

**THE ILLEGAL TRADE IN REPTILES**

**INTERVIEW SCHEDULE: OPERATIONAL**  
**FUNCTIONARY – WESTERN CAPE NATURE**  
**CONSERVATION BOARD**

**INTERVIEW NO.:**.....**DATE:**.....

**INTERVIEWER:**.....

**INTERVIEWEE:**.....

**DESIGNATION / RANK:**.....

**LENGTH OF SERVICE:**.....

**QUALIFICATIONS:**.....

**1) BIOLOGICAL, ECOLOGICAL, SPATIAL & CONSERVATION ISSUES**

**1.1) WHEN WE SPEAK ABOUT REPTILES, WHAT ORGANISMS ARE WE ACTUALLY REFERRING TO?**

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**1.2) ARE ALL THESE SPECIES REPRESENTED EQUALLY WELL IN THE WESTERN CAPE, OR NOT? IF NOT, WHICH SPECIES ARE MORE PROMINENT AND WHY?**

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**1.3) HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF REPTILES IN THE WESTERN CAPE? ARE ANY PARTICULAR SPECIES MORE COMMON IN ANY SPECIFIC AREA OR REGION, AND IF SO, WHICH SPECIES AND WHY?**

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**1.4) OF THE REPTILE SPECIES FOUND IN THE WILD IN THE WESTERN CAPE, WHICH ARE EXOTIC, INDIGENOUS OR ENDEMIC?**

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**1.5) IF ANY EXOTIC SPECIES OCCUR IN THE WILD, DOES THEIR PRESENCE HAVE ANY NEGATIVE IMPLICATIONS ON, FOR EXAMPLE, INDIGENOUS AND/OR ENDEMIC REPTILE POPULATIONS OR ECOSYSTEM FUNCTIONING?**

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**3.7) WHAT IS THE VALUE OF THE VARIOUS SPECIES USUALLY TRADED ILLEGALLY – BOTH LOCALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY?**

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**3.8) CAN YOU PROVIDE ME WITH YOUR ORGANISATION'S REPTILE PROSECUTION STATISTICS FROM JANUARY 1999 UNTIL THE PRESENT?**

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**3.9) WHAT DO YOU THINK CONSTITUTES THE MAIN REASONS FOR THE ILLEGAL TRADE IN THIS RESOURCE?**

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**4.3) DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS OR RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW THIS RESOURCE CAN BE PROTECTED MORE EFFECTIVELY?**

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**4.4) IS THERE ANYTHING THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD WITH REGARD TO THE ILLEGAL TRADE IN REPTILES?**

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**THIS THEN CONCLUDES THE INTERVIEW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND VALUABLE INPUTS.**

**FUNCTIONARY SIGNATURE:.....**

**DATE:.....**