

INSTITUTIONAL ABBREVIATIONS AND SPECIMEN NOTATIONS

'PL' denotes the preparation logbook in the Division of Mammals at the Field Museum of Natural History (Chicago, USA). At the time of data collection, specimens were awaiting assignment of a final Field Museum specimen number. For inquiries and access of specimens, contact division of mammals collections staff with appropriate PL number(s). 'TPG' is a collector's number assigned to a specimen waiting to be accessioned into Field Museum collections.

'SAM ZM' denotes the Iziko South African Museum Zoological Mammal Collections (Cape Town, South Africa). 'NPG' is a collector's number assigned to a specimen waiting to be accessioned into the Zoological Mammal Collections.

Specimens of *Cervus canadensis* were provided and retained by the National Park Service (Ft. Collins, USA), and specimen numbers were assigned by the National Park Service.

Specimens of *Equus caballus* were provided by the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine and the McPhail Equine Performance Center (East Lansing, USA). Specimen IDs were assigned by these institutions.

'UC' refers to uncatalogued specimens. These specimens were either not added to museum collections for one of the following reasons:

- Collections manager's and/or curator's discretion (usually specimens with badly damaged skulls were deemed unsuitable for the collections)
- Specimen studied at and retained by a game farm