

Open MSc Projects in Evolutionary Anthropology

Sexual Conflict in Chacma Baboons

Swebeswebe Baboon Project

Project Description

I am advertising MSc projects focusing on wild chacma baboons in the Waterberg district of the Limpopo province, South Africa. Infanticide by males is a severe form of sexual conflict and is one of the main causes of infant death in this baboon species. The main research goal is to investigate physiological, morphological and social female counter-measures against the risk of infanticide as well as protective responses from putative fathers.



Together with local and international field assistants and students, you will collect behavioral, endocrinological, genetic and ecological data while following habituated chacma baboon troops.

The study site – also home to vervet monkeys and bushbabies, to name only the primates – is located on the Swebeswebe Wildlife Estate, approximately 50km from the town of Lephalale.



You will also contribute to the general running of the research camp set in the rugged bushveld with magnificent wildlife. The research camp provides all necessary amenities including free fast internet access.

Qualifications

You should be in possession or close to obtaining a bachelor degree in Biology or Biomedicine from the University of Zurich (or another Swiss University). Previous field experience is desirable, but not essential. You should be physically fit and resilient.

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