RESEARCH PROJECT APPLICATION FORM

1 Title of the project

2 Contact details
2.1 *Senior researcher contact details [Title, Initials, Surname, Position, Institution, Department, Postal Address, Contact numbers [work, fax and mobile] and e-mail address, Identity number (Passport number), Address for legal correspondence (has to be a physical address)]

2.2 Co-workers contact details [Title, Initials, Surname, Position, Institution, Department, Postal Address, Contact numbers [work, fax and mobile] and e-mail address.

*Please include a short (½ page) *curriculum vitae, it should reflect field research experience and publication records only.

3 Park (s) in which the study will be conducted

4 In a few words, please explain why this work needs to take place within a National Park

5 Keywords
*Please include 3-8 words that are not in the title but will enhance the searching of the project.
6 Executive Summary
In a short paragraph, briefly explain what you plan to do and how you plan to do it (summarizing your rationale and methods). What you hope to achieve (summarizing your objectives, outcomes, management implications) as well as indicate the resources you wish to make use of e.g. no. of game guard days and accommodation days in the park (if applicable).

7 Literature Review
Please provide a detailed literature review to give background and current understanding on the research question. A full list of references used must be included at the end of the document. Any previously written proposal including proposals to funding agencies can be attached and referred to in this section.

8 Rationale/Background/Introduction
Give a description of the research problem and background information making reference to relevant literature. This must clearly address the following questions:
   1) What is the conservation, research or management problem?
   2) Why is it important?

9 Objectives & Key Questions
Objectives must be clearly and concisely formulated. Key questions must be constructed to address each objective.

10 Work Procedures
A summary of the research material and the methods to be followed, these must conform to acceptable scientific standards. Furthermore, describe the study area, type of activities in the study area, description of study subjects (i.e. animals/plants/people), the type of collections required, and where voucher specimens will be housed. For the capture (physical or chemical) or restraint in any manner of and/or the collection of biological samples from any animals (mammals, birds, reptiles and fish) provide detailed descriptions of the techniques to be used.
Include the person/s that will be responsible for implementing these procedures and their training and / or experience.

11 Ethical Clearance (if applicable)
If you have obtained ethical clearance from your own institution, please provide us with a copy for our records. For SANParks employees only: please state if work procedures are covered by our existing SOP. For non-SANParks employees, if your research application is successful, it will be forwarded to the SANParks Animal Use and Care Committee (AUCC) for consideration.

12 Strategic, Support and Logistics
Who is the project being undertaken for?
Duration of the project?
What are the phase time scales?
Who will benefit from the project being achieved?
What qualification if any will be obtained from the study?
Who is the funding provider and what is the estimated cost of the project?
How will the study benefit the National Park’s management objectives?
What assistance is expected from SANParks?
  o How many accommodation days do you anticipate a year?
  o How many game guard days do you will require?

13 Monitoring and Risks
Major Milestones
Project Risks
Environmental Impact