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Invitation For Comments On Draft Lion Monitoring Handbook, The Guidelines and Protocols For Monitoring Lion Source Populations in Kenya

The Wildlife Research and Training Institute (WRTI) is a State Corporation established under Section 50 of the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act No. 47 of 2013 (*Revised 2018*) (WCMA 2013). Its mandate under Section 51 of the Act is to undertake and coordinate wildlife research and training. The functions are provided for under Section 52 of the Act and include all forms of wildlife research and related emerging issues as well as enhancing capacity in wildlife conservation and management through training. In addition, the institute is also mandated to grant wildlife research permits under Section 59(1) and to establish a comprehensive wildlife data base in collaboration with KWS and other relevant lead agencies and stakeholders under Section 60(1) of the Act.

The Institute has developed a **draft Lion Monitoring Handbook, The Guidelines and Protocols for Monitoring Lion Source Populations in Kenya**. The objective of the guidelines and protocols is to standardize methods for lion census and help streamline data collection, access and sharing among stakeholders and enhance service delivery by the institute. It is anticipated that the guidelines and protocols will promote ease of planning and executing lion censuses; guide stakeholders and researchers on the process for conducting lion census.

The Board of the Institute and management seeks comments on the guidelines in order to enrich them.

Comments should be made to research@wrti.go.ke by **15th June 2024**.

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