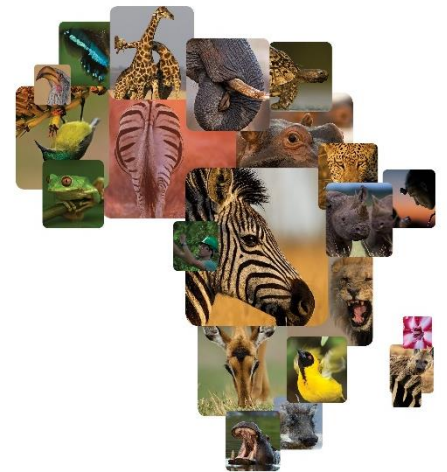




# SAWMA MATTERS

*August 2020 Edition*



*Greetings to all SAWMA members!*

*I hope you are all safe and able to continue with your important work, despite the current circumstances.*

*The purpose of this short newsletter is to provide some news and feedback that should be of interest to the SAWMA community.*

*- Editor*



## SAWMA 50 Years Anniversary Conference – New Dates

This year, SAWMA is 50 years old and to celebrate this, we were going to have a celebratory conference in September. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions on traveling and gatherings during Covid-19, we had no other choice than to move the dates to next year. **Please save the dates in your diaries now!**

*Dates: 5 - 10 September 2021*

*Venue: Berg-en-Dal Rest Camp in the Kruger National Park*

*Main Theme: Wildlife management in the 21st century: Adapt or die?*

We already received more than 50 abstracts by the closing date for abstract submissions earlier this year. The presenters have also been informed of the outcome of the evaluation of their abstracts and about all are very eager to present their topics at the 2021 conference. We are also pleased to announce that our plenary speakers, most of the sponsors and hosts are mostly very positive to support the conference despite the postponement with one year. The call for abstracts will continue early in 2021. Visit the conference website to find out more: <https://sawma.co.za/conference-2021/>.

We call on all members to support and assist to make our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference the special occasion that it should be!

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Still wondering why you should attend or support the conference? Watch this <https://bit.ly/35GGD6o>



## Awards 2020

A Reminder: Following the decision to postpone the conference, the SAWMA council also decided to extend the nominations for the **Wildlife Excellence Award** and the **Fairall Award** to 2021 accordingly. Therefore the next winners of our prestigious awards will be announced at the 2021 Conference at Berg-en-Dal.

## Registration of all SAWMA members on the SAWMA website

As a friendly reminder, please register an account on the SAWMA website without delay, to renew your membership for 2020. Once you have registered on the website, an invoice will be sent to you. As soon as your membership has been paid, you will be able to access the full-text articles published in African Journal of Wildlife Research. Please note that the access codes issued in previous years are now not valid and applicable anymore. The new system will ensure that all paid up members will immediately have full access to the membership content, once their membership fee payments are up to date.

Please go to <https://sawma.co.za/iump-login/> to register your account, by completing the registration details and creating your own unique user id and password. In future you will be able to log in at the same page to take you to your account page: <https://sawma.co.za/iump-account-page/>. Here you will have access to content that is only available for active SAWMA members. We will add more content in future to this platform.

## SAWMA membership fees 2020

Just a reminder of current membership fees payable:

<i>Student members (Free):</i>	<i>Student membership will remain free only for full-time unemployed students (<b>Student members who registered previous years and wishes to continue their free membership, need to renew their membership annually</b> - proof of university registration to be supplied)</i>
<i>Student Members (Paid):</i>	<i>R 200/annum – Post Docs and students in full-time jobs</i>
<i>Pensioners:</i>	<i>R 200/annum</i>
<i>Local Ordinary Members:</i>	<i>R 390/annum</i>
<i>Foreign Ordinary Members:</i>	<i>\$US 108/annum OR R1200</i>
<i>Local Institutional Members:</i>	<i>R 720/annum</i>
<i>Foreign Institutional Members:</i>	<i>\$US 205/annum OR R2400</i>

If you are receiving this newsletter and are not an official SAWMA member yet, please visit <https://sawma.co.za/shop/>.

Why become a SAWMA member? Watch this: <https://bit.ly/2A7RA5t>



# New SAWMA members 2020



Welcome to all the new SAWMA members who joined the SAWMA community in 2020 to date.

A good number of students from various universities local and abroad (52) have opted for the free student member option.

