

Wildlife Conservation Decision Support (t/a)

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Peer Review: Animal Species Compliance Statement – Nieuwe Rust Housing project.

The Animal Species Compliance Statement prepared by Mr Nicolaas Hanekom of Enviro-EAP (Pty) Ltd, January 2026 was reviewed with reference to the Protocol for the Specialist Assessment and Minimum Report Content Requirements for Environmental Impacts on Animal Species, published as Government Notice 1150 of 2020 and amended by Government Notice 3717 of 2023 under section 24(5) of the National Environmental Management Act (Act 107 of 1998). The report was further assessed against the guidance provided in the SANBI Species Environmental Assessment Guideline (Version 3.1, 2022). The author is registered with SACNASP in an appropriate field of practice and has provided a declaration of independence.

The compliance statement concludes that the proposed development, situated within a small, previously transformed footprint, is of low animal species sensitivity and that no species of conservation concern are expected to be impacted. This conclusion is ecologically reasonable and biologically defensible, given the disturbed nature of the site, its limited habitat heterogeneity, and the absence of features typically associated with faunal persistence, breeding, or aggregation. The site inspection was undertaken within an ecologically appropriate period, and the survey route mapping and photographic documentation provide adequate evidence of field coverage across the development footprint. In my view, from a biological perspective, the finding of negligible faunal impact and the overall support for the proposed development are sound.

From a procedural and guideline-alignment perspective, however, a few aspects of the report would benefit from refinement to ensure full compliance with the gazetted protocol and the SANBI Species Environmental Assessment Guideline.

Site location details

It is noted that the Animal Species Compliance Statement does not include any spatial depiction or coordinate-based description of the study area or development footprint. While the project is identified by erf numbers, the absence of a locality map and/or geographic coordinates limits independent verification of the area assessed and does not align with the spatial transparency expectations of the Species Environmental Assessment Guideline.

Site Sensitivity Verification

While the report clearly motivates a low-sensitivity outcome, the site sensitivity verification is not presented as a distinct, closed decision step. The guideline requires an explicit comparison between the screening-tool output and on-site verification, with a clear statement confirming or disputing the screening result. Inclusion of a short, clearly labelled SSV subsection confirming that the screening-tool sensitivity was verified as low would strengthen procedural defensibility.

Project Area of Influence (PAOI)

A Project Area of Influence has not been delineated or mapped. Figure 1 is indicated as a PAOI

but this is incorrect as the PAOI is in most cases wider or narrower than the physical development property boundaries dependant on species. In this instance, the absence of a PAOI is not considered a substantive flaw, as the nature and scale of the development are unlikely to result in impacts beyond the development footprint. However, the guideline requires that the exclusion of a PAOI be explicitly justified. A brief statement confirming that impacts are confined to the footprint, and that a PAOI is therefore not applicable, would close this potential review gap.

In conclusion, I agree with the overall finding of low animal species sensitivity and consider the compliance statement's support for the proposed development to be ecologically justified and scientifically sound. The identified shortcomings are procedural rather than substantive and do not alter the validity of the low-sensitivity conclusion. Addressing the points raised above would, however, enhance the report's transparency, robustness, and alignment with the gazetted Animal Species Protocol and SANBI Species Environmental Assessment Guideline, thereby reducing the risk of regulatory query or appeal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should any clarification be required.



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Appendix

CV & SACNASP Certificate – Prof Jan A Venter








Curriculum Vitae

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2. Tertiary qualifications

Degree	Institution	Research theme or modules	Time period
Doctor of Philosophy: Biology	University of Kwazulu-Natal	Intrinsic and extrinsic influences on African large herbivore assemblages and implications for their conservation.	2009 – 2014
Master of Technology: Nature Conservation	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University	The feeding ecology of buffalo (<i>Syncerus caffer</i>) on Doornkloof Nature Reserve, Northern Cape, South Africa	2002-2006
Baccalaureus of Technology: Nature Conservation	Technikon Port Elizabeth	Plant studies IV; Research methodology; Fresh water management IV; Conservation management I; Principles of management I; Resource management IV	1998-1999
National Diploma: Nature Conservation	Technikon South Africa	Plant studies I, II and III; Animal studies I, II and III; Conservation Ecology I, II and III; Resource Management I, II and III; Conservation Communication I and II	1993-1996

