**Basic Information: Aardvark (*Orycteropus afer*)**

**Names: Aardvark, ant bear**

**Identification pointers:** Pig-like snout; long, tubular ears; arched back; thick, kangaroo-like tail, yellowish-grey to grey coat. Sexes appear similar.

**Confused with:** unmistakeable

**Activity period:** nocturnal

**Length:** 1.4-1.8m **Height:** 0.4-0.5m **Weight:** 40-70kg

**Gestation period:** 7 months

**Lifespan:** ±20 years

**Diet:** Ants and termites

**Predators:** lion, leopard, hyaena, pythons

**Preferred habitat:** Able to tolerate a range of habitats. They occur from semi-desert to rainforest, and are only absent from the driest deserts. Their distribution is determined by the availability of ants and termites.

**Red List status:** Least concern

**Population:** Unknown

**Threats:** habitat loss to agriculture, hunting for meat and traditional medicine