

## THOMAS KING

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Languages: English (Good), Afrikaans (Fair)

Date of Birth: 13 October 1987

## QUALIFICATIONS

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- **Bachelor of Science with Honours (Biodiversity and Conservation)**
  - Rhodes University, South Africa, 2010.
  - Thesis title: Extent of subtropical thicket degradation after heavy grazing by ostriches: A baseline study to assess natural recovery.
  - Subjects studied: Diversity rarity and endemism, Geographical information systems, Statistics, Rehabilitation ecology, Community based natural resource management.
  - Skills acquired include: Thesis writing, reading and understanding scientific papers, experimental design, data collection, essay writing.
  - Extracurricular activities: Volunteer work at SPCA, rugby.
  - Academic transcripts available on request
- **Bachelor of Science (Zoology)**
  - University of Pretoria, South Africa, 2007-2009
  - Subjects studied: Statistics, Botany, Chemistry, Genetics, Microbiology, Physics, Mathematics, Zoology, Biochemistry, Animal Science, Ecology.
  - Skills acquired include: Time management, computer competency, academic writing, and positive studying habits.
  - Extracurricular activities: Community engagement (JOOL), rugby.
  - Academic transcript available on request

## EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

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- **Workshop Assistant, *On the Road Again***
  - December 2009 – January 2010
  - Responsibilities: Vehicle maintenance, problem diagnosis, part changes.
  - Skills learnt: Knowledge of how a vehicle works, common problems and their solutions, maintenance for optimum performance.

- Reference: Gerard van der Merwe (Manager/Owner), On the Road Again, +27 (0) 46 72 941 0900.
  
- **Field Assistant, *Remote Exploration Services***
  - March –December 2006
  - Responsibilities: As a field assistant it was my responsibility to organise all my important documents (for example: passports and vaccination certificates) to ensure a successful border crossing. Once within the country of operation it was our teams' responsibility to navigate to the necessary site using GPS's and to negotiate with local chiefs or leaders to allow to us to conduct a mineral survey within their district. Once a base camp was established, it was our responsibility to hire translators and to organise bearers and labourers that would assist us to reach our target sites and collect minerals for analysis. Using 4x4 vehicles, our feet and GPSs we would reach our site and conduct the survey. Labour would be organised to conduct the sieving and digging and then the carrying.
  - Skills learnt: Leadership (managing labourers in inhospitable environments), time management, keeping calm in dangerous or tense situations, mental and physical toughness to operate in the harsh conditions.
  - Reference: Brett van Coller (Supervisor), Remote Exploration Services ,+27 (0) 21 531 3162
  
- **Junior GIS Technician, *Conservation Support Services***
  - January-March 2011
  - Responsibilities: 1:50000 map updates in Mpumalanga, Free State, Kwazulu-Natal. Dealing with clients; determining what they want; creating and printing maps.
  - Skills learnt: Data management, client handling.
  - Reference: Ben Cobbing (Director), Conservation Support Services, +27 (0) 46 622 4526