

Call for Expression of Interest:

Provision of a facility suitable for the retirement/relocation of an adult male elephant currently kept at the National Zoological Gardens, Pretoria.

Expression of Interest Number : SANBI - NZG15052023/1

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The Expression of Interests documents can be obtained from the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) website www.sanbi.org.za

1. BACKGROUND

South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI), a Section 3A Public Entity for the purpose of the Public Finance Management Act (Act No. 1 of 1999) and established in terms of the National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (Act No. 10 of 2004), contributes to South Africa's sustainable development by facilitating access to biodiversity data, generating information and knowledge, building capacity, providing policy advice, showcasing and conserving biodiversity in its National Botanical and Zoological Gardens.

The National Zoological Garden (NZG) is one of the gardens that is managed, controlled, and maintained by SANBI which provides a faunal array of animals in two of their facilities located in Pretoria Zoological Garden and Mokopane Biodiversity Conservation Centre.

The main campus of the NZG is located in the Tshwane CBD and it covers an area of 85 ha. The NZG campus is currently housing one male elephant which is just over 42 years old. SANBI intends to retire the elephant from the NZG to a suitable sanctuary or wild reserve. To this effect, SANBI is pursuing the possible utilisation of its own facilities including Mokopane Biodiversity Centre for this purpose, and the request for expression of interest will only be considered in the event where SANBI's facilities are not deemed suitable for the accommodation of the elephant.

2. PURPOSE OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The purpose of this expression of interest is to invite interested parties who are in possession of a facility such as a wild reserve or elephant sanctuary etc., capable of accommodating the 42 year old male African savanna elephant (*Loxodonta Africana*) which has been at the NZG

for more than 21 years, to provide proposal for the accommodation of the elephant. The elephant has been in a captive environment since 1984 and was initially a circus elephant for 16 years before moving to the zoo in 2001.

Interested parties should submit the information contained in this request for expression of interest to SANBI for evaluation.

3. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES.

3.1. Responsibilities of interested parties

Any entity that wishes to express their interest to provide a facility suitable for the retirement/relocation of an adult male elephant currently kept at the National Zoological Gardens, Pretoria will be required to :

- a) Demonstrate to have a facility suitable for the purpose and provide information required for SANBI to evaluate suitability of the facility.
- b) Demonstrate to have necessary funding and expertise to cover the full proposal (from translocation to post release and monitoring for one year period).
- c) Provide SANBI with all required documents necessary for SANBI to evaluate and assess the most suitable entity/facility. This will include all documentation necessary to meet the requirements of legislation in keeping elephants.
- d) Be responsible for obtaining all permit requirements and legal compliance for the transfer, movement and keeping of elephant.
- e) Be responsible for all the veterinary processes including immobilisation and tranquilisation and all costs related to medicines applied.
- f) Be willing to sign necessary agreements to effect this transaction.

3.2. Responsibilities of SANBI

It is SANBI's intention to work together with the successful entity/organisation in ensuring that the elephant at the NZG is relocated safely to a suitable facility where he can live out the remainder of his natural life. To this effect SANBI will do the following :

- a) Assessment of the qualifying facility and subsequent award to successful entity.
- b) Provision of historic information regarding the medical and behavioural condition of the animal, and any other information at SANBI's disposal which is deemed necessary for the process.
- c) Provision of manpower and physical support needed in the relocation process.
- d) Provision of supportive veterinary assistance limited to the relocation process.
- e) Monitoring of the project post release for a period of up to one year.

4. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR SUBMISSION.

The following documents must be submitted by all entities that wish to express their interest:

- 4.1. A clear and comprehensive proposal that demonstrates approach and methodology on the execution of the relocation process (relocation process includes pre-capture preparations, capture, transportation, release into a release camp, monitoring, post release and full integration into the intended facility). Proposal to include logistical and operational arrangement during capturing, capturing team and all requirements for the process (transport, medical and permits).

The relocation process should as a minimum, follow the guidelines prescribed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for the in-situ translocation of the African elephants. Proposal should particularly indicate how will the innate behaviour of the elephant at the National Zoological Gardens will be taken into consideration during the process based on many years it spent in the zoo set up.

