



A PLACE FOR PANGOLINS (APFP) PROGRAMME

Commitment to Ethical Standards

I / We, the Property Owner, being the owner(s) or lawful occupier(s) of the Property described in Schedule 1 to this Commitment, make this Commitment freely and voluntarily in favour of Pangolin Africa on the terms set out below.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 APFP is a voluntary programme administered by Pangolin Africa to vet and designate properties in pangolin range states in South Africa as pangolin safe areas.
- 1.2 The Property Owner has completed the APFP Survey and, by making this Commitment, confirms that pangolin welfare matters on the Property, and commits to doing its part to look after any pangolins found on site.
- 1.3 The Property Owner is already required to comply with the wildlife laws applicable to the Property, whether registered with the APFP or not. This Commitment does not create new legal duties beyond what already applies. It records, in plain terms, the sensible commitments the Property Owner is making as a APFP property.
- 1.4 Pangolin Africa may use data collected from the Property Owner during the APFP Survey for conservation research and related projects, subject to the terms of this Commitment and POPI.

2. Definitions and interpretation

- 2.1 In this Commitment, unless the context requires otherwise:
 - (a) **APFP** means A Place for Pangolins, being the programme administered by Pangolin Africa to vet and designate properties in pangolin range states



in South Africa as pangolin safe areas;

- (b) **APFP Survey** means the survey and vetting process conducted by Pangolin Africa to assess the suitability of the Property for APFP designation;
- (c) **Applicable Laws** means all national and provincial conservation legislation, permit conditions, CITES rules, and any other laws, regulations, directives or guidelines (whether or not having the force of law) applicable to the treatment of pangolins and other protected species on the Property;
- (d) **Branding Guidelines** means the branding and communications guidelines supplied by Pangolin Africa from time to time;
- (e) **Commitment** means this declaration of commitment, including the Schedule hereto;
- (f) **Pangolin Africa** means Pangolin Africa NPC (Registration Number: 2018/380634/08), a non-profit company duly incorporated in accordance with the laws of the Republic of South Africa;
- (g) **POPI** means the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013;
- (h) **Property Data** means all information and data collected from or about the Property and the Property Owner during the APFP Survey, including but not limited to location data, property size, fencing information, activities conducted on the Property, wildlife monitoring data, and any other information provided in connection with the APFP, and may include personal information as defined in POPI;
- (i) **Property** means the property described in Schedule 1 to this Commitment;
- (j) **Property Owner** means the person(s) or entity identified in Schedule 1 to this Commitment; and
- (k) **South Africa** means the Republic of South Africa.

3. Compliance with Applicable Laws

- 3.1 The Property agrees and undertakes to keep complying with all Applicable Laws (including the national and provincial conservation legislation, permit conditions and CITES rules that already govern how pangolins and other



protected species must be treated), and to ensure that only properly authorised people handle or interact with pangolins on the Property.

4. Give pangolins space when they're encountered

- 4.1 The Property Owner agrees and undertakes that, where a pangolin is seen on the Property, it will follow the guiding principle of letting the pangolin go about its business undisturbed. In practice, this means:
- (a) maintaining a respectful distance (around 10m where possible) and not crowding, chasing, blocking, handling or repositioning it;
 - (b) limiting the number of people and vehicles present reasonable for the situation;
 - (c) avoiding loud noise, bright lights or camera flashes that could startle the pangolin;
 - (d) driving cautiously and giving way if the sighting happens off-road;
 - (e) maintaining distance if the pangolin looks distressed or is struggling to move away freely;
 - (f) not staking out or monitoring any burrow where a pangolin is suspected to be present; and
 - (g) not using tracking or telemetry data to advertise or offer "guaranteed" pangolin sightings.
- 4.2 The Property Owner agrees and undertakes that pangolins will never be handled, restrained, fed or displayed for tourism, photography or marketing purposes – their welfare always comes first. This does not stop the Property Owner from sharing a genuine, incidental sighting of a free-roaming pangolin spotted during normal wildlife viewing, provided it's done in line with the guidelines above.

5. Report sightings via Pangolert

- 5.1 The Property Owner agrees and undertakes to report confirmed or likely pangolin sightings on the Property to Pangolin Africa using the secure Pangolert WhatsApp reporting system.

6. Act promptly if a pangolin is injured or in trouble



- 6.1 The Property Owner agrees and undertakes that, if a pangolin is found injured, trapped, distressed or otherwise in need of help, it will contact the relevant veterinarian in the area as soon as possible and follow their guidance.
- 6.2 The Property Owner will also let Pangolin Africa know, who are happy to help track down the right responder, coordinate a response, or simply keep a record for conservation purposes. Pangolin Africa is not the statutory authority, and this does not replace reporting the incident where the Applicable Laws requires it.

7. Report suspicious deaths and suspected wildlife crime

- 7.1 The Property Owner agrees and undertakes to report any known or suspected pangolin death that appears to have arisen other than from natural causes. For example, a pangolin trapped on an electric fence, or one that is the victim of poaching, poisoning, snaring or trafficking.
- 7.2 In such a scenario, the Property Owner will report it to the relevant conservation authority, and to involve the police or other law enforcement where a criminal offence may be involved. Deaths from natural causes or predation do not need to be reported under this commitment. Pangolin Africa can assist with coordination and record-keeping, but this sits alongside – not instead of – the legal reporting channels.