## Free Student members

Mika Vermeulen, Kersey Lawrence, Elmarie Blom, Kyle John Lloyd, Mignon Voges, Bianca Hagen, Michelle Pretorius, Emma Evers, Naquita Faria, Eugene Greyling, Chloe Lucas, Zimkhitha Mehlomakhulu, Marco Michau, Caton Schutte, Daniella Skinner, Kyle Smith, Runè van der Merwe, Tristan Daniel Baird, Allen Banana, Jolani Bezuidenhout, Elisabetta Carlin, Kayla Denbeigh, Cameron Enstrom, Agathe Gervais, Harrison Odion Ikhumhen, Erin Jooste, Isma Kayiza, Nozipho Khumalo, Claudia Loucas, Sinayo Lungile, Sihle Madalambane Chelsea Matthys, Sibongile Mbongo, Jacobie Mouton, Nathi Mtshubungu, Kieran Mulckhuys, Rakotonanahary Ando Nantenaina, Vincent Naude, France Phiri, Ryan Pienaar, Masixole Polisana, Riechelle Prinsloo, Pia Riddell, Michael Ross, Lovemore Sibanda, Marcelle Van Greune, Mohamed Vawda, Lindy Wolhuter, Ken Buk, Ruan Jacobs, Jamme-lee Pretorius, Cameron Radford, Megan Roberts.

## Student members (Post docs or full-time employed)

Felix Kwabena Donkor	College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, UNISA
Mr. David Alabi	Mangosuthu University of Technology
Dr. Jessica Comley	Rhodes University
Mr Marc Jenkins	Gauteng
Daan Loock	Mpumalanga

## Local members:

Mr. Matthew Altenkirk	Lion Sands Private Game reserve
Mr. Sean Altern	NCC Environmental Services (Pty)
Anna Bastian	University of KwaZulu-Natal
Mr. Steven Blenkinsop	University of South Africa
Mr. Alexander Botha	Bloemfontein
Ross de Bruin	George
Julian Fennessy	Giraffe Conservation Foundation, Namibia
Adri Liebenberg	Pretoria
Dr. David Mills	Endangered Wildlife Trust
Ms. Rhona Phiri	SLOR SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED
Keith Raine	Johannesburg
Mr. Chris Renshaw	Safari Architects Pty(Ltd)
Riaan Robbeson	Bathusi Environmental Consulting cc
Mr. Johan Strauss	Eco Ranger Conservation Services
Mr. Rowan van Tonder	REC Services
Ms G Pedersen	Mabula
Mr Jonathan Bell	NCC Environmental Services (Pty)
Miss Pumeza Cingo	Nelson Mandela University

## Pensioners:

Mr. Ockie Minnie	Pretoria
Mr M Botha	Mosselbay

## Foreign Individual members:

Dr. Jan Schipper	Arizona Center for Nature Conservation
Dr. Mkhokheli Sithole	Zimbabwe

## Job Board

The job listing function, <https://sawma.co.za/jobs-listing/>, is still not well supported on our website. We encourage all who wish to advertise positions to create a profile and post your jobs at this page. Job seekers should also register and so that Employers can view all the candidates registered on this page.

## SAWMA and AWMS Affiliations

Our affiliation with our sister association, Australasian Wildlife Management Society is still going strong.

### AWMS Virtual Conference 8 – 10 December 2020



Due to the Covid-19 situation AWMS2020 will be a virtual conference.

**The conference will be free for all to attend.**

**SAWMA members, please support this conference by registering and submitting an abstract. It is an ideal opportunity to virtually present your research at an international conference!**

Registration for the conference will open **1 October 2020**. To register your interest for AWMS2020 and receive information about AWMS2020 registration dates, please fill out the interest form at <https://form.jotform.com/201928251379864>

Please submit your presentations to this conference by **31 August 2020** at <https://form.jotform.com/201818938895877>.

Abstracts are welcome on any Wildlife Management Research or other topics.

The call for abstracts is available at:

<https://awms.org.au/resources/Documents/AWMS2020%20Call%20for%20Abstracts.pdf>

If you have any further questions, please contact us at [conference@awms.org.au](mailto:conference@awms.org.au)

**IMPORTANT: THIS CONFERENCE HAS ALREADY BEEN REGISTERED AND VALIDATED FOR CPD POINTS: (Validation number: 2020-0528-001442)**

### AWMS AWARDS: The Joan Southgate Travel Fund 2020

Each year applications for the Joan Southgate award open from 1 February to 31 March 2020. A committee of AWMS and SAWMA representatives has evaluated the applications received this year and the winner of the award will be eligible to receive financial support to travel to the affiliate country for study. Funds are available for travel, living expenses and accommodation. Up to a maximum of \$5000 plus support is available for registration fees for attendance of either an AWMS or SAWMA annual conference.

