

CURRICULUM VITAE

Kevin Ian McCann

SUMMARY

Experienced and knowledgeable conservationist with a range of environmental and ecological skills. Progressive, self-reliant, motivated, conscientious and hard-working individual, with demonstrated ability to adapt to new demands and challenges. Deeply committed to environmental conservation through effective conservation ACTION. Honest, with a keen determination to succeed and learn. Strong managerial and organizational skills with demonstrated logistical planning abilities.

HIGHER EDUCATION

University attended : University of the Witwatersrand
Johannesburg, Gauteng (1988 - 1994)
Degrees obtained : Bachelor of Science - Zoology III, Botany III (1988 - 1990)
Postgraduate Degrees : Bachelor of Science Honours - Zoology (University of
Witwatersrand) - Ecology, Avian Biology, Freshwater Biology
(1991)
: Master of Science (MSc) (University of Witwatersrand)
Zoology - Ecology and Ornithology (1992 - 1994)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- *June 1994 – July 1996*

Position: Researcher
Employer: Endangered Wildlife Trust and Eskom

Responsibilities: Employed by Eskom (national electricity supplier), through the Endangered Wildlife Trust, to contribute to the Environmental Impact Assessment for the Ariadne-Venus 400 kV powerline in the KwaZulu-Natal midlands, specifically on the potential impacts on the resident crane populations.

- *August 1996 – December 2004*

Position: Project Coordinator – South African Crane Working Group
Employer: Endangered Wildlife Trust

Responsibilities: Employed by the Endangered Wildlife Trust (funded by Eskom), to co-ordinate all crane conservation efforts around South Africa, as part of the South African Crane Working Group.

- *January 2005 – June 2006*

Position: Manager – KZN Biodiversity programme
Employer: Endangered Wildlife Trust

Responsibilities: Employed by the Endangered Wildlife Trust to co-ordinate and integrate the conservation activities of the Non-Government Organizations in the KwaZulu-Natal province, in strong partnership with Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife.

- *July 2006 – March 2011*

Position: Manager – KZN Biodiversity Stewardship Programme
Employer: Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife

Responsibilities: responsible for the development and co-ordination of a Biodiversity Stewardship programme aimed at securing conservation of biodiversity through partnerships with landowners and communities. A primary goal of the Biodiversity Stewardship programme is to develop mechanisms and partnerships to protect important biodiversity assets outside protected areas. The Biodiversity Stewardship team also provided strategic inputs into programmes related to Biodiversity Conservation, Co-management, Natural Resource Use and Social Ecology.

▪ *July 2011 to July 2016 -*

Position: Deputy Director – Conservation SPACE programme
Employer: Wildlands Conservation Trust

Responsibilities:

- Operational responsibility for the development and implementation of all activities associated with the management of community conservation areas, focusing on using the Biodiversity Stewardship approach to support these initiatives;
- Developing innovative business models to support the conservation economy on these community conservation areas (currently involving 7 community conservation areas);
- Managing the operational implementation of a R22million "Farming the Wild" project in northern KwaZulu-Natal involving 2 community conservation areas;
- The coordination of Wildland's role as the Regional Implementation Team for the CEPF Maputaland-Pondoland-Albany biodiversity hotspot, involving the coordination of \$6,3 million worth of conservation projects;
- Coordination of project identification and support for 3 small grant facilities managed by Wildlands (involving approximately R4million per annum);
- Coordinate Wildland's involvement in other threatened / priority species initiatives, specifically Wild Dog and Vultures.

Current position (August 2016 – present)

Position: Director
Employer: Conservation Outcomes NPC

Responsibilities:

- Together with my colleagues, lead the strategic development of this new conservation NGO into being a leading organization supporting biodiversity stewardship implementation;
- Currently manage the operational implementation of a number of projects involving the biodiversity stewardship mechanism across 6 provinces;
- Development of innovative business models for securing new protected areas on communal land in South Africa;
- Provide strategic guidance to developers on the implementation of biodiversity offsets, to secure their offset commitments as protected areas;
- Actively exploring potential opportunities and sources to fund the conservation work in the region, and relevant project implementation, through project design and proposal submissions to potential donors;
- Foster relationships with a wide range of stakeholders in support of our conservation work.

Presentations at International Meetings

- 9th Pan African ornithological Congress – Accra, Ghana (August 1996)
- 22nd International Ornithological Congress – Durban, South African (August 1998)
- EPRI Conference (Electric Powerline Research Institute) – USA (December 1999)

- 10th Pan African Ornithological Congress – Kampala, Uganda (September 2000)
- Wetland Conservation Conference – Harry Oppenheimer Okavango Research Centre, Botswana (August 2002)
- Conservation Stewardship Conference – Ecuador, Conservation International (April 2008)
- IUCN World Conservation Congress – South Korea (September 2012)
- World Wilderness Congress – Spain (October 2013)
- IUCN World Parks Congress – Australia (November 2014)
- Kinship African Summit – Nairobi, Kenya (July 2018)

Courses Attended

- Introduction to Microsoft Access (New Horizons) and Microsoft Excel (Intermediate)
- Introduction to Arcview GIS 3.1 (3-day course presented by GIMS)
- HR training (September 2011)
- Soils course – Cedara Agricultural College
- Cambridge Programme of Sustainable Leadership (August 2014)
- Kinship Fellows Conservation Programme (June / July 2017) – Bellingham, US

Awards Received

- Nominated for the 1998 KwaZulu-Natal Nature Conservation Services Conservation Award – Individual category.
- Awarded a Top Ten Conservationist Award from the Endangered Wildlife Trust for 1999.
- Awarded a Mazda Wildlife Fund Conservationist of the Decade award in 2000.
- Endangered Wildlife Trust Conservation Achiever of the year – 2005
- BirdLife South Africa Owl Award - 2019

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