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Dear **Venerable Tsuxeko Mdaka**

Protocol Reference Number: UMP/Mdaka/220432627/BIO/BScHons/2025/1

Project Title: Colonisation of macroplastics by aquatic macroinvertebrates along the Crocodile River

Approval Notification: In response to your application received on **13/05/2025** The Research Ethics Committee-Animal Sciences has considered the above mentioned application and the protocol has been granted **FULL APPROVAL**.

Any alteration/s to the approved research protocol i.e. Questionnaire/Interviews Schedule, Informed Consent form, Title of the project, Location of the study, Research Approach and methods must be reviewed and approved through the amendment/ modification prior to its implementation. In case you have further queries, please quote the above reference number.

PLEASE NOTE: Research data should be stored securely in the School/ division for a period of 5 years.

The Ethical Clearance certificate is only valid for a period of 3 years from date of issue. Thereafter, Recertification must be applied for on an annual basis.

Wishing you the best with your study.

Yours faithfully,



Ms E. Kola: SEC (Chair)

Cc: Research Office Administrator:

Cc: Faculty Research Committee Chair:

DECLARATION OF INVESTGATOR(S)

I/We fully understand the conditions under which I am/we are authorised to carry out the abovementioned research and guarantee to ensure compliance with these conditions. I agree to completion of a yearly progress report.



15/05/2025

Signature

Date

PLEASE QUOTE THE PROTOCOL NUMBER ON ALL ENQUIRIES