

BOOM IN THE BUSHVELD
From the Mabula Ground Hornbill Project

THE WAY FORWARD

A Review of the Population Habitat Viability Assessment (PHVA) was held at Johannesburg Zoo on 14th May, 2008.

Twenty Nine Ground hornbill experts and enthusiasts from fifteen different institutions gathered to review the conservation work done during the past four years and to prioritize the work needing to be done in the next two.

This document covers the problems, solutions and actions with time lines and responsibilities, and lists those of high priority:

- **Share past and new data for analysis.**
- **Find a fail-safe transmitter attachment for wild birds before research and release can continue.**
- **Collect easier sightings data of ‘juveniles’, to show where there are females and nests.**
- **Erect artificial nests, where needed outside of conservation areas, to assist successful breeding in the wild.**
- **Prepare a model and systematically collect genetic samples for DNA testing and analysis.**
- **Include of further data onto the Natural World website for analysis.**
- **Provide criteria for up-listing in the IUCN Red Data Book and national registration.**
- **Compile a new husbandry manual to increase production from the Captive Breeding Programme.**

The Ground Hornbill Action Group meets every April and October and will assist in implementing recommendations from this review.

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