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Peer Review: Animal Species Compliance Statement
Proposed Stompneus Bay IRDP Housing Development and Associated Infrastructure on Portion 4 of Farm Duyker Eiland No. 6, St Helena Bay

The *Animal Species Compliance Statement* for the proposed Stompneus Bay Integrated Residential Development Programme (IRDP) housing development and associated infrastructure on Portion 4 of Farm Duyker Eiland No. 6, St Helena Bay, prepared by Mr Nicolaas Hanekom of Enviro-EAP (Pty) Ltd and dated 19 May 2026, was reviewed with reference to the *Protocol for the Specialist Assessment and Minimum Report Content Requirements for Environmental Impacts on Terrestrial Animal Species* and the SANBI *Species Environmental Assessment Guideline* Version 4.1, 2026.

This review considered whether the compliance statement provides a sufficiently clear and defensible basis to support the conclusion that the site is of low sensitivity for the animal species theme and whether the proposed development is unlikely to result in significant impacts on animal Species of Conservation Concern (SCC). The review did not seek to repeat the specialist field assessment, but rather to evaluate whether the compliance statement meets the applicable minimum reporting requirements and whether the conclusions are broadly supported by the information presented.

Overall, the compliance statement contains the main components expected for an Animal Species Compliance Statement. The report includes specialist details, a declaration of independence, a description of the development, photographs of the site, a discussion of screening-tool species, a site ecological importance assessment, a description of methodology, mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr, assumptions and limitations, and a conclusion that the site is of low animal species sensitivity. The report therefore provides a reasonable basis for submission, subject to the clarification and correction of the points listed below.

Clarification of screening-tool theme and verified sensitivity

The report presents a PAOI/sensitivity map and refers to the “plant species” screening-tool map in the animal species compliance statement. This creates some uncertainty as to whether the mapped sensitivity shown relates to the animal species theme, plant species theme, terrestrial biodiversity theme, or another screening-tool layer.

The report also concludes that the site is of low sensitivity for animal species, but the final verified animal-species sensitivity should be stated more explicitly and consistently.

For an Animal Species Compliance Statement, the central conclusion is that the site is of low sensitivity for animal species and that SCC are not confirmed or likely to be significantly

impacted. The basis for this conclusion must therefore be clear and linked specifically to the animal species screening-tool output and the site verification findings.

The report should clarify whether Figure 1 represents the animal species screening-tool output or another screening-tool theme. If it is not the animal species theme, the wording should be corrected or an animal-species sensitivity map should be included. The report should also include a clear final statement confirming the verified animal-species sensitivity of the site and the basis for that verification.

Site inspection date inconsistency

There is an inconsistency in the reported site inspection date. In one section, the site visit is stated as having been conducted on 17 September 2024, while another section refers to 17 September 2025.

The protocol requires the compliance statement to include the date, duration and season of the site inspection, as well as the relevance of the season to the outcome of the assessment. An inconsistent site-visit date creates uncertainty regarding the fieldwork basis of the compliance statement.

The report should be corrected to reflect the accurate site inspection date consistently throughout the document. The season and relevance of the survey timing should remain clearly stated.

Mean density of observations / number of sample sites per unit area

The report includes a survey route map and lists animal species or signs recorded during the survey. However, the section titled “The mean density of observations / number of sample sites per unit area” does not provide an actual sample density, number of sample points per hectare, transect length, survey duration, or equivalent measure of survey effort.

The Animal Species Compliance Statement requirements include reporting the mean density of observations or number of sample sites per unit area. This allows the competent authority to evaluate whether the field effort was appropriate for the size and condition of the site.

The report should include a short quantitative statement of survey effort. This could include, for example, the number of transects or survey points, approximate transect length, survey duration, and/or number of sample points per hectare across the ±5.5–5.9 ha development area.

SCC buffer wording

The report states that SCC-specific buffers are applicable, but then indicates that no SCC breeding sites, roosting sites, confirmed populations or other buffer-triggering features were recorded within the development footprint or PAOI.

This wording may create confusion. If no SCC or buffer-triggering features were recorded, then buffers may have been considered but were not required or applied. The distinction should be clearly stated.

The report should revise the wording to state that SCC-specific buffers were considered, but that no SCC breeding sites, roosting sites, confirmed populations or other buffer-triggering features

were recorded within the development footprint or PAOI. If that is the specialist's conclusion, the report should state that no SCC-specific buffers are required.