The winner of the 2020 award will be announced soon.



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### Volume 50

Volume 50 of the African Journal of Wildlife Research so far has 13 published articles with a more articles in various stages of review and publication. Please note that we are following a continuous publishing model, meaning that contributions are published online as they are finalised.

**The most recent (open access) Commentary with two SAWMA members as co-authors is worth reading:**

#### **Mass die-off of African elephants in Botswana: pathogen, poison or a perfect storm?**

by Shahan Azeem, Roy Bengis, Rudi van Aarde and Armanda D.S. Bastos.

AJWR: pp 149 –156 (2020) <http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0149>

Other articles of Volume 50 can be found at BioOne: <https://bioone.org/journals/african-journal-of-wildlife-research/inprogress> (Full access for active SAWMA members)

### Latest articles: Volume 50 of 2020 to date:

#### **Community attitudes and perceptions concerning rhinoceros poaching and conservation: a case study in eSwatini**

Authors: Hlelolwenkhosi S. Mamba, Timothy O. Randhir and Todd K. Fuller

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 1 –7 (2020); <http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0001>

#### **A 20-year review of the status and distribution of African wild dogs (*Lycaon pictus*) in South Africa**

Authors: Samantha K. Nicholson, David G. Marneweck, Peter A. Lindsey, Kelly Marnewick and Harriet T. Davies-Mostert

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 8 –19 (2020); <http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0008>

#### **The effects of habitat alteration on anuran diversity and assemblages on Mount Mulanje, Malawi**

Author Shaun M. Allingham

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 20 –35 (2020); <http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0020>

#### **Farmer attitudes and regional risk modelling of human–wildlife conflict on farmlands bordering the Boland Mountain Complex, South Africa**

Authors: Willem A. Nieman, Anita Wilkinson and Alison J. Leslie

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 36 –54 (2020); <http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0036>

#### **Spatial and seasonal variation in lion (*Panthera leo*) diet in the southwestern Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park**

Authors: Maya Beukes, Frans G.T. Radloff and Sam M. Ferreira

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 55 –68 (2020); <http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0055>

#### **Carcass yields of African savanna buffalo (*Syncerus caffer caffer*)**

Authors: Louwrens C. Hoffman, Jan S. van As, Pieter A. Gouws and Danny Govender

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 69 –74 (2020); <http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0069>

### Does competition shape cheetah prey use following African wild dog reintroductions?

Authors: Kristina L. Cornhill and Graham I.H. Kerley

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 75 –85 (2020)<http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0075>

### Habitat use by a large herbivore guild in a fenced South African protected area

Authors: Elena Mariotti, Francesca Parrini, Cornelius J. Louw and Jason P. Marshal

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 86 –101 (2020)<http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0086>

### Exploring perceptions of subsistence farmers in northwestern Zimbabwe towards the African lion (*Panthera leo*) in the context of local conservation actions

Authors: Lovemore Sibanda, Esther van der Meer, Courtney Hughes, Ewan A. Macdonald, Jane E. Hunt, Roger H. Parry, Bongani Dlodlo, David W. Macdonald and Andrew J. Loveridge

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 102 –118 (2020)<http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0102>

### Factors contributing to the springbok population decline in the Kalahari, Botswana

Authors: Tshepo Moatswi, Glyn Maude, Richard Reading, Moses Selebatso and Emily Bennitt

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 119 –131 (2020)<http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0119>

### Seasonal habitat selection by eland in an insular nature reserve

Authors: Jason P. Marshal, Giacomo d'Ammando and Francesca Parrini

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 132 –143 (2020)<http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0132>

### Managing nuisance Egyptian Geese (*Alopochen aegyptiaca*) on golf courses in Cape Town, South Africa

Author Rob M. Little

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 144 –148 (2020)<http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0144>

### Mass die-off of African elephants in Botswana: pathogen, poison or a perfect storm?

Authors: Shahan Azeem, Roy Bengis, Rudi van Aarde and Armanda D.S. Bastos

Source: African Journal of Wildlife Research 50, pp 149 –156 (2020)<http://dx.doi.org/10.3957/056.050.0149>

## New additions to the Editorial Board

SAWMA welcomes the following editorial members of the journal who were recently added:



*Dr Danny Govender  
Savanna and Arid Research Unit,  
SANParks.*

*(Field of expertise: Veterinary  
sciences and protected area  
management)*



*Dr Jeanne Tarrant  
Endangered Wildlife Trust.*

*(Field of expertise:  
Amphibian conservation  
and herpetology)*



*Dr Kim Madikiza  
School of Animal, Plant &  
Environmental Sciences,  
Faculty of Science, WITS*

