



NATURE CALLS ADVENTURES

...the path less travelled

Credentials as an EcoPsychologist

Research Experience:

By way of introduction I am an EcoPsychologist with twenty-five years of experience observing animals with social behavior:

1. **The African Wild Dogs** in consultation and / or time spent with:
 - a. Gus Mills (ex Kruger Head Ecologist before he retired);
 - b. Marcus Hoffmeyer (Ecologist ex Madikwe and KNP);
 - c. Gus van Dyk (Ecologist ex Pilanhesberg);
 - d. Michael Somers (Researcher ex Hluhluwe Umfolosi and University Professor);
 - e. Greg Pole (Researcher ex Savi in Zimbabwe) and
 - f. Greg Rasmussen (Painted Hunting Dog Project).

My engagement with the marketing manager of Landrover lead to the establishment of the wild dog project at Venetia Limpopo administered by the Endangered Wild Life Trust and consequently ongoing Landrover support of Brendon Whittington Jones at Hluhluwe Umfolosi.

2. **Elephants** – I observed the difference in mothering behavior of Orphan elephants and normal Breeding herd elephants from 2002 – 2005 with ongoing in Consultation with:
 - a. Anna Whitehouse (Researcher ex Addo);
 - b. Marion Garai (Elephant Management Organization Association),
 - c. Dr. Heinz Kohrs (WildLife Vet and Landowner at Pongola Game Reserve)
 - d. Heike Zeitler (current Researcher at Pongola Game Reserve);
 - e. Audrey Delsink kettles (current Elephant Contraception Researcher at Magalali sponsored by Disney);
 - f. Greg Vogt (Researcher of Elephant Management in captive situations and Owner of Knysna Elephant Park);
 - g. Bruce Page (Professor, Supervisor and Researcher at the University of KZN);
 - h. Rudi van Aarde (wellknown Researcher and Head of Zoology Department at the University of Pretoria);
 - i. Gareth Patterson (Researcher and author of *The Secret Elephants*);
 - j. Gay Bradshaw (Author of *Elephants on the Edge*, Ecologist, Psychologist and Head of Kerulos Science institute);
 - k. Jason Bell (International Foundation for Animal Welfare) and
 - l. Ian Player (nationally and internationally known Conservationist and founder of the Wilderness Leadership School).
3. **Wild Meerkats** – I work together with Researcher and Conservation Educator Grant McIlrath www.meerkatmagic.com in the Klein Karoo

4. Dolphins

I am exploring currently conducting Dolphin Research in Ponto D'Ouro (Mozambique) and Catania, Sicily.

My current research advisers for dolphin research are

- a. Toni Frohoff (twenty years of dolphin research and author of recently published book *Dolphin Mysteries*)
- b. Angie Gullan – Head of Dolphin Research in the Marine Conservation area of Ponto D'Ouro.

5. White Lions – consultation and time spent with:

- a. Linda Tucker (Head of The White Lion Reintroduction program and author of *The White Lions of the Timbivati: Children of the Sun God*),
- b. Jason (Lion Researcher and partner to Linda Tucker, also involved with the White Lion Reintroduction Program) and
- c. Wynter Worsworthe (animal interspecies communicator)

Published Articles as an EcoPsychologist and about the EcoTherapy WildLife Experiences I have facilitated:

Mandy Young:

Weekend Argus, November 2003, *Impti du Toit: Personality of the Week: A Sense of kinship with the Natural World* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/personality-of-the-week.htm>

African Wild Dog Focus:

Odyssey Magazine, 2005: *Wild Origins* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/wild-origin-odyssey.htm>

Femina Magazine, February 2007: *How Can You Keep the Romance for Life* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/keep-the-romance-for-life.htm>

Die Hoorn, Oudtshoorn Community Newspaper: *Wild Dogs, Eagles and a Special Kind of Intelligence* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/wild-dogs-eagles-special-kind-of-intelligence.htm>

Die Hoorn, Oudtshoorn Community Newspaper : *Mothers are the Unsung Heroes of the World.* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/mothers-are-the-unsung-heroes-of-our-world.htm>

Sunday Times, 2011 - Travel Section: <http://www.naturecalls.co.za/2011/02/wild-women-wild-men-wild-dogs-carnivore-week/>

Simply Green Magazine, February 2011: *The Wild Within* <http://www.naturecalls.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2011/04/Wild-Within-Simply-Green-February-2011.pdf>

Elephants:

Living and Loving Magazine, *Karena Du Plessis*, November 2003: *Babes In Arms* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/babes-in-arms.htm>

Speaker at La Leche National Conference, 2004: *Being the Best Mother you Can Be* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/being-the-best-mother.htm>

Chapter in German Baby Book: *Ecotherapy, the Wisdom of Elephants and Continuum Concepts* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/ecotherapy-wisdom-of-elephants-continuum-concepts.htm>

Glamour Magazine, Germany, 2007: *Hier Kommit ihr Therapeut* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/hier-kommt-ihr-therapeut.htm>

Odyssey Magazine, 2005: *The Wisdom of Elephants* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/odyssey-wisdom-of-elephants.htm>

Renaissance Magazine, 2006: *In Honor of the Chief* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/honor-of-the-chief.htm>

Effective Living Magazine, 2012: *A Return to Paradise* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/wisdom-of-elephants/the-peace-of-eden-a-return-to-paradise.htm>

Meerkats:

Femina Magazine, February 2007: *How Can You Keep the Romance for Life* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/keep-the-romance-for-life.htm>

Landscapes Magazine, 2008: *Meet the Ungulungu Meerkat Family* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/meerkats-article-landscapes.htm>

Odyssey Magazine, 2009: *Meerkat Magic* <http://www.peace-of-eden.co.za/meerkats-article-odyssey.htm>

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www.swim-with-dolphins.co.za

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