 Department: Environmental Affairs and Nature Conservation	Doornkloof Nature Reserve, PO Box 94, Colesberg, 9795	<i>Protected Area Manager</i> <i>Area of responsibility:</i> Doornkloof Nature Reserve <i>Responsible for:</i> General, conservation and wildlife management of the nature reserve	1 st September 1998 – 28 th April 2004
	Namakwa District Office, Private Bag X6, Calvinia, 8190	<i>District Nature Conservation Officer</i> <i>Area of responsibility:</i> Namakwa-Hantam District <i>Responsible for:</i> Law enforcement, environmental education, conservation advice and community liaison	6 th January 1997 – 30 th August 1998
Part-time/Contract positions: University of Pretoria	Centre for Wildlife Management, University of Pretoria, Pretoria, 0002	<i>Technician</i> <i>Area of responsibility:</i> Centre for Wildlife Management <i>Responsible for:</i> Technical and research support for the research unit	19 th June 1996 – 31 st December 1996
North-West Parks Board	Pilanesberg National Park, PO Box 1201, Mogwase, 0302	<i>Volunteer</i> <i>Area of responsibility:</i> Pilanesberg National Park <i>Responsible for:</i> Assisted field ecologist with data collection and field work	15 th May 1996 – 17 th June 1996
Cape Nature Conservation	Outeniqua Nature Reserve, Private Bag X6517, George, 6530	<i>Student Nature Conservator</i> <i>Area of responsibility:</i> Outeniqua Nature Reserve <i>Responsible for:</i> Assisted reserve manager with conservation management and field work	15 th May 1995 – 6 th May 1996

4. Ratings & Impacts

Agency	Rating
South African National Research Foundation	C3 (Rating)
Google Scholar h-index	20
Google Scholar i10-index	38
Scopus h-index	15

5. Scientific output

Peer reviewed Journal Publications (shading indicates publications by postgraduate students and post-doctoral researchers under my supervision)
1) PRINS, H.H.T, PEEL, M.J.S, GRANT, C.C., SWART, J.M., BURGER, A., VENTER, J.A. SLOTOW, R. 2025 Antelopes for prosperity of local people: savanna recovery at Welgevonden Game Reserve, South Africa. GNUSLETTER 42(2).
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Review of journal manuscripts			
African Journal of Wildlife Research, African Journal of Marine Research, African Zoology, African Ecology, International Journal of Marine Science, Environmental Monitoring and Assessment, Ecological Applications, Acta Theriologica, Ecological Research, International Journal of Biodiversity and Conservation, PeerJ, Ecological Informatics, Mammal Research, Urban Forestry & Urban Greening, Journal of Arid Environments, Biodiversity and Conservation, Journal of Ornithology, Transportation Research Part D: Transport and Environment, Remote Sensing in Ecology and Conservation, Mammalia, Ecological Monographs, Kudu, Global Ecology and Conservation			
Research reviews or supervisory panels			
National Research Foundation	NRF Researcher Rating Review	2020 (Reviewer)	
National Research Foundation	Postdoctoral, Travel, General and International Research Grants Virtual Peer Review Panel	2020 (Review Panel)	
National Research Foundation	Postgraduate Bursaries/ Travel Grants Virtual Peer Review Panel	2019 (Review Panel)	
National Research Foundation	Physiological plasticity of water-dependent antelope	2019 (Reviewer)	
National Research Foundation	Mechanisms of resource selection and space use in a recovering rare antelope population	2018 (Reviewer)	
Water Research Commission	WRC Project K5/2337 - Assessing the effect of global climate change on indigenous and alien fish in the Cape Floristic Region	2014-2017 (supervisory panel)	
Water Research Commission	WRC Project K5/2039 - To understand the unintended spread and impact of alien and invasive fish species in order to develop mitigation and prevention guidelines.	2012-2014 (supervisory panel)	
Water Research Commission	WRC Project K5/2187 – The resilience of South Africa’s estuaries to future water resource development based on a provisional ecological classification of these systems.	2012-2014 (supervisory panel)	
Water Research Commission	WRC Project K5/2261 - Evaluating fish and macro-invertebrate recovery rates in the Rondegat river, Western Cape, after river rehabilitation by alien fish removal using rotenone.	2013-2016 (supervisory panel)	
Student supervision			
BSc Hon/BTech			
1) M. Mbiko	Honours degree (Zoology), Walter Sisulu University, Co-supervisor	The study of dietary niche separation for ungulates in Mkambati Nature Reserve, using the stable carbon isotopes	Completed (2014)
2) E. Jones	BTech (Nature	Amphibians and Vegetation as indicators of	Completed (2016)

	Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Conservation Value of Wetlands in an Anthropogenically Impacted Landscape	<i>Cum Laude</i>
3) K. Green	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Variables affecting mammal species rate of capture as evaluated by camera traps on Tswalu Kalahari Reserve	Completed (2016)
4) B White	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Water Bird Counts Along the Klein Brak River: A Study on the Precision of Citizen Science Counts	Completed (2016)
5) P Rossouw	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Herpetological biodiversity in areas adjacent to the Wilderness section of the Garden Route National Park	Completed (2016)
6) S. Schimmel	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Mammal diversity and density in transformed and natural landscapes of a conservation corridor adjacent to the Garden Route National Park, Western Cape	Completed (2016)
7) S. Atkinson	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The precision of waterfowl numbers through Co-ordinated Waterbird Counts on the Great Brak Estuary	Completed (2016)
8) A. Robinson	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Does distance from water influence herbivore assemblages in Kruger National Park?	Completed (2017)
9) D. van Aswegen	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The effect of forest fragmentation on forest bird diversity and movement in a plantation dominated landscape	Completed (2017)
10) KL Midlane	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Amphibian and reptile biodiversity patterns in commercial plantations of the Southern Cape	Completed (2017)
11) M. Gouws	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Do different herbivores influence soil nitrogen levels in Satara, Kruger National Park?	Completed (2017)
12) O. Rynders	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Forest fragmentation and its effects on invertebrate diversity and abundance	Completed (2017) <i>Cum Laude</i>
13) Z. Schoeman	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The effect of anthropogenic disturbance on marine shorebird population size and habitat use in the Garden Route	Completed (2017)
14) D. de Villiers	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The herpetological diversity in the Karoo National Park in South Africa	Completed (2018)
15) C. Esmeraldo	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The influence of vegetation and water on ungulate distribution in the Karoo National Park	Completed (2018)
16) A. Laas	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The activity patterns of herbivores exposed to predators in the Karoo National Park, South Africa	Completed (2018)
17) J. Dicker	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The activity patterns of species exposed to large predators in the Mountain Zebra National Park	Completed (2018)
18) S. Truter	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Effects of medium to large carnivores on small carnivores in space and time in the Telperion Nature Reserve	Completed (2018)
19) N. Nkosi	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Ungulates response to old agricultural fields in Gondwana Game reserve	Completed (2019)
20) I. Bettings	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Habitat variations influencing the frequency of bird strikes in high air traffic areas within the George Airport	Completed (2019)
21) D. Ball	BTech (Nature	Large tree utilisation of the African	Completed (2019)

	Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) in the Savanna biome	
22) G. Reynolds	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Assessing impacts of African elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) on the vegetation of Gondwana Private Game Reserve	Completed (2019)
23) K. Smith	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Testing the spatial and temporal avoidance hypothesis in a semi-arid landscape: Do subordinate carnivores of the Karoo change behaviour in response to dominant predators?	Completed (2019) <i>Cum Laude</i>
24) G. Sambula	BSc Hons (Zoology), UNIVEN, Co-Supervisor	Carnivore Richness In Private And State Protected Areas	Completed (2019)
25) T. Baird	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Spatial and temporal avoidance between large and meso-carnivores	Completed (2020)
26) A. Gervais	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Investigating the impact of large carnivores on mesocarnivores' temporal dynamics	Completed (2020)
27) Miss E.E.M. Evers	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Spatial and temporal organization of leopards (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) and spotted hyaena (<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>) on Madikwe Game Reserve	Completed (2020)
28) Mr R. Pienaar	BSc Hons (Animal, Plant & Environmental Science), WITS, Co-Supervisor	Do lions with long, dark manes behaviourally compensate for potentially high heat loads?	Completed (2020)
29) Mr I Kayiza	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Edge effect and its impacts on the abundance of mammal species in selected protected areas in South Africa	Completed (2020)
30) Mr N.K. Shah	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Do herbivores change their behaviour in the absence of lions in arid areas of SA?	Completed (2021) <i>Cum Laude</i>
31) Miss M. Thomson	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Herbivore space use in Atherstone Nature Reserve, Limpopo Province, South Africa.	Completed (2021) <i>Cum Laude</i>
32) Miss T. Tiribeni	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	The effect of lion pride structure on home ranges	Completed (2022)
33) Miss K. Mieny	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	A Preliminary Assessment of the Seasonal Difference and Influence of Megaherbivores on the Diets of Large Herbivores in Sanbona Wildlife Reserve	Completed (2022)
34) Mr A. van Niekerk	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Leopard tortoise occupancy in arid reserves in South Africa: assessment using camera traps.	Completed (2022)
35) Miss H. Basson	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Co-supervisor	Factors influencing Chondrichthyan egg case hatching success in Mossel Bay, South Africa	Completed (2023) <i>Cum Laude</i>
36) Miss Y. Markides	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	The Development of a Condition Scoring System for White Rhinoceros (<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>), using expert knowledge	Completed (2023)
37) Mrs Rebecka Ryan	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	Opportunistic utilisation of resource pulses by a mesopredator in Welgevonden Game Reserve, South Africa	Completed (2023) <i>Cum Laude</i>
38) Mr D Stols	BSc Hons (Natural	Elephants reduce vegetation diversity and	Completed (2023)

	Resource Management), NMU, Co-supervisor	affect tree structure in Madikwe Game Reserve	<i>Cum Laude</i>
39) Mr T. Fifford	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	An assessment of a decade of surf-zone linefish monitoring in the Goukamma Marine Protected Area: Is the current resource use zonation effective?	Completed (2023) <i>Cum Laude</i>
40) Mr D.J.S. Samarasinghe	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	On the population ecology of an island leopard from a protected landscape	Completed (2023)
41) Miss S Rich	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	The effect of vehicles on black-backed jackal (<i>Lupulella mesomelas</i>) and leopard (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) activity	Completed (2023)
42) Miss M. Venter	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Drivers of free-roaming African wild dog land use in the Waterberg, South Africa	Completed (2023)
43) Miss C Meyer	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Assessing the Indirect Effect of Elephants on Bird & Bat Assemblages	Completed (2024)
44) Mr K. Saloojee	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Co-Supervisor	Testing a Novel Camera Trapping Method to Survey African Small Carnivore Populations	Completed (2024)
45) Miss J Morris	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	Balancing Fear and Forage: How zebra <i>Equus quagga</i> navigate risk and resources in the Makgadikgadi Pans, Botswana	In-progress (2025)
46) Miss D Ferreira	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	Golden Moles of the Southern Cape: Insights into Their Distribution and Habitat Selection	In-progress (2025)
47) Miss H Loubser	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	Environmental factors that influence lion pride spatial use in Kruger National Park	In-progress (2025)
48) Miss A Watson	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	Assessing the impacts of Environmental and Anthropogenic Factors on Elephant Spatial Distribution in a Fenced Reserve	In-progress (2025)
Masters			
1) Mr E. Mmonoa	MSc (Zoology), University of Limpopo, Co-supervisor	Breeding habitat of Blue crane (<i>Anthropoides paradiseus</i>) in Mpumalanga	Completed (2010)
2) Miss M. Pfeiffer	Msc (Zoology), University of Kwazulu-Natal, Co-supervisor	Understanding the association between Cape Vultures (<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>) and communal farmland.	Upgraded to PhD (2013)
3) Mrs M. Vermeulen	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Co-supervisor	Exploring feeding ecology and population growth rate responses of ungulates in southern African arid biomes	Completed (2016-2017)
4) Mr C. Brooke	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Energy maximisation strategies of different African herbivores in a fire dominated and nutrient poor grassland ecosystem	Completed (2016-2017) <i>Cum Laude</i>
5) Miss F. Martens	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The spatial ecology and roost site selection of fledging Cape Vultures (<i>Gyps coprotheres</i>) in the Eastern Cape, South Africa.	Completed (2016-2017) <i>Cum Laude</i>
6) Mrs T. Meintjes	MSc (Nature	Using citizen science data to evaluate	Deregistered (2016-2020)

