

CONTACT DETAILS

Legal Name of Company	Coastal and Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd
Trading Name of Company	CES Environmental and Social Advisory Services
Designation	Senior Environmental Consultant
Profession	Senior Environmental Consultant
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Nationality	South African
Professional Affiliations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ SACNASP (129001): South African Council for Natural Scientific Profession➤ APECS: Association of Polar Early Career Scientists➤ ZSSA: Zoological Society of Southern Africa➤ PADI: Professional Association of Diving Instructors➤ Golden Key International Honours Society Member
Key areas of expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Conducting ecological field surveys for a wide range of species and habitats➤ Animal identification, monitoring, trapping, and handling (e.g., for birds, snakes, small mammals)➤ Scientific and report writing➤ Use of GIS software (e.g., ArcGis and QGIS) and remote monitoring techniques (e.g., camera traps, PIT tags, data loggers, iButtons)➤ Use of the programming language R for statistical analysis➤ Ecological Impact Assessments, Basic Assessments and Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessments➤ Project management

PROFILE

Elena Reljic

Elena is a qualified ecologist with an MSc in Zoology (Cum Laude). The focus of her academic research was on coastal dune forest restoration, post-mining, in Richards Bay, KwaZulu-Natal, with a focus on tree, millipede and bird communities. She has done a great deal of field work in remote regions of South Africa and has experience with a range of species, including birds, reptiles, small mammals, and arthropods. Moreover, she was part of a 14-month research expedition team to the sub-Antarctic Marion Island where she was a seabird researcher. This is complemented by her strong knowledge of managing and analysing large ecological databases, the programming language R, and GIS software.

Since her employment at CES in 2021, Elena has been involved in several Terrestrial Biodiversity Impact Assessments, with specific focus on the faunal component, other Faunal Specialist Surveys (e.g., Avifaunal) and Basic Assessment Processes, including report writing and involvement in the Public Participation Processes.

**EMPLOYMENT
EXPERIENCE**

- August 2022 – Current: Senior Environmental Consultant (CES, Cape Town, South Africa)
- July 2021 – August 2022: Environmental Consultant (CES, Port Elizabeth, South Africa)
- January 2021 – April 2021: Research Assistant (Succulent Karoo Research Station, Northern Cape, South Africa)
- October 2020 – November 2020: Research Assistant (University of Cape Town, Western Cape, South Africa)
- April 2019 – May 2020: Field Biologist (Department of Environmental Affairs, Western Cape, South Africa)
- November 2018 – January 2019: Research Assistant (South African National Biodiversity Institute, Gauteng, South Africa)
- January 2018 – October 2018: Research Assistant (University of Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa).
- March 2017 – April 2017: Field Assistant (University of Pretoria, Gauteng, South Africa)

**ACADEMIC
QUALIFICATIONS**

- M.Sc. (Zoology) *Cum Laude* University of Pretoria, South Africa 2018
- B.Sc. Honours (Geography and Environmental Science) University of Pretoria, South Africa 2016
- B.Sc. (Geography) University Of Pretoria, South Africa 2014

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE
OR LEADERSHIP**

- Volunteered for a marine conservation program, Blue Ventures, in Madagascar from 09 Nov 2018 to 19 Dec 2018, where she received scientific dive training.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, this CV correctly describes me, my qualifications, and my experience. I understand that any wilful misstatement described herein may lead to my disqualification or dismissal, if engaged.



ELENA RELJIC

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