



## SAWMA 2009

Southern African Wildlife Management Association  
Symposium: 13-16 September 2009  
Hosted by UFS at Protea Hotel Black Mountain, Thaba 'Nchu



### Wildlife Management: Ensuring Sustainability

#### Sub-themes

- Putting a price tag on sustainability
- Managing small reserves and fragmented populations
- Sustainable projects for rural upliftment
- Managing ecosystems
- Maintaining biological processes
- Alien and invasive species as a threat to sustainability
- Monitoring and criteria for sustainability



You are invited to submit paper and poster titles using the focus areas. Proposed titles should reach the SAWMA secretariat by 31 May 2009. Email: [elma@mweb.co.za](mailto:elma@mweb.co.za)



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# FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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## VENUE AND DATE

The Southern African Wildlife Management Association (SAWMA) is inviting all members of the association, managers, scientists, students and decision-makers in the field of natural resource management and research to attend our annual symposium at Protea Hotel Black Mountain, at Thaba 'Nchu in the Free State from 13 - 16 September 2009.

This event will be followed by a day seminar on scientific writing skills at the on 17 September, presented by the University of Stellenbosch.

## MAIN THEME - Wildlife Management: Ensuring Sustainability

Contributions will be grouped into sub-themes when we have received all the paper topics. Efforts will be made to accommodate all contributions related to the main theme, but should a larger number of topics be received, presentations will be selected on the basis of relevance to the following sub-themes offered.

## SUB THEMES

- Putting a price tag on sustainability
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## CALL FOR PAPERS / POSTERS

**Paper contributions** in the form of 15 minutes presentation and 5 minutes questions/discussion can be submitted. We would welcome contributions from not only the scientist/research group, but also from our wildlife managers who has interesting and important research data to present.

Posters will not be presented but the programme will make allowance for a poster session where posters can be displayed and informally discussed.

### Deadlines:

**Paper and Poster Titles:** Papers/Poster titles should reach Elma Marais by **31 May 2009**, in order to compile a provisional programme for the second announcement.

**Abstracts:** A short abstract for both papers and posters (about 300 - 350 words) should reach Elma by e-mail as soon as possible but not later than **30 June 2009** for inclusion in the programme.

The titles and abstracts should be sent by e-mail to Elma Marais: e-mail address: [elma@mweb.co.za](mailto:elma@mweb.co.za)

## EVALUATION OF PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

There will be awards for the best presentations in the following categories:

Best presenter - Student (Presentation of work done towards a degree/diploma, including Masters and PhD degrees)

Best presenter - Open category (open category researchers, lecturers & natural resource managers)

Best presenter - Over all (student and open)

Best Poster - (student and open)

The objective of these awards is to encourage a high standard of presentations and to motivate young scientists. Presenters will have a choice to be evaluated or not. The criteria will be provided in the next announcement.

## PUBLICATION OF PAPERS

No formal proceedings of papers presented at the symposium will be published, but all presenters are invited to submit their papers for publication in the South African Journal of Wildlife Research. See the instructions for authors and guidelines at [www.sawma.co.za](http://www.sawma.co.za)

## PROGRAMME

A brief outline of the programme: (A provisional programme should be available by July 2009)

### Sunday, 13 September 2009:

Delegates arrive for registration and "Meet and Greet" Cocktail buffet from 18h00.

### Monday, 14 September 2009:

Morning: Registration continues; Keynote address by an invited guest speaker; presentation of papers

Afternoon: presentation of papers, poster session;

Evening: Braai

### Tuesday, 15 September 2009:

Morning: Presentation of papers

Afternoon: Presentation of papers. Annual General Meeting of SAWMA

Evening: Gala Dinner

### Wednesday, 16 September 2009:

Morning: Presentations continue.

Afternoon: Presentations continue; Awards for best presentations. Departure

## REGISTRATION FEE (Payable to SAWMA)

(Note that the symposium will run for 3 days.)

The full registration fee excludes bed & breakfast, but includes the following: All lunches (Monday to Wednesday) and Dinners (Buffet Cocktail on Sunday, Gala Dinner on Monday and Braai on Tuesday) The registration fee also includes mid-morning and -afternoon tea/coffee, 1 soft drink and 2 bottled waters per day, the symposium programme, pen and notepad. The hotel gave SAWMA permission to provide a limited number of wines for the cocktail buffet and the Gala Dinner, but a cash bar will be available for other drinks.

Accommodation should be booked and paid individually at the Protea Hotel Black Mountain.

Registration forms and payment should reach Elma Marais by 14 August 2009 to qualify for "early registration rates". The "Late registration fees" will be applicable to registration after this date. The cut off date for registrations is 4 September 2009.