	Conservation – Part time), NMU, Supervisor	waterbird populations in the Garden Route	Not completed
7) Miss D. Winterton	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Land use and ecosystem regulation: Exploring the influence of management practise on mesopredator and herbivore interactions	Completed (2017-2018)
8) Mr J. Vogel	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Predicting reintroduction outcomes: Assessing the feasibility of reintroducing African wild dog to a small protected area.	Completed (2017-2018) <i>Cum Laude</i>
9) Miss C. Young	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Examining the influence of extrinsic factors on herbivore assemblage composition and resultant nutrient feedbacks in Kruger National Park	Completed (2017-2018)
10) Miss A. Robinson	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The influence of water dependency on the spatial ecology of large mammalian herbivores on the paleo-Agulhus plain	Deregistered (2018-2022) Not completed
11) Miss Z. Schoeman	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The spatiotemporal aspects of predation on the Cape gannet <i>Morus capensis</i> population at Bird Island, Lambert's Bay, Western Cape, South Africa	Completed (2018-2019)
12) Mr P. Faure	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The influence of anthropogenic and environmental covariates on the habitat use and density of sympatric carnivores, Limpopo Province, South Africa	Completed (2018-2019)
13) Miss YRP. Swartz	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Elephants in Madikwe Game Reserve: Measuring past and future impacts	Deregistered (2018-2021) Not completed
14) Miss C. Burt	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	An assessment of different methods for measuring mammal diversity in two Southern African arid ecosystems	Completed (2018-2020)
15) Miss A. Jansen-van Vuuren	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The feeding ecology and habitat selection of small antelopes in the Overberg Renosterveld, Western Cape	Completed (2019-2020)
16) Mr H. Swanepoel	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The implications of landscape scale habitat fragmentation and ecological corridors on the spatial ecology of five specialist browser species in a lowland Fynbos and Renosterveld ecosystem.	Completed (2019-2020)
17) Miss T. Honiball	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Estimating the population size of three large carnivore species and the diet of six large carnivore species, in Madikwe Game Reserve	Completed (2019-2020)
18) Miss N. Tsie	MSc (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-supervisor	The interaction between burrowing mammal occurrence and large carnivore presence in South Africa	Deregistered, Not completed (2019-2022)
19) Mrs C. Shutte	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Understanding what factors determine the birth-sex ratio of Chacma baboons (<i>Papio ursinus</i>) on the Cape Peninsula	Deregistered, Not completed (2020-2023)
20) Miss I. Bettings	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Using spatial explicit capture-recapture model to investigate the demography and spatial dynamics of lion prides in Pilanesberg National Park	Completed (2020-2021)
21) Mr Kyle Smith	MSc (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-supervisor	Testing the spatial and temporal avoidance hypotheses: Do subordinate carnivores change behaviour in response to dominant carnivores?	Completed (2020-2022)
22) Mr D. Ball	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU,	Do African elephants (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) use artificial water points as central forage	Deregistered (2020-2021) Not completed

