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Wildlife nutrition 782 (NLB 782)

Qualification Postgraduate

Faculty Faculty of Natural and Agricultural Sciences

Module credits 15.00

Programmes BScHons Wildlife Management

Prerequisites No prerequisites.

Contact time 2 practicals, 3 Block weeks

Language of tuition Module is presented in English

Department Zoology and Entomology

Period of presentation Semester 2

Module content

Ensuring essential prior knowledge of the fundamentals of nutrition through peer-assisted learning strategies. The digestive functioning of selected wild ruminant and non-ruminant herbivores is discussed as well as their nutrient requirements and deficiencies that commonly occur. The spatial scaling of nutrients in vegetation is explained, followed by which foraging strategies large African herbivores of varying body sizes use to adapt to spatial and temporal nutrient heterogeneity, including optimal foraging theory.

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