The above proposal must be accompanied by the following compulsory documents:

- 4.2.1 Information about **the release camp** which will be used for the integration process. Such information to include dimensions, diagrams, welfare and security elements. The camp should be compliant to the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004.
- 4.2.2 Detail **information about the identified facility** for the accommodation of the elephant. If the facility already has existing groups of elephants, please provide information such as (age, gender and lineages of the groups, time the group has been in the facility), this is if such information is not included in the Elephant Management Plan (EMP).
- 4.2.3 Approved **Elephant Management Plan (EMP)** issued by relevant issuing authority . If no approved plan exists, Draft EMP based on the criteria outlined in the National Norms and Standards for Management of Elephants in South Africa must be attached.
- 4.2.4 **Current elephant demographics:** Number of elephants currently held, sexes, ages.
- 4.2.5 **CV's** of management of facility and key team members who will be responsible for the welfare and management of the elephant.
- 4.2.6 Demonstrate **availability of funds** to cover the process. Any valid proof that the entity has funding available to cover the relocation process until the first year of monitoring.
- 4.2.7 A **certification of the facility**, if the facility has been granted approval to serve as a rehabilitation centre or sanctuary etc.
- 4.2.8 **ANNEXURE A1** with information required.

5. CONFIDENTIALITY

- 5.1. By accepting this expression on interests, the individual parties expressing interest agrees to ensure that its members, directors, officers, employees, specialists, agents and representatives (and, where applicable, those of its participating members) use the information only for the purposes of this expression of interest and not for any other purpose.
- 5.2. SANBI will maintain the confidentiality of information designated as confidential in the submitted proposal, except where that information is not proprietary or where disclosure is required by Law or is otherwise required by SANBI for the purpose of evaluating and selecting proposals. SANBI reserves the right to publicly disseminate any information of a non-confidential nature contained in any proposal.

6. BRIEFING SESSION AND SITE INSPECTION.

- 6.1. The interested parties are responsible for making arrangements it considers necessary to become fully informed regarding all conditions and processes regarding the accommodation of the elephant.
- 6.2. Site visits to view the elephant are not compulsory and if required for the purpose of submitting the expression on interest it can be arranged with the National Zoological Garden management.

7. AWARD.

- 7.1. SANBI shall not be liable for any cost or expenses or damages incurred by any party that submits the expression of interest, irrespective of the outcome of such submission. If, however, any such expression of interest leads to the award or approval of the suitable site, then the rights and obligations of SANBI and potential party expressing interest shall be governed solely by the provisions of a letter of acceptance. Should such preferred or potential site owner and SANBI fail to come to an agreement, SANBI may then, at its sole discretion, decide not to conclude the process and further negotiate with an alternative potential site owner.
- 7.2. SANBI reserves the right, after the closing date and evaluation process, to request party who expressed interest to provide clarification on the submissions. Any such clarifications or addenda or supplements shall be considered as forming part of the initial submissions. SANBI reserves the right to conduct site inspection of the proposed site prior to finalisation of the award. Any such discussion, site visits, issue of supplements or addenda or invitation to clarify, should not be construed as an acceptance or award.
- 7.3. SANBI has the right to cancel the expression of interest.

8. RETURN OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

Unsuccessful expression of interest documents will not be returned.

9. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The received expressions of interest will be evaluated in accordance with the criteria listed in the table below. Sufficient information must be provided to allow the evaluation committee to assess and evaluate submissions against these criteria. Interested parties who fail to score a minimum of 70 points out of a possible 100 points on criteria listed above will not be eligible for consideration.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION	POINTS
<p>1. Detail information regarding the proposed site/facility:</p> <p>Evaluation of the site/facility specific information to determine suitability of the site/facility to accommodate the male elephant from the National Zoological Gardens. Site/facility information to be provided should comply to the requirements of site as set out in Annexure I and II of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. <u>The evaluation of this criteria may require a site visit.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best practice facility that is capable of accommodating the male elephant. Facility is licenced or it qualifies as a facility for the accommodation of elephants in terms of Annexure I and II of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. - Facility more than acceptable to accommodate the male elephant. Facility is licenced or it qualifies as a facility for the accommodation of elephants in terms of Annexure I and II of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. - Adequate facility that is capable of accommodating the male elephant. Facility is licenced or it qualifies as a facility for the accommodation of elephants in terms of Annexure I and II of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. - Poor facility that is deemed incapable of accommodating the male elephant. Facility does not qualify as a facility for the accommodation of elephants in terms of Annexure I and II of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. - Unacceptable facility that deemed incapable of accommodating the male elephant. Facility 	<p>(40) Scales</p> <p>5</p> <p>4</p> <p>3</p> <p>2</p>

