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**RESEARCH ETHICS NOTIFICATION FORM FOR PROJECTS USING LOWER INVERTEBRATES FOR RESEARCH**

Lower invertebrates (protostomes) are used in research studies and provide an understanding of molecular genetics, taxonomy and systematics, and behavioural and conservation ecology. Though important, very few ethical guidelines surrounding their use are available. The SANS 10386 ensures the ethical and humane care and use of all animals, including lower invertebrates, in research, teaching, field trials, product testing, diagnosis, the production of biological substances, and environmental studies. Therefore, the Animal Environmental and Biosafety Research Ethics Committee (AEBREC) needs to be notified of any studies involving lower invertebrates. This is not an application for ethics approval but a notification and recognition of your project using lower invertebrates.

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| **INSTRUCTIONS**   * The application must be typed. * This form must be submitted with a R7a. |

1. **PROJECT DETAILS**

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| **Start date and anticipated completion date.** | |
| **Start:** | **Completion:** |
| 1. **Identity or general classification of the animals to be used.** | |
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| 1. **Conservation status of the targeted species.** | |
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| 1. **Rationale and objectives:** Briefly explain why the study will be conducted and which scientific question(s) will be addressed. Argue why the study is relevant and why animals should be used. Who will benefit from the results? *Suggested length: 200 words* | |
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| 1. **How many animals will be collected?** **And** h**ow will the sample size be calculated?** | |
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| 1. **Do you have approval for the project from the relevant landowner or conservation organisation?** | |
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| 1. **Explain briefly which methods will be used for your study.** | |
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| 1. **Is it possible that the study may have any negative effects on the environment? If so, please explain what these could be.** | |
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1. **SIGNATURES**

I have considered the design of this project, and in my opinion, this is the most effective and feasible protocol that has the lowest impact on the animals and the environment. This work is being conducted according to the ethical standards accepted in this field of research.

**Project Leader**

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Name and Surname Signature Date

**Other researchers involved in this project:**

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**Project supervisor** *(Applicable for Student Projects)*

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**Research Ethics Committee resolution:**

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Name and Surname Signature Date

Chairperson, REC