Relocation / surrounding habitat wording

The report indicates that avifauna species may roam through the area and that surrounding open space or degraded habitat is available for mobile species. While this may be reasonable for common and mobile species, the wording should be used carefully in relation to SCC.

The presence of surrounding habitat does not automatically mean that displaced individuals will not be affected. Adjacent habitat may differ in quality, may already be occupied, or may not provide the same ecological function as the affected habitat. In this case, the stronger basis for the low-sensitivity conclusion appears to be the degraded and transformed condition of the site, the absence of suitable breeding or roosting habitat, and the absence of confirmed SCC records on site.

The report should avoid implying that species will not be impacted simply because they can move away. The wording should rather emphasise that no SCC breeding sites, roosting sites, confirmed populations or key habitat features were recorded, and that the degraded condition of the site limits its importance for SCC.

Guideline version and references

The report refers in places to the SANBI Species Environmental Assessment Guideline Version 3.1 (2022), while the methodology also refers to the 2026 Version 4.1 guideline.

The review and final report should be based on the most recent applicable guideline, unless there is a specific reason for using an earlier version. Inconsistent guideline references can create confusion regarding which guidance framework was applied.

The report should update the guideline references consistently to the SANBI Species Environmental Assessment Guideline Version 4.1, 2026, where this is the guideline being applied.

Minor editorial and taxonomic corrections

There are several minor editorial and taxonomic issues that should be corrected before final submission. Examples include inconsistent spelling, grammatical errors, and taxonomic formatting issues in the SCC and observed-species tables.

Although these do not fundamentally affect the assessment outcome, they reduce the clarity and professional presentation of the compliance statement.

The report should be proofread before final submission. Scientific names should be checked and formatted consistently.

Overall Assessment

The compliance statement contains the main components required for an Animal Species Compliance Statement and provides a reasonable basis for concluding that the site is of low sensitivity for the animal species theme. The report identifies the relevant screening-tool species,

evaluates habitat suitability, provides site photographs, documents field observations, and includes mitigation measures for inclusion in the EMPr.

The comments raised above are primarily clarification and correction matters and do not indicate fundamental disagreement with the overall conclusion of the report. Once the points above have been addressed, I would be broadly supportive of the compliance statement being submitted to the competent authority.

Subject to these corrections, I agree with the broad outcome of the compliance statement that the proposed development is unlikely to result in significant impacts on animal Species of Conservation Concern, provided that the recommended mitigation and EMPr measures are implemented.

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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 (*Syncerus caffer*) 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

3. Work experience

Institution	Institution details	Job description	Time period
Full time positions:			
NELSON MANDELA UNIVERSITY	Department of Conservation Management, Faculty of Science, Nelson Mandela University, George Campus, Madiba Drive, George, 6530	*Associate Professor* *Head of Department: Conservation Management* *Program Coordinator: Nature Conservation and Game Ranch Management* *Senior Lecturer* *Lecturer*	1 January 2021 – current date 1 January 2021 – 31 December 2023 1 June 2017- 31 December 2020 1 January 2018 – 31 December 2020 1 June 2015- 31 December 2017
ADVENTURE PROVINCE Eastern Cape PARKS & TOURISM AGENCY	Scientific Section, 6 St Marks Street, Southernwood, East London, South Africa, 5201. Tel: 043 7054400	*Specialist Ecologist* *Area of responsibility:* Eastern Cape Provincial Protected areas as well as National Marine Protected Areas *Responsible for:* Research, monitoring and specialist decision support on biodiversity conservation, protected area expansion and wildlife management. Manager of the Marine Scientific Unit (1 x Marine ecologist and 1 x Marine Technician) *Ecologist* *Area of responsibility*: Wild Coast (Mkambati, Silaka, Hluleka & Dwesa-Cwebe, East London Coast Nature Reserves; Pondoland, Hluleka & Dwesa-Cwebe Marine Protected Areas) also Baviaanskloof Mega Reserve *Responsible for*: Facilitating and conducting research, biological monitoring as well as decision support to conservation management	1 November 2011 – 31 May 2015 1st March 2006 – 31 October 2011
UNIVERSITY OF LIMPOPO	School of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Limpopo, Private Bag X1106, Sovenga, 0727.	*Senior Technician* *Area of responsibility:* Aquaculture Research Unit *Responsible for:* Technical and research support for the research unit	1st May 2004 – 28th February 2006