<p>does not qualify as a facility for the accommodation of elephants in terms of Annexure I and II of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023.</p> <p>- No facility that is capable of accommodating the male elephant in terms of Annexure I and II of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>
<p>2. Proposal on relocation process:</p> <p>A clear and comprehensive proposal that demonstrate approach and methodology on how the interested party will execute the relocation process (relocation process includes pre-capture preparations, capture, transportation, release into a release camp, monitoring, post release and full integration into the intended facility). Proposal to include logistical and operational arrangement during capturing, capturing team and all requirements for the process (transport, medical and permits).</p> <p>- Proposal demonstrates the best practice methodology and approach to be used for the relocation process, the completeness, level of detail, which includes all resources required is above board. All requirements for the process are included and compliant to the reference guidelines/standards used (Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa, IUCN guidelines in the translocation of elephants).</p> <p>- Proposal demonstrates more than acceptable methodology and approach to be used for the relocation process, the completeness, level of detail, which includes all resources required is above board. All requirements for the process are included and compliant to the reference guidelines/standards used (Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa, IUCN guidelines in the translocation of elephants).</p> <p>- Proposal demonstrates acceptable methodology and approach to be used for the relocation process, the completeness, level of detail, which includes all resources required is above board. All requirements for the process are included and compliant to the reference guidelines/standards used (Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa, IUCN guidelines in the translocation of elephants).</p> <p>- Proposal demonstrates poor methodology and approach to be used for the relocation process, the completeness, level of detail, which includes all resources required is above board. All requirements for the process are included and compliant to the reference guidelines/standards used (Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa, IUCN guidelines in the translocation of elephants).</p> <p>- Proposal demonstrates unacceptable methodology and approach to be used for the relocation process, the completeness, level of detail, organization, required team, safety and security management strategy.</p> <p>- No proposal attached that demonstrates methodology and approach to be used for the relocation process, the completeness, level of detail, which includes all resources required. Requirements for the process are not included and/or are non-compliant to the reference guidelines/standards used (Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa, IUCN guidelines in the translocation of elephants).</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">(15) Scales</p> <p style="text-align: right;">5</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4</p> <p style="text-align: right;">3</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1</p> <p style="text-align: right;">0</p>

<p>3. Evaluation of the Elephant Management Plan:</p> <p>Facilities that keep elephants in South Africa needs to have an approved Elephant Management Plan, population structure, and demography of current elephants is provided. Requirements for the Elephant Management Plan is stipulated in the <i>Norms and Standards</i> for the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Elephant Management Plan provide has already been approved by the authorities and demonstrate best practice and compliance to the requirements of the Norms and Standards. Integration of the SANBI elephant is considered highly likely. 5 - The Elephant Management Plan provided is a draft and has not been approved by relevant authorities. The plan is acceptable and does demonstrate compliance to the requirements of the Norms and Standards. Integration of the SANBI elephant is considered likely. 4 - The Elephant Management Plan provided is a draft and has not been approved by relevant authorities. The plan is acceptable and does demonstrate some compliance to the requirements of the Norms and Standards. Integration of the SANBI elephant is considered less likely. 3 - The plan provided is poorly drafted and does not demonstrate compliance to the requirements of the Norms and Standards. Integration of the SANBI elephant is considered less likely. 2 - The Elephant Management Plan drafted is unacceptable and non-compliant to the Norms and Standards. Possible outcome of the integration of the SANBI elephant cannot be provided with certainty. 1 - There is no Elephant Management Plan provided. Integration of the SANBI elephant cannot be evaluated. 0 	<p>(15) Scales</p>
<p>3. Details of the release camp and infrastructure:</p> <p>Release camps are essential in the translocation of elephants, especially for an elephant that has spent years in enclosed/captive environment such a camp is important for the acclimatisation of the elephant with the new environment. The release camps are to be constructed to include requires facilities and infrastructures capable of providing water, security and fencing, provision of food and medical supplements as and when requirements) and complies to welfare standards and regulations. <u>Finalisation of the evaluation of this criterion may require site visit.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Release camp more than adequate, and contains all requirements and infrastructures as stipulated in Annexure IV of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. 5 - Release camp more than acceptable and contains all requirements and infrastructures as stipulated in Annexure IV of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. 4 - Release camp acceptable and contains all requirements and infrastructures as stipulated in Annexure IV of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. 3 	<p>(20) Scales</p> <p style="text-align: right;">2</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The release camp poor and does not contain all requirements and infrastructures as stipulated in Annexure IV of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. - The release camp unacceptable and does not contain all requirements and infrastructures as stipulated in Annexure IV of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. - No release camp that meets requirements as stipulated in Annexure IV of the Norms and Standards in the management of elephants in South Africa as published in terms of section 9 (1)(a) and (c) of the NEMBA Act, Act No.10 of 2004, published in government gazette number 3009 of 2023. 	<p>1</p> <p>0</p>
<p>4. Personnel capability and team complement :</p> <p>Necessary skills/qualifications and experience of core team responsible for the relocation process (relocation process includes pre-capture preparations, capture, transfer, release into a release camp, monitoring, post release and full integration into the intended facility). and keeping the elephant post relocation. Indicate capacity and relevant experience of key personnel who will be working on this project including post translocation. Submit Curriculum Vitae (CV) of at least three (3) pages each. Include in your submission proof of qualifications, knowledge and experience as well as membership of the professional bodies (where applicable) relevant to the scope of work and applicable in the management of elephants or pachyderms. The CV must include but not be limited to people who are responsible for overall management of the facility, team to provide medical and behavioural integration support, animal care and protection.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Best practice evidence of capacity and relevant experience of key personnel and the team who will be working on the relocation project and at the facility to look after the welfare of the animal post relocation at the new facility as per Curriculum Vitae (CV) provided. - More than acceptable evidence of capacity and relevant experience of key personnel who will be working on the relocation project and at the facility to look after the welfare of the animal post relocation at the new facility as per Curriculum Vitae (CV) provided. - Acceptable evidence of capacity and relevant experience of key personnel who will be working on the relocation project and at the facility to look after the welfare of the animal post relocation at the new facility as per Curriculum Vitae (CV) provided. - Poor evidence of capacity and relevant experience of key personnel who will be working on the relocation project and at the facility to look after the welfare of the animal post relocation at the new facility as per Curriculum Vitae (CV) provided. - Unacceptable evidence of capacity and relevant experience of key personnel who will be working on the relocation project and at the facility to look after the welfare of the animal post relocation at the new facility as per Curriculum Vitae (CV) provided. - No evidence of capacity and relevant experience of key personnel who will be working on the relocation project and at the facility to look after the welfare of the animal post relocation at the new facility as per Curriculum Vitae (CV) provided. 	<p>(10) Scales</p> <p>5</p> <p>4</p> <p>3</p> <p>2</p> <p>1</p> <p>0</p>
<p>Total</p>	<p>100</p>

