

THE FOOTPRINT ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES TEAM:

Sean Ranger:

Holds an MSc in Sustainable Environmental Management his first eight years were spent in Research & Development for Bayer (Pty) Ltd. Thereafter he embarked on a short career as a freelance writer and guided a number of eco-tours in wilderness areas of Southern Africa.

Following this he was contracted to CapeNature and gained experience in conservation initiatives & strategic planning, project management and implementation. While contracted to CapeNature he was involved in developing new and innovative ways to encourage conservation within civil society, particularly the agricultural sector. Included here would be the development and piloting of the CapeNature Stewardship Program, strategic planning of the Greater Cederberg Biodiversity Corridor and project conceptualisation, design and implementation as a Senior Project Manager and land negotiator. During this period he designed and developed the Biodiversity Best Practice Projects for Potatoes South Africa and the South African Rooibos Council.

Charl du Plessis:

Holds National Higher Diploma in Nature Conservation and has 17 years experience in conservation management on statutory conservation areas as well as on private and communal properties. He was the manager of the Cederberg Wilderness, a World Heritage Site for 12 years. He compiled various strategic policies and management plans for the Wilderness Area, private land and conservancies, while responsible for the management of staff, contractors, ecological systems and processes (aliens, fire and erosion) and tourism development and infrastructure maintenance.

During his involvement in the establishment of the Greater Cederberg Biodiversity, he was actively involved during the strategic planning, project conceptualisation and implementation phase. During this period he oversaw the international funded RARE – Cederberg awareness campaign, established various community based projects and tourism ventures, designed and established the Greater Cederberg Fire Protection Association.