

## CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Legal Name of Company</b>	<b>Coastal and Environmental Services (Pty) Ltd</b>
<b>Trading Name of Company</b>	<b>CES Environmental and Social Advisory Services</b>
<b>Designation</b>	Port Elizabeth
<b>Profession</b>	Consultant
<b>Years with firm</b>	
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<b>Nationality</b>	South African
<b>Professional Affiliations</b>	Association of Polar Early Career Scientists (APECS) member Zoological Society of Southern Africa (ZSSA) member Approval of South African (SACNASP) registration as certified Ecological Scientist (Pending)
<b>Key areas of expertise</b>	Report writing Knowledge of GIS (e.g. ArcGIS, QGIS) R, and SM Office Software

## PROFILE

### Elena Reljic

Elena is an ecologist specialising in restoration ecology and has extensive experience in conservation and long-term research projects across southern Africa.

Elena enjoys the challenge of remote field work and has conducted field surveys for a range of species (e.g., birds, snakes, small mammals, seals) and environments (e.g., Succulent Karoo, Kalahari Desert, Indian Ocean Coastal Belt Forests). She was also part of a 14-month research expedition to the sub-Antarctic, Marion Island, where she focused on seabird research.

This is complimented by her expertise in the design and management of databases, GIS, and the use of remote monitoring techniques, as well as the programming language R.

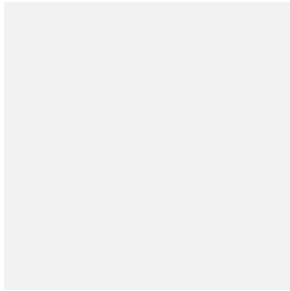
### EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

- RESEARCH ASSISTANT • SUCCULENT KAROO RESEARCH STATION (SKRS), GOEGAP NATURE RESERVE, NORTHERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA
  - JANUARY 2020 – CURRENT Key responsibilities: trap, mark, and observe small mammals; prepare the field site for this (find trapping sites and pre-bait mice/rats); mark mice and rats with ear tags; data management (data entry and data check); maintain infrastructure at SKRS.
- RESEARCH ASSISTANT • HOT BIRDS RESEARCH PROJECT, KURUMAN NATURE RESERVE, NORTHERN CAPE, SOUTH AFRICA
  - OCTOBER 2020 – NOVEMBER 2020 Key responsibilities: regular observation of large numbers of recognisable bird individuals;

**ACADEMIC  
QUALIFICATIONS**

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE  
OR LEADERSHIP**

- handling them (weighing, catching, anaesthetising, blood sampling); non-invasive experiments (e.g., food supplementation; playbacks, object presentations).
- **FIELD BIOLOGIST • DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS, SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL ANTARCTIC PROGRAMME, MARION ISLAND, SOUTH AFRICA**
    - APRIL 2019– MAY 2020 Key responsibilities: monitor different seabird populations at Marion Island; collect project data (e.g., deploy and retrieve data loggers from penguins); monitor and collate data from penguins including parameters on population size, breeding success, chick growth and chick diet; data management; manage and revise fieldwork protocols; submit monthly progress reports.
  - **RESEARCH ASSISTANT • SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY INSTITUTE, PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA**
    - NOVEMBER 2018 – JANUARY 2019 Key responsibilities: sort and pack a large-scale dung beetle collection.
  - **RESEARCH ASSISTANT • CONSERVATION ECOLOGY RESEARCH UNIT, DEPARTMENT ZOOLOGY AND ENTOMOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA**
    - JANUARY 2018 – OCTOBER 2018 Key responsibilities: address, in a scientific manner, some of the responses of tree, millipede and bird assemblages in restoring coastal dune forests in Richards Bay, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa; collect project data; analyse large ecological data sets; develop and manage research projects under low supervision; collate data; submit half-yearly progress reports; attend weekly meetings to discuss progress and new ideas.
  - **FIELD ASSISTANT • CONSERVATION ECOLOGY RESEARCH UNIT, DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY AND ENTOMOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA**
    - MARCH 2017 – APRIL 2017 Key responsibility: collect summer project data in restoring and primary coastal dune forests in Richards Bay, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa
  - **MSC ZOOLOGY • SEPTEMBER 2018 • UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA (GRADUATED CUM LAUDE AND RECEIVED ACADEMIC HONORARY COLOURS).**
  - **BSC HONOURS GEOGRAPHY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE • APRIL 2016 • UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA**
  - **BSC GEOGRAPHY • SEPTEMBER 2014 • UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA**
  - **NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE • 2010 • CRAWFORD COLLEGE SANDTON, SOUTH AFRICA**
  - I volunteered for a marine conservation program, Blue Ventures, in Madagascar from 09 Nov 2018 to 19 Dec 2018. Here I received scientific dive training which included frequent diving excursions,



informal lectures, small group discussions, and practical exercises on benthic and fish species identification. I also engaged with local community members through knowledge sharing and teaching.

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### **CERTIFICATION**

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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**

**Date: 23 JUNE 2021**