	Supervisor	stations in the Madikwe Game Reserve?	
23) Miss J. Daya	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Feeding ecology and habitat preference of black rhino (<i>Diceros bicornis</i>) in Welgevonden Game Reserve, Limpopo Province.	Completed (2020-2021)
24) Mr TD Baird	MSc (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-supervisor	Implications of camera trap survey design and analytical methods for large carnivore estimates	Completed (2021)
25) Miss J. Harris	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Investigating the effects of pulse-driven resource availability on mammal communities in the Kalahari, South Africa	Completed (2021-2022)
26) Mr Markus Woesner	MSc (Conservation and Management of Fish and Wildlife), Swedish University of Agricultural Science, Co-supervisor	Does the response to hot temperatures differ among species in a large herbivore community in the southern Kalahari? A landscape of risk versus heat	Completed (2022-2023)
27) Mr Samuel Ralph Davidson-Phillips	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Estimation of a generalist meso-carnivore (Black-backed Jackal) population from a fenced protected area	Completed (2022-2023) <i>Cum Laude</i>
28) Mr Moraswi Masehle	Magister Science Wildlife Health, Ecology and Management, University of Pretoria, Co-supervisor	The Activity Patterns of the Specialized Browsing Species and their Behavioral Adjustments in Response to Predation	In progress (2022)
29) Mr Jaco Geldenhuys	Master of Scientiae (MSc) in Environmental Management, University of Pretoria, Co-supervisor	Occupancy of black-backed jackal (<i>Canis mesomelas</i> Schreber, 1775) across South Africa	In progress (2021-2022)
30) Miss Cleo Ferreira	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Evaluating the impact of dehorning on the behavioural ecology of white rhinoceros (<i>Ceratotherium simum</i>)	In progress (2023-2024)
31) Mrs Rebecca Ryan-Stolz	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Estimating population density and assessing territoriality of African lions (<i>Panthera leo</i>) in Kruger National Park, South Africa	In progress (2024-2025)
32) Miss Yasmin Markides	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Assessing landscape permeability and dispersal corridors for threatened carnivores across a multi-use landscape	Submitted (2024-2025)
33) Miss Hannah Basson	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	A landscape-level evaluation of black-footed cat (<i>Felis nigripes</i>) distribution in the south-eastern Karoo	Submitted (2024-2025)
34) Mr Dietre Stolz	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Co-Supervisor	Giants of the Savannah: Unravelling the Impact of Elephant Preferences on Woody Vegetation in Madikwe and Timbavati Game Reserves.	In progress (2024-2025)
35) Miss M Venter	MSc (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-supervisor	Diet and movement patterns of two free-roaming packs of African wild dogs (<i>Lycaon pictus</i>) in the Waterberg, South Africa	In progress (2024-2025)
36) Miss R Mooney	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Ranging behaviors of endangered, free-roaming African wild dogs (<i>Lycaon pictus</i>) outside of formally protected areas in the Waterberg, South Africa	Submitted (2024-2025)
37) Miss Marna Visagie	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	An integrated study of large carnivore ecology and behaviour in the Tswalu Kalahari Reserve	Submitted (2024-2025)
38) Miss Carina	MSc (Nature	The influence of complex social structures	In progress (2025-2026)

