



# ARID ZONE ECOLOGY FORUM



## First Announcement: AZEF 2013 KIMBERLEY

### THEME :

***Emerging threats in the arid zone: building knowledge and developing solutions Part II: Implications for management***

The AZEF 2013 conference will run back to back with the ***Kimberley Biodiversity Research Symposium (KBRS)*** which will be held on the 2nd of September. AZEF'S theme this year is a continuation of the 2012 theme and we will have sessions with cutting-edge research on a wide range of exciting topics. Topics include:

- An interactive session on Rehabilitation, with several prominent speakers
- Interactions between above and below ground linkages in the arid zones.
- Environmental policies and legislation
- Okavango session

We look forward to your contributions. The emphasis in all presentations should be on suggested action/solutions and implications for management.

### ATTRACTIONS

Kimberley is the capital of the Northern Cape and is located about 110km from the confluence of the Vaal & Orange Rivers. It boasts many attractions including:

- Magersfontein battle site
- Kamfersdam and the flamingoes
- Felidae Centre – rehabilitation centre for various types of wild cats
- Benfontein archaeological site
- The Big Hole, Skate Park, and more.



### AZEF 2013

**Venue & Dates:** AZEF 2013 will be held in **Kimberley** from the **3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> September**.

A “Meet & Greet” function will be held on the eve of **2<sup>nd</sup> of September after KBRS**.

The Second Announcement with the Registration form, venues, accommodation, and field trip details will follow shortly. Details will shortly also be on the exciting new version of our website: <http://www.azef.co.za/>.

We encourage the AZEF community to register for KBRS (contact **Natalie Uys** on: [nuys.denc@gmail.com](mailto:nuys.denc@gmail.com) for details.)