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

4. Ratings & Impacts

Agency	Rating
South African National Research Foundation	C3 (Rating)
Google Scholar h-index	21
Google Scholar i10-index	41
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) VAN ROOYEN, N., THEL, L., VENTER, J.A., PRUGNOLE, F., ROUGERON, V. 2026. No Evidence of Reactive Avoidance of Baboons (*Papio ursinus* and *Papio anubis*) to the Presence of Predators. Ecology and Evolution. 16:e73609. https://doi.org/10.1002/ece3.73609
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10)	MALULEKE, A., MARNEWICK, K, DRUCE, D, VENTER, JA. (2025) Spotted hyaena (*Crocuta crocuta*) recolonisation: Documenting a naturally recolonised spotted hyaena population in Welgevonden Game Reserve. African Journal of Wildlife Research. 44:421-424. https://doi.org/10.3957/056.055.0421
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2)	HONIBALL, T., VALEIX, M., FRITZ, H., SWANEPOEL, L. & VENTER, J.A. 2025. Rather the enemy you know: Territorial behaviour of spotted hyaenas in fenced protected areas. IX European Congress of Mammalogy (ECM 9), 31 March - 4 April 2025, Patras, Greece.
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5)	VENTER, J.A. & BETTINGS, I. (2022) Using a spatially explicit capture-recapture model to investigate the demography and spatial dynamics of lion prides in Pilanesberg National Park. 2nd Northwest Provincial Annual Biodiversity Research Symposium, Rustenburg, South Africa.
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4) VENTER, J.A., MOYO, N., VLOK, W., FOUCHE, P. & GROBLER, J.P. 2005. The ecology and distribution of the Southern Barred Minnow (*Opsaridium peringueyi*) in some southern African river systems. Southern African Wildlife Management Association Symposium: Wildlife Management – A conservation or economic Incentive, Magoebaskloof, Limpopo, South Africa.

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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 Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Amphibians and Vegetation as indicators of Conservation Value of Wetlands in an Anthropogenically Impacted Landscape	Completed (2016) *Cum Laude*
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	Amphibian and reptile biodiversity patterns	Completed (2017)

	Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	in commercial plantations of the Southern Cape	
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) *Cum Laude*
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 Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Large tree utilisation of the African Elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) in the Savanna biome	Completed (2019)
22) G. Reynolds	BTech (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Assessing impacts of African elephant (*Loxodonta africana*) 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) *Cum Laude*
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 (*Panthera pardus*) and spotted hyaena (*Crocuta crocuta*) on Madikwe Game Reserve	Completed (2020)
28) Mr R. Pienaar	BSc Hons (Animal, Plant & Environmental Science), WITS, Co-	Do lions with long, dark manes behaviourally compensate for potentially high heat loads?	Completed (2020)

	Supervisor		
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) *Cum Laude*
31) Miss M. Thomson	BSc Hons (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-Supervisor	Herbivore space use in Atherstone Nature Reserve, Limpopo Province, South Africa.	Completed (2021) *Cum Laude*
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) *Cum Laude*
36) Miss Y. Markides	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	The Development of a Condition Scoring System for White Rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*), 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) *Cum Laude*
38) Mr D Stols	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Co-supervisor	Elephants reduce vegetation diversity and affect tree structure in Madikwe Game Reserve	Completed (2023) *Cum Laude*
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) *Cum Laude*
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 (*Lupulella mesomelas*) and leopard (*Panthera pardus*) 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 A Watson	BSc Hons (Natural	Balancing Fear and Forage: How zebra	Completed (2025)

	Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	Equus quagga navigate risk and resources in the Makgadikgadi Pans, Botswana	*Cum Laude*
46) Miss D Ferreira	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	Golden Moles of the Southern Cape: Insights into Their Distribution and Habitat Selection	Completed (2025) *Cum Laude*
47) Miss H Loubser	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	Environmental factors that influence lion pride spatial use in Kruger National Park	Completed (2025) *Cum Laude*
48) Miss J Morris	BSc Hons (Natural Resource Management), NMU, Supervisor	Temporal Shifts and Behavioral Convergence in Elephant Resource Selection Reveal Emerging Stress in a Fenced Reserve	Completed (2025) *Cum Laude*
Masters			
1) Mr E. Mmonoa	MSc (Zoology), University of Limpopo, Co-supervisor	Breeding habitat of Blue crane (*Anthropoides paradiseus*) in Mpumalanga	Completed (2010)
2) Miss M. Pfeiffer	Msc (Zoology), University of Kwazulu-Natal, Co-supervisor	Understanding the association between Cape Vultures (*Gyps coprotheres*) 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) *Cum Laude*
5) Miss F. Martens	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The spatial ecology and roost site selection of fledging Cape Vultures (*Gyps coprotheres*) in the Eastern Cape, South Africa.	Completed (2016-2017) *Cum Laude*
6) Mrs T. Meintjes	MSc (Nature Conservation – Part time), NMU, Supervisor	Using citizen science data to evaluate waterbird populations in the Garden Route	Deregistered (2016-2020) 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) *Cum Laude*
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 *Morus capensis* 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	Elephants in Madikwe Game Reserve:	Deregistered (2018-2021)

	Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Measuring past and future impacts	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 (*Papio ursinus*) 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, Supervisor	Do African elephants (*Loxodonta africana*) use artificial water points as central forage stations in the Madikwe Game Reserve?	Deregistered (2020-2021) Not completed
23) Miss J. Daya	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Feeding ecology and habitat preference of black rhino (*Diceros bicornis*) 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) *Cum Laude*
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	Deregistered (2022)

29) Mr Jaco Geldenhuys	Master of Scientiae (MSc) in Environmental Management, University of Pretoria, Co-supervisor	Occupancy of black-backed jackal (*Canis mesomelas* Schreber, 1775) across South Africa	Deregistered (2021-2022)
30) Miss Cleo Ferreira	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Evaluating the impact of dehorning on the behavioural ecology of white rhinoceros (*Ceratotherium simum*)	Submitted (2023-2024)
31) Mrs Rebecca Ryan	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Estimating population density and assessing territoriality of African lions (Panthera leo) in Kruger National Park, South Africa	Completed (2024-2025) *Cum Laude*
32) Miss Yasmin Markides	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Assessing landscape permeability and dispersal corridors for threatened carnivores across a multi-use landscape	Completed (2024-2025) *Cum Laude*
33) Miss Hannah Basson	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	A landscape-level evaluation of black-footed cat (*Felis nigripes*) distribution in the south-eastern Karoo	Completed (2024-2025) *Cum Laude*
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.	Completed (2024-2025) *Cum Laude*
35) Miss M Venter	MSc (Wildlife Management), UP, Co-supervisor	Diet and movement patterns of two free-roaming packs of African wild dogs (Lycaon pictus) 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 (Lycaon pictus) outside of formally protected areas in the Waterberg, South Africa	Completed (2024-2025) *Cum Laude*
37) Miss Marna Visagie	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	An integrated study of large carnivore ecology and behaviour in the Tswalu Kalahari Reserve	Completed (2024-2025) *Cum Laude*
38) Miss Carina Meyer	MSc (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	The influence of complex social structures with fission-fusion properties on foraging efficiency and spatial dynamics of buffalo herds in the APNR	In progress (2025-2026)
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. Matthee	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	Completed (2018-2025)
4) Mrs FR. Brooke	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Cape Vultures (*Gyps coprotheres*) and the threat of wind farms: 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 (*Loxodonta africana*) in the Hwange-Shangani corridor: Consequences on Human Elephant Conflict	In progress (2019-2022)
7) Mr W. Conradie	PhD (Nature Conservation), NMU,	Herpetofaunal diversity and affiliations of the Okavango River Basin, with specific	Completed (2020-2023)

	Supervisor	focus on the Angolan headwaters.	
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 (*Crocuta crocuta*) 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 Conservation), NMU, Supervisor	Managing Lions in Pilanesberg National Park: Finding a Balance between Economic and Ecological Realities in Fenced Parks	In progress (2023-2025)
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 (Panthera pardus) 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 (*Acinonyx jubatus)* 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		NMU Post-Doctoral Research

	mammal biodiversity	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 (2022-2025)
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 1st and 2nd 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
BirdLife South Africa and Endangered Wildlife Trust - Birds and Renewable Energy Specialist Group	Specialist advisor	2019-2021
SEA REDZs Vulture Working Group	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.

9. Referees

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