*(Field of expertise: Small  
mammal ecology and  
physiology)*

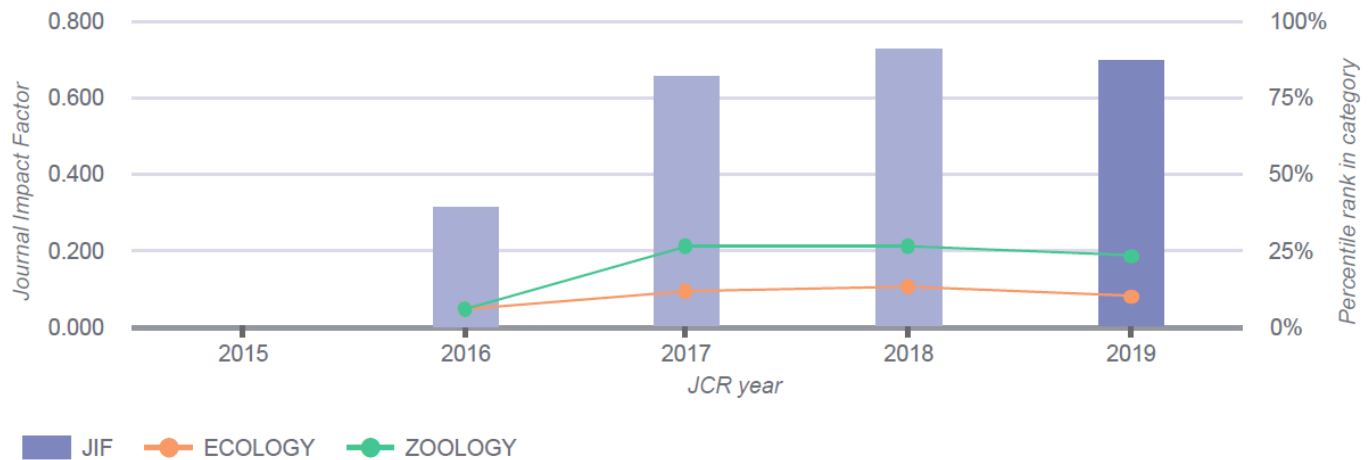
## Impact Factor - AJWR

The 2019 Impact Factor for the journal, recently published by Clarivate Analytics in *InSites Journal Citation Reports*, was 7.00 – a slight decrease from the previous year.

### 2019 Journal Impact Factor & percentile rank in category for: African Journal of Wildlife Research

**0.700**

2019 Journal Impact Factor



## SAWMA Council Election

In the light of the current Covid-19 pandemic and the postponement of the conference to 2021, an electronic vote will be called later this year. The current Vice-President, Dr Kelly Marnewick, will automatically replace Prof. Dan Parker as president. A nomination form will be circulated by email.

### The current council members are:



**Prof Dan Parker**  
 President  
 Scientific Editor (African Journal of Wildlife Research)  
 University of Mpumalanga



**Dr Kelly Marnewick**  
 Vice - President  
 Tshwane University of Technology



**Prof Paul Grobler**  
 Immediate Past President  
 University of the Free State



**Dr Craig Tambling**  
 Treasurer  
 University of Fort Hare

## General council members



**Dr Frans Radloff**  
Council member

Cape Peninsula University of  
Technology



**Prof Yohan Moodley**  
Council member

University of Venda



**Dr Jeanetta Selier**  
Council member

South African National  
Biodiversity Institute



**Prof Michael Somers**  
Council member

University of Pretoria



**Dr Maartin Strauss**  
Council member  
University of South Africa



**Dr Jan Venter**  
Council member  
Nelson Mandela University



**Ms Johanna Taylor**  
Co-opted Student member  
University of Cape Town /  
Panthera



**Mrs Elma Marais**  
SAWMA Secretariat

## Become a SAWMA Member today! You will earn CPD points by attending SAWMA conferences and for your membership

Please note that SAWMA is a SACNASP recognised Voluntary Association and registered professionals with SACNASP can earn 1 CPD credit per year if they are members of SAWMA. By attending a SAWMA conference you can earn 1 CPD credit per day. Contact us if you need CPD certificates for attending any past conferences or for your membership.

*Please continue to visit our website at [www.sawma.co.za](http://www.sawma.co.za) for regular updates, news and other important announcements. We also invite you to send us your news, links to published articles and events of relevance to share with the SAWMA Community on our website*

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