

THE RATES AND PATTERNS OF DECOMPOSITION OF PORCINE REMAINS BURIED IN DIFFERENT SOIL TYPES IN THE HIGHVELD OF SOUTH AFRICA

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PERMIT: Collection

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

Permit Holder: Dr Dominic Stratford

University of the Witwatersrand - Institute for Human Evolution

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Johannesburg

Site: Bolts Farm, Sterkfontein 173 IQ (portion 38), Gauteng (Bolts Farm, Sterkfontein 173 IQ (portion 38), Gauteng)

For the collection of approximately 800l from soil dumps at Bolt's Farm Quarry, Sterkfontein 173Q, within the Cradle of Humankind World Heritage Site, for decay experiments.

Conditions:

1. This permit is issued to Dr Dominic Stratford (University of the Witwatersrand) on behalf of Mr Artem Markov (University of the Witwatersrand).
2. If the permit holder is not to be present on the site at all times then SAHRA must be provided with the names and qualifications of the authorised representatives.
3. Excavation activities will include collection of approximately 800l of soil from an old mine dump.
4. A permit report on the results of the excavations and analyses must be emailed to apmpermitreports@sahra.org.za on or before 28 February 2022, using the template in the following link: <https://sahris.sahra.org.za/content/apmpermitreports>. SAHRA reserves the right to withhold further permits if progress is not deemed satisfactory. Permit reports can be made available to researchers on request within three years of the lapsing of this permit.
5. Reprints of all published papers or copies of theses and/or reports resulting from this work must be lodged with SAHRA.
6. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to obtain permission from the landowner for each visit, and the excavator is responsible for ensuring that he or she has an understanding with the landowner concerning: the number of visitors and workers; conditions for camping on the property; speed limits on access roads; possible

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prohibitions on off-road driving; size, type and number of vehicles permitted; possible prohibitions on trespassing beyond the site; disturbing fauna, flora or substrate; erection and demolition of structures on the site; appropriate hours of visiting and working on the site; use of firewood, electricity and water; lighting fires and the prevention of uncontrolled fires and any fencing necessary to protect livestock. Conditions of access imposed by the landowner must be observed.

7. The permitted excavator shall be responsible for the activities and impacts of all colleagues, students and employees under his or her supervision.

8. Excavators must take measures to ensure the safety of any person who may enter the excavation site as part of their excavation team or as their visitor.

9. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to protect sites during and after excavation and to ensure that, where appropriate, excavations are filled in or stabilised with adequate materials (e.g. Loffelstein blocks or army bags in geotextile) to the satisfaction of SAHRA and the landowner.

10. SAHRA shall not be liable for any losses, damages or injuries to persons or properties as a result of any activities in connection with this permit.

11. SAHRA reserves the right to cancel this permit by notice to the permit holder.

12. This permit is subject to a general appeal and may be suspended should an appeal against the decisions be received by SAHRA within 14 days from the date of the permit. SAHRA may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit.

13. Request to renew permits must be done at least two months prior to the expiry of the existing permit.

This permit is valid from
16/02/2021 to 28/02/2022

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Additional Info:

Please note that this permit may be suspended should an appeal against the decisions be received by SAHRA within 14 days from the date of the permit. SAHRA may not be held responsible for any costs or losses incurred in the event of the suspension or retraction of this permit.

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