**Basic Information: Pangolin (*Manis temminckii*)**

**Names: Ground pangolin, scaly anteater, cape pangolin, South African pangolin**

**Identification pointers:** Unmistakeable, covered in hard, brown scales, hunched posture.

**Can be confused with:** unmistakeable

**Activity period:** Nocturnal

**Length:** 70-100cm **Height:** 0.4cm **Weight:**  5-15kg

**Gestation period:** ±4 months

**Lifespan:** ±20 years

**Diet:** feeds entirely on a particular species of ants and termites

**Predators:** Occasionally eaten by leopards and lions

**Preferred habitat:** A relatively wide habitat tolerance including grasslands, semi deserts and savannahs, do not occur in deserts or forests.

**Red List status:** Vulnerable

**Population:** Decreasing

**Threats:** Pangolinmeat is considered a delicacy in some Asian countries and they are increasingly being hunted for this purpose. Pangolin scales are used for a variety of medicinal purposes in Africa and Asia. Poaching is on the increase, mostly to supply the Asian market. In South Africa, electric fences kill between 2 and 13% of the South African population each year.