Meyer	Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	with fission-fusion properties on foraging efficiency and spatial dynamics of buffalo herds in the APNR	
Doctoral			
1) Miss M. Pfeiffer	PhD (Zoology), University of Kwazulu-Natal, Co-supervisor	Ecology and conservation of the Cape Vulture in the Eastern Cape, South Africa	Completed 2016
2) Mr W. Mathee	PhD (Nature Conservation – Part time), NMU, Supervisor	Forest birds and habitat fragmentation: evolutionary adaptations to environmental change	Deregistered, Not completed (2016-2022)
3) Mrs MM. Vermeulen	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Variation in abundance and structure of mammal communities and the consequences for species diversity	In progress (2018-2022)
4) Mrs FR. Brooke	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Cape Vultures and their increasing threats: a race to extinction?	Completed (2018-2021)
5) Mr CF. Brooke	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Large mammalian fauna of the Palaeo-Agulhas Plain: Predicting habitat use and range distribution	Completed (2018-2020)
6) Mr P. Mkumba	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Co-Supervisor	Migration patterns of male elephants (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) in the Hwange-Shangani corridor: Consequences on Human Elephant Conflict	In progress (2019-2022)
7) Mr W. Conradie	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Herpetofaunal diversity and affiliations of the Okavango River Basin, with specific focus on the Angolan headwaters.	Completed (2020-2023)
8) Miss A. Bernard	PhD (Zoology) REHABS International Research Laboratory, CNRS- Université Lyon 1- Nelson Mandela University, Co-Supervisor	Trophic guild distortion in anthropogenic landscapes – Testing anthropodependence and reconciliation ecology principles of mammals in the Greater Cape Floristic Kingdom.	Completed (2020-2022)
9) Mr GS. Botha	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The effects of fences and other infrastructure on the mammal community structure and distribution in protected areas across South Africa.	Completed (2020-2025)
10) Dr C. Helm	PhD (Geoscience), NMU, Co-supervisor	Pleistocene fossil tracks and traces on the Cape coast of South Africa	Completed (2020-2023)
11) Mrs Z. Strydom	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Assessing the effects of fish stock management on endangered seabird populations in South Africa	Completed (2020-2023)
12) Mrs W.L. Zeller Zigaitis	PhD (Geography), Pennsylvania State University, Co-supervisor	Protected Area Process and Design: Using Geospatial Data to Mitigate Poaching in Protected Areas	Completed (2020-2024)
13) Miss T. Honiball	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Social dynamics of spotted hyaenas (<i>Crocuta crocuta</i>) in fenced protected areas: Implications for conservation management of a socially intelligent species.	Completed (2021-2024)
14) Miss A. Jansen van Vuuren	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The role of spotted and brown hyaena activity hotspots on interspecific interactions	In progress (2021-2024)
15) Mr H. Swanepoel	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The effects of climate on the phenology of African ungulates in arid and semi-arid regions of South Africa.	In progress (2022-2024)
16) Miss J Daya	PhD (Nature	Managing Lions in Pilanesberg National	In progress (2023-2025)

	Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Park: Finding a Balance between Economic and Ecological Realities in Fenced Parks	
17) Miss J Harris	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	A Game of Thrones: Rivals, territories and resources. What are the intrinsic costs to African lions contained in small, fenced parks?	Deregistered (2023-2023) Not completed.
18) Mr S Tokota	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	A regional assessment of leopard (<i>Panthera pardus</i>) population status, threats, distribution, and habitat connectivity in the Eastern Cape, South Africa	In progress (2023-2025)
19) Miss E Overton	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The ecological role of cheetah (<i>Acinonyx jubatus</i>) and their impact on prey populations on Tswalu Kalahari Reserve	In progress (2023-2026)
20) Miss M Rodriguez	PhD Biodiversity (U. of Barcelona), Supervisor	Enhancing Coexistence: Understanding Large Carnivore Mobility in Different Wildlife-Based Land Use Patterns in South Africa	In progress (2024-2026)
Post-Doctoral Researchers & Research fellows			
1) Dr L. Pardo-Vargas	Snapshot Safari South Africa – A country wide assessment of mammal biodiversity		FBIP-NRF Post-Doctoral Researcher (2019-2020) NRF Innovation Postdoctoral Fellowship (2021-2022)
2) Dr C. Guerbois	Social-Ecological Systems		NMU Research Fellow (2019-2023)
3) Dr D. Marneweck	Snapshot Safari South Africa – A country wide assessment of mammal biodiversity		NMU Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (2020-2021)
4) Dr C. Brooke	Late Pleistocene herbivore use on the Palaeo-Agulhas Plain: the facilitation role of megaherbivores and the implications for the modern rewilding of landscapes		NRF Innovation Postdoctoral Fellowship (2021-2022)
5) Dr R. Davies	Assessing the density, distribution and spatiotemporal dynamics of small carnivores across African conservation landscapes		NMU Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (2022-2023)
6) Dr Chad Keates	Genetic study on herpetological samples from Angola in association with Werner Conradie, PE Museum.		NMU Post-Doctoral Researcher (2022)
7) Dr L Thel	A Game of Thrones: Rivals, territories and resources. What are the intrinsic costs to African lions contained in small, fenced parks?		FBIP-NRF Post-Doctoral Researcher (2023-2024) NMU Post-Doctoral Research Fellow (2025-2026)

