**Basic Information: Hyrax (*Procavia capensus*)**

**Names: Dassie, rock dassie, tree dassie**

**Identification pointers:** Approximately rabbit sized; stocky build; back rounded to resemble a boulder; ears small and rounded; fur dull grey to dark brown on top, paler below; black eyes with lighter patches around eyebrows and mouth

**Can be confused with:** each other, rock rabbits

**Activity period:** Rock dwelling species are predominantly diurnal, tree dwelling species mainly nocturnal

**Length:** 40-60cm **Height:** 25cm **Weight:** 2.5-5kg

**Gestation period:** ±7-8 months

**Lifespan:** ±12 years

**Diet:** grasses, herbs, leaves, fruit and bark

**Predators:** Vereaux eagle and other large birds of prey, caracal, leopard

**Preferred habitat:** Rock hyraxes found on rocky outcrops and hillsides, tree hyraxes found in dense woodland and forest such as dune forest

**Red List status:** Least Concern

**Population:** Unknown

**Threats:** No major threats, hunted locally and can become a pest