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**OPERATION OF AIRCRAFT**

**GENERAL**

**AVIATION DISTURBANCE OF WILD ANIMALS IN THE VAALWATER AREA  
(LIMPOPO PROVINCE) - SHAMBALA PRIVATE RESERVE**

1. *Shambala Private Reserve is a private owned, unique wildlife sanctuary situated 8 km west of Vaalwater (Limpopo Province). The reserve covers approximately 12, 000 hectare of prime Waterberg habitat, and is bordering Welgevonden Nature Reserve's eastern border. Shambala's development started in mid 1999 and was transformed from cattle farms into a game reserve, therefore only recently indicated as a reserve on the latest maps.*
2. *We have re-introduced all of the Big 5 as well as hippo, hyena, white rhino and endangered species e.a., wild dog, black rhino, sables, cheetahs and then common game. All of these animals are easily distressed by aircraft and can cause injuries to themselves as well as others.*
3. *All our large predators have been fitted with telemetry transmitters (collars or implants), as have our elephants and black rhinos, and we have a permanent monitoring program closely running on all these animals. The information assimilated during this program is not only extremely useful for management purposes, as well as very substantial for behaviour-related studies.*
4. *Not only are there low flying aircraft passing through, but also aircraft doing 'game drives' by circling above the farm at low altitudes below 1 500 FT AGL.*
5. *We hereby request all pilots to take caution and when flying past to stay above 1500 FT AGL.*

**COMMISSIONER FOR CIVIL AVIATION**