

# Life, Earth & Environment Seminar Series

When: Thursday September 12<sup>th</sup>, 12 – 1 pm

Where: Natural Resources Building, Large Lecture Theatre (EM1)

## Strengthening the science-policy interface: lessons from the scientific assessments of elephant and predator management in South Africa



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Conservation of native herbivores and carnivores can be particularly challenging and contentious in landscapes becoming increasingly dominated by human activities. This includes South Africa, where many of the world's most iconic large carnivores and herbivores interact with people. In this guest seminar, come and learn about the inspiring scientific assessments of African elephant and livestock predator management in South Africa, and the lessons they offer researchers, managers and policymakers struggling with similar issues faced by Australian wildlife managers and conservationists.

### **Biography**

Prof. Graham Kerley is a globally respected wildlife conservation scientist from Nelson Mandela University, in South Africa. He has a broad disciplinary background, and has published and collaborated extensively with researchers from several continents. Since 1983 he has published over 200 articles, supervised dozens of RHD students, received numerous awards, and served on several government and non-government committees. His work extends across many wildlife species and disciplines, and he has been largely responsible for setting national research and conservation priorities and agendas in South Africa over many years. His most notable work has included the ecology and best-practice management of elephants and livestock predators, and also the formation and expansion of an ecologically-sustainable national reserve system for South Africa. He maintains strong links with researchers at USQ, UNE and other research institutions across the world.