6. Experience in Teaching & Learning

Teaching experience		
Time period	Institution	Module or Course Information
2015-current	Nelson Mandela University	I teach Animal Studies I/Game Health I & Animal Studies III/Game Science III to undergraduates (Diploma in Nature Conservation and Diploma in Game Ranch Management), Conservation Management and Plant Studies IV (BTech Nature Conservation), Game Science IV/Animal Studies IV (Advanced Diploma in Game Ranch Management & Advanced Diploma Nature Conservation), Conservation Management (BSc Hons Natural Resource Management).
2022 (April-May)	Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences	Visiting lecturer at the Department Wildlife, Fish and Environmental Studies, Umea. Course work Masters degree, International Wildlife Management Module. Sweden-South Africa Erasmus ICM exchange program on wildlife ecology and management
2010-2018	Pennsylvania State University/University of Cape Town	Assisted in setting up and hosting a study abroad program called People and Parks South Africa (http://aeseda.psu.edu/programs/parks-and-people-south-africa/). The students spend 10 weeks in South Africa (January-March) on an annual basis. I was one of the South African field lecturers for the program and presented practical biodiversity surveys (where we

		physically conducted biodiversity inventory surveys on various protected areas) and since 2013 an introductory course to conservation in South Africa. This course (2 weeks) introduced students to South African ecological and biodiversity features as well as various protected area management models while traveling from Cape Town to their base (Wild Coast, Eastern Cape).	
2005	University of Limpopo	Taught GIS to 1 st and 2 nd year students for one semester as substitute lecturer at the Department of Geography	
Curriculum Development & Review			
2019	Nelson Mandela University	Development of the new Advanced Diploma: Nature Conservation	Team leader of course development team
2018-2019	Nelson Mandela University	Development of the new BSc Honours: Natural Resource Management	Team member of the course development team
2020	University of South Africa	Review of the Postgraduate Diploma: Nature Conservation	Chairman of the external review committee
2020	Southern African Wildlife College	Review of a new Diploma: Applied Natural Resource Management	External reviewer

7. Professional membership and service

Association	Details	Time period
South African Wildlife Management Association	Ordinary member (Council member 2008-2010; 2018-2023)	1998-Current date
Zoological Society of Southern Africa	Ordinary member	2009-2023
IUCN Crocodile Specialist Group	Ordinary member	2013-2025
Mammal Research Institute, University of Pretoria	Research Associate	2013-Current date
Centre for Coastal Palaeo Science, NMU	Honorary Researcher	2016-Current date
South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions	Professional Natural Scientist – Ecological Sciences: Registration Number. 400111/14	2014-Current date
Associated Private Nature Reserves Ecological Advisory Committee	Committee member	2022 – Current date
Welgevonden Game Reserve Scientific Advisory Committee	Committee member	2018-Current date
<i>BirdLife South Africa and Endangered Wildlife Trust - Birds and Renewable Energy Specialist Group</i>	Specialist advisor	2019-2021
<i>SEA REDZs Vulture Working Group</i>	Specialist	2024-Current date
REHABS International Research Laboratory, CNRS- Université Lyon 1-Nelson Mandela University, George Campus	Deputy Director	2019-Current date
Society for Conservation Biology	Professional Member	2020-Current date
Centre for African Conservation Ecology, Nelson Mandela University	Member	2022-Current date

8. Other courses and qualifications

List of qualifications obtained	List of courses completed
Professional Hunter; Category C Skippers License; Marine VHF Radio Operator; NAUI Open Water 1 SCUBA Diver	Statistical Techniques in Ecology, Snake ID & Snakebite Treatment; Advanced Snake Handling; Conservation Planning; Practical Remote Sensing for Conservation Biologists; Ecological Niche Modelling; Landscape genetic approaches for Conservation Biologists; Resource evaluation and game ranch management for sustainable game production and conservation; Disease Risk Assessment; Game counting techniques; Wildlife handling and welfare; Maintenance of outboard motors and handling of boats on inland waters; Various ArcView, ArcGIS courses; Quantum GIS Various

	Windows Software courses; Financial management systems; Peace officer; Problem animal control.
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9. Referees

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