



Letter

In terms of Section 35(4) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Dr David Morris
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8300

Proposed sampling of Equus Cave MSA human remains for aDNA

Dear Dr Morris and Dr Grine,

SAHRA has received your application requesting a permit for the sampling and export of four human teeth and one human mandible recovered at the Middle Stone Age site of Equus Cave received on Friday 6 June 2014 for circulation to the committee on Friday 13 June 2014 as per the SAHRA calendar.

The permit committee assessed your application and agreed that this is vital research for the country and for the scientific community. However, before supporting the sampling and export of the material, the committee requires additional information regarding previous studies conducted, and whether the extraction of ancient DNA from teeth of fauna associated either with Equus Cave, or with sites of similar age and depositional history in Southern Africa, has been successful.

The committee considers this information as a first step prior to attempting a similar study on the rare MSA human teeth of Equus Cave.

We are looking forward to receiving your response.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

Mariagrazia Galimberti
Heritage Officer: Archaeology



Equus Cave MSA human remains

Our Ref: ID_5807

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