

# **Ukuta Hides Protocol**

**Ukuta hides needs to be managed and used in a very specific manner to ensure that animals do not become fearful of activity in the hides and therefore strict guidelines and protocols have been implemented to ensure that each guest has a world class experience.**

**Please read the protocols for use of hides @ Ukuta:**

- 1) Hides are not to be visited without an Ukuta representative.
- 2) Guests are welcome to request alternate hide session times if it does not interfere with other planned activities that form part of a package.
- 3) Children u/16 are not permitted in Ukutas photographic hides.
- 4) Black clothing is a requirement for each guest visiting the hide to maintain a dark background. Any white or light clothing will reflect in the hide and create spots on the window that may affect fellow photographers. Black beanies and gloves are encouraged but not required.
- 5) Any equipment that is not black and will reflect light should be covered.
- 6) Animals can get extremely close (up to 1m) from the hide.  
Whilst waiting for animals guests are only allowed to whisper. When animals are at the hide there is a strictly no talking policy.
- 7) Guests can not move closer than 30cm to the front glass of the hide and absolutely no touching of hide glass, hide covers, or external light switches.
- 8) No rapid shutter bursts allowed except if camera is silent.
- 9) Guests can not exit hides if animals are present at the hides.
- 10) No flashes are allowed or required.