**Basic Information: Brown hyaena (*Hyaena brunnea)***

**Common names:** brown hyaena

**Identification pointers:** Large, dog-like appearance; back slopes down from shoulders to rump; large head; pointed ears; long, shaggy brown hair; hair on neck slightly lighter than body; sexes similar

**Can be confused with:** spotted hyaena, aardwolf

**Activity period:** Nocturnal

**Length:** 1.3-1.6m **Height:** 80m **Weight:** 42-47kg

**Gestation period:** ±3 months

**Diet:** Carrion, small vertebrates, insects, fruit

**Predators:** Lions, spotted hyaena,

**Preferred habitat:** wide habitat tolerance, prefers drier regions of southern Africa, thrives in the absence of lions and spotted hyaenas

**Red List status:** Near threatened

**Population:** Decreasing

**Threats:** Shot, poisoned and trapped by farmers in predator control programmes