

CURRICULUM VITAE

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1952 : Born on the 2nd of October (Pretoria)
Schooling in Pretoria.
Matriculation at the Menlo Park High School
Active youth leader : expeditions, culture,
environmental education.

1972-82 : University training : University of Pretoria.
Veterinary science (B.V.Sc.)
Zoology and Botany (B.Sc.)
Wildlife Management (B.Sc.(Hons))
Private Pilots Licence

1983-92 : General Veterinary practice in Thabazimbi, Limpopo Province.
During this period the main focus in his work as a veterinarian was on
cattle ranching and other livestock production systems like pig and
chicken farming.
Gains valuable experience in land utilization patterns in the bushveld
savannah biome and capture and care of wild animals.

1992 : Receives an award from Iscor for services to the community.

1992 – 1999 :
Formally starts game farm and park consultancy: Ecosystem Projects cc.
He builds up big client base amongst game farmers and reserve managers in the field of
veterinary science in wildlife and also ecological habitat analysis all over South Africa.

Acquires game pens in Thabazimbi which are currently used as a quarantine and auction station. In conjunction with the general consultancy a mobile wildlife veterinary clinic was established, and the service extends country wide into all provinces of South Africa.

1999 - 2014 : 'EKO WILD (Pty) Ltd was established as one of the leading wildlife translocation and marketing companies in the country, with special emphasis on the rare and expensive species like black and white rhinos, buffalo, sable and roan antelope.

2000-2017 : Main focus in business life is to find development solutions for emerging farmers in the Limpopo Province, how to revitalize the rural economy and to find stability in social systems through training, partnerships and mentoring programs.

Main fields of interest :

Healthy ecological housekeeping in human societies, conservation, development of game ranching as a viable sector of agriculture in Africa thereby contributing to food security on the continent, cultural development and community upliftment.

Projects and experience :

As a rural veterinarian and ecologist he gathered vast experience in the following fields :

a. Cattle ranching

- He personally handled tens of thousands of cattle over a ten year period as rural veterinary practitioner in the following fields:
 - Subcontracting to government in the Brucellosis and Tuberculosis eradication scheme.
 - Pregnancy diagnosis and fertility testing of cattle.
 - Disease control and treatment of animals.
 - Surgical clinical work.
 - Production optimization on natural grazing systems.
 - Herd health programs for commercial farmers.
- The estimate is that at least 30,000 head of cattle were personally handled by him over this 10 year period.

b. Game ranch consultancy:

- Management planning for game ranches
- Infrastructure development on game ranches.
- Practical ranch management.
- Habitat analyses

- Aerial census and capture of game.
- Tourism development.
- Ostrich farming.
- Bush encroachment.
- Venison production.
- Veterinary care of rare and endangered species of wildlife.

b) Environmental education, business, publications.

- Publishes high quality newsletter to the farming community on environmental and conservation issues.
- Is instrumental in the establishment of positive environmental attitudes in the public through numerous talks, articles, media interviews (SABC), etc.
- **2002** : Is appointed co-editor (Animal Health) of the magazine Game & Hunt and writes various series of articles for this magazine, namely a series on breeding of rare game species, a series on wildlife diseases, and a series on 'world class game farming'.
- **2003** : elected chairman of the Wildlife Nutrition Forum
- **2004** : establishes the 'Eco Group of Companies', which is a South African countrywide network of professionals and marketing agents in the spheres of wildlife and game ranching.
Secures big tender contract with Northwest Parks and Tourism for translocation of 60 buffalo, 22 white rhino, 6 black rhino and 20 sable antelope. This contract establishes Eko Wild as an important and trustworthy role player in the game industry and conservation in South Africa. Over the next two years (2005 – 2006) similar, but smaller contracts follow, *inter alia* with SAN Parks (rhino translocated from Kruger Park) and the Limpopo Government Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (buffalo held in quarantine in our facilities)
- **2006- 2008** : Becomes instrumental in a strategic planning process regarding the wildlife industry in South Africa, with special reference to ecological planning of wildlife production units in the whole of South Africa (game meat production), national park expansion projects and ecotourism projects.
- **2010** : Co-author of the book 'Game Ranch Management', fifth edition, Van Schaik Publishers.
- **2010** : receives an award from SANParks for being their "Business Partner of the Year" in the northern region.
- **2011** : establishes the BEE company 'VETS FOR RURAL AFRICA PROJECTS PTY LTD' with two of his colleagues Drs Jerry Manenzhe and Edward Sinthumule in order to coordinate agricultural development in poor rural communities in South Africa.
- **2012-2017**: intensive operations regarding various, agricultural, game ranching, ecotourism and infrastructure development projects.
- **2018-2022**: driving an extensive rural development programme in various SADEC countries: RSA, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia, DRC.

c) **Extensive traveling:**

He has travelled extensively in countries like Namibia, Botswana, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Mocambique and overseas (Europe) as wildlife and ostrich farming consultant.

Conclusion:

He is well qualified to deal with subjects like

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- Wildlife Management
- Game capture
- Game/nature reserve development
- Optimal land utilization planning, with special reference to the bushveld savannah biome.
- Environmental education
- Game ranching in Africa.
- Game ranch infrastructure development
- Venison production.
- Cattle ranching
- Cattle ranch infrastructure development
- Veterinary aspects of game ranching and game capture.
- Tourism development projects and foreign investments.
- Livestock production in the African environment
- He is the country's leading expert on passive game capture methods and technology.

With his wife and two daughters he strives towards the goal of a healthy society in a healthy environment. This he tries to accomplish through numerous talks and presentations before audiences including youth and cultural organizations, schools, radio talks, printed media, as well as through practical implementation of specific projects.

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