10. Preparation and submission of proposals

- 10.1. All submissions shall be prepared and submitted at the address / tender box given in the document. The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) shall not incur any obligation or liability towards cost incurred in the submissions.
- 10.2. No Submission will be accepted after the closing date. All submission received after the closing date and time will be disqualified.
- 10.3. Submissions must be placed in the Tender Box located in the Biodiversity Building at the Pretoria National Botanical Garden, 2 Cussonia Avenue, Brummeria, Pretoria, during office hours (08:00 – 16:00, except on the closing date when the time is 11:00).

Submissions may also be done by courier addressed to:

The Chief Operations Officer
 The South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI)
 Biodiversity Building
 Pretoria National Botanical Garden,
 2 Cussonia Avenue, Brummeria, Pretoria

- 10.4. All queries and communications in relation to this expression of interest should be directed to: T.Rehse@sanbi.org.za prior to the closing date.
- 10.5. Interested parties that intends to form a joint venture or cooperate with one another in order to submit a single consolidated expression of interest shall advise SANBI prior to the submission of their proposal and include in their proposal full details of the legitimate partnership/joint venture or cooperation agreement including a copy of the signed partnership/joint venture or cooperation agreement.

ANNEXURE A1: GENERAL INFORMATION

Full legal/company name :	
Details of property where elephant/s will be kept including <u>size</u> of the facility:	
Physical address:	
Size of the facility :	
GPS Coordinates:	

How long the facility has been in operation:	
<p>My facility qualifies as (Indicate the correct one, where a certificate is granted for the approval of a facility, please attach to the submission):</p> <p>A. Wild Reserve</p> <p>B. Elephant Sanctuary</p> <p>C. Controlled Environment</p> <p>D. Rehabilitation centre</p> <p>E. Others (Please state)</p> <p>.</p> <p>.</p> <p>.</p> <p>.</p> <p>.</p> <p>.</p>	<p>A. <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>B. <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>C. <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>C. <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>E. <input style="width: 40px; height: 20px;" type="checkbox"/></p>
Contact person for this expression of interest (Name and Surname):	
Contact Details of the person nominated for this expression of interest: Landline :-	
Mobile number :-	
Email address:-	
List the names of adjacent neighbours to the property: Name and type of operation or facility	