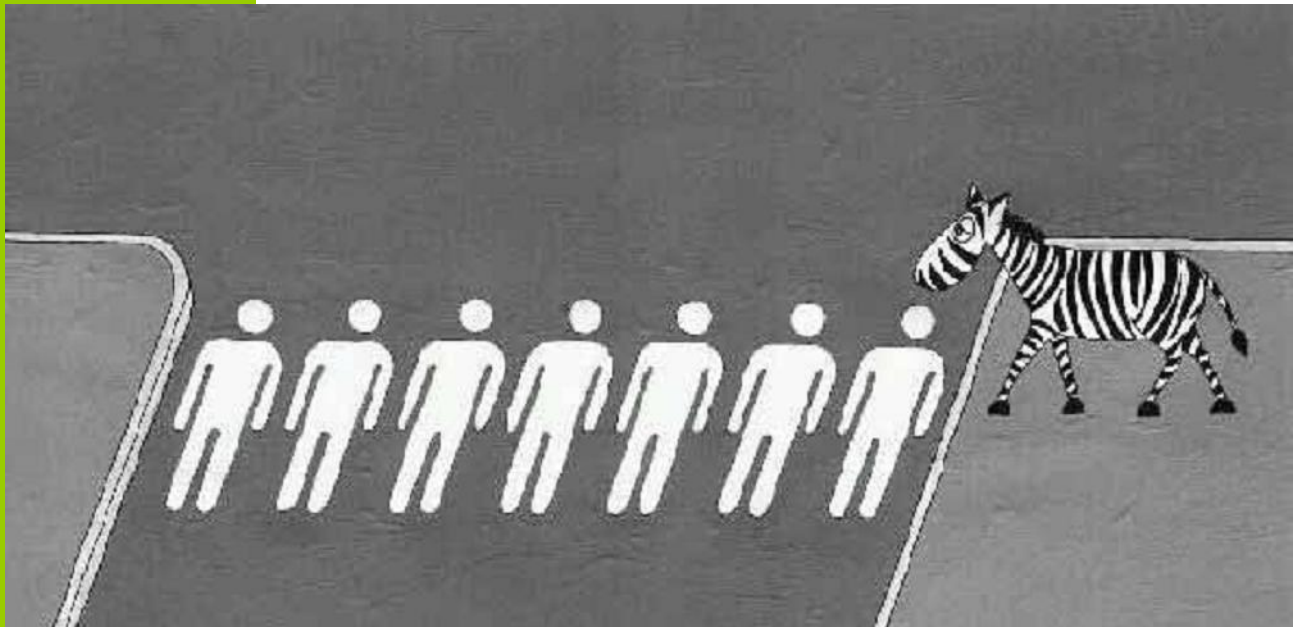
On a lighter note...



Spud, the office assistant – an update

Those who have been following the progress of Spud, the office assistant, might be interested to know how he has improved with the execution of office tasks. Since he has completed the task of paper shredding and recycling of all products containing any form of plastic (including my car's mud guards), he has been assigned the task of editing the annual SAWMA News Bulletin. Unfortunately he has now developed a special interest in the opposite sex, which has a negative effect on his work speed and productivity... hence the delay with the production of the publication.

He insisted that his Valentine photograph and also the cartoon below should be in this newsletter.



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Thanks to the members who forwarded items for this circular. To make this newsletter as comprehensive and interesting as possible, we invite all SAWMA members to send us your news.

Warm regards until next time,

Elma Marais
(Newsletter Editor - SAWMA)