

## Questionnaire



### MSc RESEARCH PROJECT – BOTANY

#### **Botanical efforts for a comprehensive assessment of vascular plant diversity in South Africa**

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#### QUESTIONNAIRE

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#### **Part 1-----Demography of plant taxonomists**

##### 1. Gender


##### 2. Age

20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
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##### 3. Highest academic qualification and/or academic ranks

Diploma	Degree	Honors	Masters	PhD	Ass. Prof.	Prof.
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##### 4. Are you an active or a retired taxonomist?

Active
Retired

##### 5. Status (multiple choices can be ticked if apply)

Student taxonomist who has described at least one species	
Full-time taxonomist (i.e. you work in a research institution doing ONLY taxonomy; e.g. Taxonomist at SANBI)	
Academic taxonomist (You are a taxonomist working in an academic institution, e.g. a University)	
South African taxonomist based in South Africa (SA) who described at least one SA native species	
South African taxonomist based outside South Africa (SA) who described at least one SA native species	

Non-SA taxonomist who described at least one SA native species	
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## 6. Affiliations

University	Research-only Institution, e.g. SANBI, ARC, etc.	Private institution	Public institution	None
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## Part 2-----Taxonomic activities

1. What is your taxonomic specialization: List all taxonomic groups you are working on; e.g. legume, Aizoaceae, etc.

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2. What SA biome type does your taxonomic work focus on?

Savannah	Albany thicket	Desert	forest	fynbos	grassland	Indian Ocean coastal belt	Nama karoo	succulent Karoo
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3. Years of experience as a taxonomist since you described your first species

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4. How many species have you described during your career?

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5. Based on your experience, how many species do you think are still missing or unknown in South Africa's flora?

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6. Publications: How many taxonomic papers have you published during your career? \_\_\_\_\_

7. What is your estimate of the average number of people (collaborators/field assistants, etc.) who contributed to the description of ONE species that you have described (from when the species was spotted to when it was described and published)? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Expenditure for taxonomic activities (**Provide the best rough estimate you can**)

- 8.1. Provide a rough estimate of the average monthly salary received since you have started working as a taxonomist (in SA Rand = US\$0.0065)

5,000-10,000	10,000-20,000	20,000-30,000	30,000-40,000	40,000-50,000	50,000-60,000	60,000-70,000	70,000-80,000	80,000-90,000	90,000-100,000	>100,000
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- 8.2. Please provide a rough estimate (in Rand or US\$) of the total grants you have secured during your career specifically for taxonomic studies (grants that cover fieldwork, lab-work, equipment and lab maintenance, student bursary, etc.).

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- 8.2.1. If you are non-South African taxonomist but have described at least one species in South Africa, please include in your expenditure estimate, your travel grant (flight, local transport in South Africa, accommodation, food).

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9. Are there any suggestions and comments you have that can assist in the estimate of taxonomic efforts required in South Africa?

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10. Do you know of any other taxonomists based in SA or abroad who might have described at least 1 SA native species? If yes, please provide me with his/her email contact.

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Thank you!