8. Hazards on the Property

- 8.1 The Property Owner agrees and undertakes to take reasonable steps, where practical, to spot and reduce hazards on the Property that could hurt or trap pangolins.

9. Property details

- 9.1 The Property agrees and undertakes to check annually that the information given at registration in terms of the APFP Survey is still accurate.
- 9.2 Should there be any material changes in the information previously provided in the APFP Survey, the Property Owner undertakes to inform Pangolin Africa.



- 9.3 Where a change creates an immediate risk to pangolins, the Property Owner agrees and undertakes to flag it as soon as it happens, rather than waiting for the annual check-in.

10. Use of the APFP name and Branding Guidelines

- 10.1 The Property Owner agrees and undertakes to use the "A Place for Pangolins" name and any associated Pangolin Africa logos, badges or marketing material only in accordance with the Branding Guidelines supplied by Pangolin Africa, and in particular agrees and undertakes that it will:
- (a) use the name, designation and branding only for as long as the Property's registration remains current and in good standing, and stop using them if registration lapses, is withdrawn, or is not renewed;
 - (b) not alter, adapt or combine the logo or designation with other marks in a way that isn't provided for in the branding guidelines;
 - (c) not use the name, designation or branding in a false, misleading or unauthorised manner, or in a way that implies a level of endorsement, partnership or guarantee that Pangolin Africa has not agreed to;
 - (d) seek approval from Pangolin Africa before using the name or branding in major campaigns, press materials, or any context beyond routine signage, website and marketing use; and
 - (e) ensure that any reference to the APFP in the Property's own marketing is accurate and consistent with the commitments in this Commitment, and does not overstate what the designation means.

11. Consequences of non-compliance

- 11.1 This Commitment relies on trust, and Pangolin Africa would always rather work with a Property Owner to remedy the situation rather than removing the Property from the APFP. However, if a Property is found to be in material breach of any of the commitments and/or obligations in this Commitment, Pangolin Africa may:
- (a) issue a first written warning setting out the concern and giving the Property Owner a reasonable opportunity to remedy the situation; and
 - (b) if the situation has not been remedied within a reasonable time to the satisfaction of Pangolin Africa, or where a further material breach occurs



after that warning, Pangolin Africa reserves the right to withdraw the Property's right to use the APFP designation and any associated Pangolin Africa logos or marketing materials, and remove the Property from the APFP register.

- 11.2 Withdrawal of the designation does not affect any obligations the Property has under Applicable Laws, and a Property that has had its designation withdrawn is welcome to apply to rejoin the programme once the underlying concern has been resolved.

12. Data protection

- 12.1 Pangolin Africa is the responsible party (as defined in POPI) for personal information, including personal information contained within Property Data collected and processed in connection with the APFP.
- 12.2 The Property Owner acknowledges that it has received and reviewed Pangolin Africa's privacy notice (which can also be found on the Pangolin Africa website), which sets out how Pangolin Africa collects, uses, stores, shares and protects personal information.
- 12.3 The purposes for which personal information contained within Property Data may be used are set out in Schedule 1.
- 12.4 Pangolin Africa will process Property Data in accordance with POPI and will implement appropriate security measures to protect such information against unauthorised access, loss or damage.

13. General provisions

13.1 Governing law

- 13.1.1 This Commitment is governed by and will be construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of South Africa.

13.2 Voluntary nature

- 13.2.1 The APFP is a voluntary programme. This Commitment does not create an agency, joint venture, partnership or employment relationship between the Property Owner and Pangolin Africa.

13.3 No additional legal duties



- 13.3.1** Nothing in this Commitment imposes obligations on the Property Owner beyond those already imposed by Applicable Laws, save for the reporting and branding commitments expressly set out in this Commitment.

13.4 Entire understanding

- 13.4.1** This Commitment, together with Schedule 1, constitutes the entire understanding between the Property Owner and Pangolin Africa in respect of the APFP designation of the Property.





Signature Pages

Signed at _____ on the _____ day of
_____ 2026.

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF

Pangolin Africa NPC

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The Property Owner

Name:

Capacity:

Who warrants authority

Name:

Capacity:

Who warrants authority

Signed at _____ on the _____ day of
_____ 2026.





Schedule 1 – Property and APFP Details

HEADING	DETAILS
1. Property Owner	[INSERT FULL NAME / ENTITY NAME] Registration number (if applicable): [INSERT] Identity number (if applicable): [INSERT]
2. Property Owner's domicile	Address: [INSERT] Email: [INSERT] Marked for the attention of: [INSERT]
3. Property Name and Description	Property name: [INSERT] Property location/GPS coordinates: [INSERT] Property size (hectares): [INSERT] Province: [INSERT]
4. Data Usage	The Property Owner agrees that Pangolin Africa may use Property Data for the following purposes: (a) administration of the APFP; (b) submission of applications to the DFFE for pangolin release allocations (if applicable); (c) conservation research and academic publications (subject to anonymisation where reasonably practicable); (d) sharing with third parties in accordance with Pangolin Africa's Privacy Notice and applicable terms and conditions.
5. APFP Survey Completion	The Property Owner confirms that it has completed the APFP Survey on [INSERT DATE]. Pangolin Africa confirms that the Property has met the APFP vetting criteria.

