

Appendix 1: RISK ASSESSMENT: RESEARCH IN KENYA 2010

HAZARDOUS SITUATION	POTENTIAL RISK	CONTROL MEASURES
Personal health and first aid provision.	Accidents.	Carry first aid kits and revise basic first aid competence. Tell others of medical conditions and symptoms. Carry mobile phones and know appropriate numbers to call in the event of accidents or illness.
Biological hazards	Infectious diseases e.g. malaria. Injury from wildlife and vegetation.	Ensure necessary vaccinations are up to date and take appropriate malaria prophylaxis. Ensure clean food and water sourcing. Obtain appropriate training for working with wildlife and avoiding hazardous plants and insects in the field.
Physical hazards- environment e.g. working in high temperatures and terrain e.g. rough bush terrain.	Heat stroke, dehydration. Falling, injury.	Take appropriate measures, work in shade where possible and drink plenty of water. Maintain vigilance, avoid working alone. Receive necessary training for fieldwork.
Personal safety and property.	Attack or theft on person or property.	Vigilance, keep money/passport in suitable money belt. Keep copies of important documents separately. Adequate insurance cover.
Political situation.	Political instability.	Read Foreign Office website advice on travel to Kenya and take appropriate measures.
Travelling to and from field area.	Personal injury in traffic accident.	Use professional drivers or approved public transport.
Accommodation- research station, field centre, hostels.	Fire risk. Security.	Familiarise with fire protocols. Keep valuables out of sight.
Working in remote areas.	Delay in rescue or treating illness or injury.	Appropriate contact arrangements. Carry mobile phones. Revise basic first aid.
Hazardous equipment.	Working with dangerous chemicals and sharp implements.	Receive appropriate training for fieldwork.
Dress code and behaviour	Could offend local customs leading to abuse.	Familiarise yourself with local customs and behave and dress appropriately.