Option 1: Full Registration Rate: (Evening of 13- afternoon of 16 September)

	(Early Registration) Before 14 Aug.	(Late Registration) After 14 Aug.
SAWMA Member	R1 650.00	R1 800.00
Non- SAWMA Member	R2 000.00	R2 200.00
Student Member (fulltime students)	R1 300.00	R1 430.00

## Option 2: Daily registration for 1 or 2 days only:

	(Early Registration) Before 14 Aug.	(Late Registration) After 14 Aug.
Daily registration excluding dinner	R 650.00	R750.00
Daily registration including dinner	R 800.00	R900.00

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

1. Delegates who would prefer to pay the registration fee with **direct deposit**, or by **direct bank transfer** can use the following bank details:

Standard Bank account holder: Southern African Wildlife Management Association

Cheque Account: 270805575

Branch: Tyger Manor Branch

Branch code: 050410

2. Registration fees can also be paid by **posting** a cheque (preferably ZAR currency), made payable to the **Southern African Wildlife Management Association**, and posted to the SAWMA Secretariat, P.O. Box 217, Bloubergstrand, 7436, South Africa.
3. It is also possible to pay the registration fee **at the conference**, but the late registration fee will be applicable. The registration fee can be paid by cash or cheque. SAWMA does not have facilities for credit card payments

### Cancellation policy:

No cancellations will be accepted after 4 September. The venue needs to be paid 7 days before the symposium commences. Please note that once a registration form is returned, arrangements will be made for meals etc. Unless attendance is cancelled, the delegate will be responsible for the registration fee. No refunds will be paid after 4 September.

### REGISTRATION FORM

Completed registration forms should be returned as soon as possible and but not later than 4 September to Elma Marais. Email: [elma@mweb.co.za](mailto:elma@mweb.co.za), or fax: 0866729882 or postal mail: P.O. Box 217, Bloubergstrand, 7436, South Africa. (After 14 August the late registration fee applies)

OR alternatively: Register online at <http://www.sawma.co.za>

### ORGANISING COMMITTEE:

The University of the Free State organising committee members: Chair - Paul Grobler & Karin Ehlers from Dept of Genetics, Nico Smit from Animal, Wildlife and Grassland Sciences & Pieter Taljaard from Agricultural Economics.

### TRAVEL

There are many direct flights from major centres to Bloemfontein Airport. Delegates have to arrange their own transport to the venue.

#### Directions

##### From Johannesburg

Take the N1 to Bloemfontein

As you see the Verkeerdevlei Plaza Toll Gate, TURN LEFT to Verkeerdevlei

DO NOT GO THROUGH THE TOLL GATE

Continue with this road, passing Verkeerdevlei, Excelsior and Tweespruit

At the stop street after Tweespruit, TURN RIGHT to Thaba Nchu/Botshabelo (N8)

Continue straight on until you see the MARIA MOROKO NATIONAL PARK signs

TURN LEFT and follow the road for approximately 17km.

##### From Cape Town

Take the N1 to Bloemfontein

Take the NELSON MANDELA DRIVE/AIRPORT turn off and carry on straight with the N8 to Thaba 'Nchu

TURN RIGHT at the MARIA MOROKO NATIONAL PARK sign and follow the road for approximately 17km.

### From East London

Take the N6 to Bloemfontein

Turn on the R26 at Rouxville and carry on towards Wepener, Hobhouse and Tweespruit

TURN LEFT on the N8 towards Thaba 'Nchu

Continue straight on until you see the MARIA MOROKO NATIONAL PARK signs

TURN LEFT and follow the road for approximately 17km.

### From Durban

Take the N3 to Harrismith. Then follow the N5 to Senekal, Marquard, Clocolan, Ladybrand, onto the N8 to Thaba 'Nchu

Continue straight on until you see the MARIA MOROKO NATIONAL PARK signs

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## SUMMARY OF DEADLINES

Submissions of paper/poster titles:

31 May 2009

Submissions of paper abstracts:

30 June 2009

Booking of accommodation at Protea Hotel Black Mountain

before 13 August 2009

Early Registration:

before 14 August 2009

Final submission of registration forms:

4 September 2009

Cancellation:

After 7 Sept. 2009, Nil reimbursement

## ENQUIRIES AND REGISTRATION

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## ACCOMMODATION

Each individual will be responsible for **booking and paying** their own accommodation at Protea Hotel Black Mountain by completing the booking form below. A block booking has been made which will be released for sale on **13 August 2009**. This means that after 13 August 2009 all rooms and rates will be subject to availability at the time of booking.

### Options:

1) **Bed & Breakfast Hotel rooms, with en-suite bathroom and private garden or balcony:**

R700.00 per person, per night in non-sharing (excludes 1% tourism levy)

R470.00 per person, per night sharing (excludes 1% tourism levy)

2) **Village apartments (5 students per apartment):** This option was negotiated for students and therefore the apartments will be available for students only. If there are units open after students have booked their accommodation delegates will be informed.

The apartments have 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and small lounge. 5 beds (2x rooms with two single beds and one with either a single or double bed)

R900.00 (excludes 1% tourism levy) per village apartment/night, (i.e. R180 per person if 5 people are sharing or R300 per person for 3 people) R120 per person/day will be added for breakfast.

A Booking form is available from the SAWMA Secretariat ([elma@mweb.co.za](mailto:elma@mweb.co.za)). Booking forms should be and faxed or e-mailed to Wendy Behrmann, Banqueting and Reservations Co-ordinator; Tel: (051) 871 - 4200; Fax: (051) 873 - 2161 / 086 601 8718;

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