# **Gondwana Kalahari Park Game Count 2008**



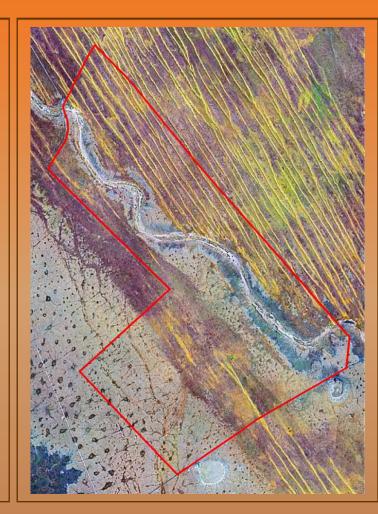
### **OBJECTIVES OF COUNTING**

Objective	Reasons why information is needed
Estimate the     Numbers of game     How many?	<ul> <li>For:</li> <li>estimating stocking rates and biomass to manage the veld conditions and inter-specific competition;</li> <li>setting reasonable off-take quotas;</li> <li>determining the value of wildlife in the Park;</li> <li>providing information to visitors.</li> </ul>
Produce wildlife     Distribution maps     Where are they?	For:  Iand-use planning and zonation;  monitoring veld condition in areas of high game concentrations;  tracking distribution changes in response to rainfall or human factors such as water distribution, removal of fences, off-takes, etc.
Monitor Population     Changes  Is wildlife     increasing or     decreasing?	<ul> <li>For: <ul> <li>monitoring changes per species per year;</li> <li>To assist management to achieve its objectives for wildlife management, biodiversity conservation and the protection of rare and vulnerable species.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### **ROUTE & SPECIES PARAMETERS**

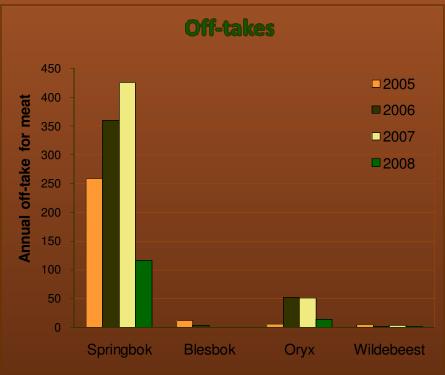
Route Parameters	1	2	3	4	Totals
Route Length (km)	19.0	25.6	32.3	30.0	107
Duration of Count (hrs)	1.25	1.3	2.75	3.0	8.0
Route Correction Factor	1.2	1.8	1.6	1.1	

	SPECIES CORRECTION FACTORS
SPECIES	
Gemsbok	1.2
Springbok	1.6
Kudu	1.2
Red Hartebeest	1.2
Steenbok	10.0
Ostrich	1.2
Zebra	1.2
Wildebeest	1.2
Duiker	4.0



## **WILDLIFE POPULATION ESTIMATES**

	2005	2007	2008
Gemsbok	88	277	307
Springbok	1558	2187	2139
Kudu	13	25	4
Red Hartebeest	36	104	155
Steenbok	199	243	425
Ostrich	61	142	171
Zebra (known numbers)		23	30
Wildebeest (known numbers)		40	41
Total	1955	3040	3272



# **CHANGES IN POPULATION NUMBERS 2005-2008** 2 500 □2005 □2007 2 000 **2008** 1 500 1 000 500 Gemsbok Springbok Kudu Red Ostrich Zebra Wildebeest Steenbok Hartebeest **TOTAL ESTIMATED WILDLIFE BIOMASS** 2005 2007 2008 Year: **TARGET RANGE** Biomass (kg/ha): 19.97

