## Additional information required

A list of the museum catalogue no, specimen and study ID of the historic samples (1930 – 1940) is depicted in Table 1. Table 2 contains the information pertaining to the ancient samples.

DNA will be extracted according to an optimised protocol published by Rohland et al. 2018. All DNA extractions will take place in a dedicated ancient DNA clean lab at the University of Pretoria. After DNA extraction, the DNA will be couriered to Novogene (UK) Company Limited (Second Floor, 25 Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB40FW, United Kingdom), were low coverage whole genome re-sequencing will be conducted

**Table 1: List of historic samples** 

	Museum			
Species	Catalogue no	Specimen	Study ID	Comments
Connochaetes				
gnou	NMBF90	Tooth powder & pieces	CGH001	Male Juv
Connochaetes				Female
gnou	NMBF80	Tooth pieces	CGH003	Adult
Connochaetes				
gnou	NMBF82	Tooth	CGH004	
Connochaetes				
gnou	NMBF84	Tooth powder	CGH002	Male Adult
Connochaetes				
gnou	NMBF96	Tooth	CGH005	Male Adult
Connochaetes				Female
gnou	NMBF81	Tooth	CGH006	Adult
Connochaetes				Female
gnou	NMBF92	Tooth	CGH007	Adult
Connochaetes				Female
gnou	NMBF93	Tooth	CGH008	Adult

**Table 2: List of ancient samples** 

					Packet/Sample	
Species	Tooth/Bone	Site	age	Box ID	ID	Study ID
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot418	HB2723	CGA001
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot406	HB1523	CGA002
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot398	HB2600	CGA003
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot406	HB2851	CGA004
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot418	HB2666	CGA005
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot398	HB1200	CGA006

					Packet/Sample	
Species	Tooth/Bone	Site	age	Box ID	ID	Study ID
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot398	HB1041	CGA007
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Unknown	Unknown	CGA008
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Unknown	HB1218	CGA009
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot398	HB1129	CGA010
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot392	HB1288	CGA011
Connochaetes						
gnou	Bone powder	Heelbo	±3500	Unknown	Unknown	CGA012
Connochaetes	Tooth					
gnou	powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot414	Unknown	CGA013
Connochaetes	Tooth					
gnou	powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot414	HB2787	CGA014
Connochaetes	Tooth					
gnou	powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot414	HB2973	CGA015
Connochaetes	Tooth					
gnou	powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot390	HB1834	CGA016
Connochaetes	Tooth					
gnou	powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot390	HB2078	CGA017
Connochaetes						
gnou	Tooth pieces	Heelbo	±3500	Lot414	HB2976	CGA018
Connochaetes	Tooth					
gnou	powder	Heelbo	±3500	Lot390	HB1661	CGA019
Connochaetes						
gnou	Tooth	Heelbo	±3500	Lot397	HB2770	CGA020