

NRF-SAIAB Seminar Series 2024

Wednesday 13 November 2024, 10.30am (SAST)

Venue: Lecture Room, NRF-SAIAB, Somerset Street, Makhanda

Zoom Registration link:

 $\underline{https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAtdeqhrTkiGdAHKqmM41yK9wX0DeQ2910J}$

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The SANBI Wildlife Biobank: Conserving Tomorrow, Today



The preservation of biodiversity is critical to understanding and mitigating the ongoing threats to ecosystems and species across the globe. A key challenge in conservation science is the need for reliable, long-term storage and management of biological samples that can serve as a resource for research, monitoring, and conservation efforts. The SANBI Wildlife Biobank is a national biodiversity collection dedicated to collecting, cataloguing, and preserving biological samples from wildlife species. This biobank aims to serve as a comprehensive repository that supports ecological research, genetic diversity studies, disease surveillance, and conservation planning.