

# Curriculum Vitae

## Kevin Cole

### Education

- Institution : University of Cape Town  
Period : 1994 (Graduated June 1995)  
Attainment : **M.Sc.** (Conservation Biology)
- Institution : Rhodes University  
Period : January 1992- July 1992  
Attainment : **Certificate in Management Practice**  
(with Merit)
- Institution : C.P.A. Training Dept.  
Period : September 1992  
Attainment : **Jun. Management Certificate**
- Institution : SATOUR (SA Tourism)  
: **Registered Tour Guide No. 1046**
- Institution : **THETA** (Tourism Hospitality Education Sport Training Authority)  
registered Trainer and Assessor Reg. No. 613.A/003485/2004  
(Nature and Culture)
- Institution : University of Port Elizabeth  
Period : 1981 - 1985  
Attainment : **B.Sc. 1984**  
**B.Sc. (Hons) 1985**  
Major subjects : Biochemistry III  
Zoology III  
Zoology IV (Hons)
- Helicopter pilot : SA Civil Aviation Authority Private Pilot Helicopter  
: Licence Number 0271073439

## Employment

- **April 1991 – Current: Principal Museum Natural Scientist (Deputy Director 1991 – 2003) – East London Museum**
  - Acting Director April 1997-Jan 1998
  - Acting Director April 2003-September 2003Duties: Scientific (natural and cultural history), education and Conservation, environmental management plans.
- **Nov 1989 - Feb 1991: Game Ranger - Mala Mala Game Reserve**
- **1988: Mathematics and Science Teacher - Lawson Brown High School**
- **Aug 1986 - Dec 1987: Principal Conservation Officer - E.P. Command**

## Additional information

- **Chairperson Strandloper Trail Ecotourism Board** (1998- ) (Voluntary)  
February 1996-  
Responsible for the functioning of the section 21 non-profit company. Rated one of the top coastal trails in the country. The Trail was given the Tourism East London (Buffalo City) 'Tourism Ambassador' Award for excellence in the tourism industry. Involved in all environmental impact studies for the 65km trail from Kei Mouth to Gonubie (EL) Green Flag Status 2008
- **Chairperson** and Project co-coordinator **Nahoon Point Nature Reserve Management Committee** (2004- )  
Was the visionary and founder of this nature reserve and presently also serve as the project coordinator to the landowners Buffalo City Municipality. Involved all environmental impact studies and infrastructural designs (buildings, boardwalks, fencing).
- Member Marine Working Group (Voluntary)  
March 1995 -  
**Chairman** (founder member) March 1995- February 1997  
This body consists of all policing and monitoring authorities concerned with coastal management and research (Border- Kei Region), including environmental education to all sectors of the community
- **Trustee** (representing the NGO Environmental bodies in the city) **Buffalo City Environmental Trust** 2002-
- **Theta Registered Assessor** and **Trainer** (National Certificate Tourism Guiding (**Nature and Cultural**) 2004 –
- Past **Vice Chairman** Gonubie Nature Reserve Advisory Board  
May 1991-September 1996. Member 1996-1999
- Past **Vice Chairman** Working Forum Off-road Vehicles (1996).  
Management of vehicles on some beaches and drawn up a better permit system for control of vehicles in the coastal zone.
- Past **National Council Member** Wildlife and Environment Society of SA.  
February 1995 - July 1998
- Bridle Drift Dam and Potters Pass Nature Reserve's  
Past Advisory Board Member.

- Past Member of the Border Regional committee of EPPIC (Environmental Planning Professionals Interdisciplinary Committee).
- Past Member of the Border Science Forum.
- Steering committee member (founder member) Earthlife Africa East London May 1993-
- Executive Member East London Nature Reserves Advisory Board October 1996 – 2001
- Past **Chairman** Hobbiton-on-Hogsback Association Board of Management (Voluntary) September 1996-July 2000  
Honorary Life-member  
Successfully negotiated the centre back from like-minded body after an amalgamation agreement failed. Hobbiton is the largest outdoor centre in the Eastern Cape and possibly the country.
- Wildlife and Environment Society of SA (Border Region) (Voluntary)  
Past **Chairman** Sept 1993-Jan 1994  
Feb 1995-July 1998  
Conservation and Environmental Education portfolio's May 1991- July 1998. Dealt with a number of sensitive developmental issues, marine pipeline proposals for the city at the time and ad hoc consultation on developmental issues.

## Memberships

- **Strandloper Ecotourism Board** (Founder Member)
- **Game Rangers Association of Africa**
- **Hobbiton-on-Hogsback Association** (Honorary Life-member)
- **Marine Working Group** (Founder Member East London)
- **American Association for the Advancement of Science** (past member)
- **Game Rangers Association of Africa**

## Vocational Study Tours Abroad

- **Zimbabwe** - Vocational Study Tour 1991
- **Scotland** - Rotary Group Study Exchange March/April 1997
- **New Zealand** - Vocational study tour of Auckland Institute and National Maritime Museum (self-funded) July 1998
- **England** - Vocational study tour of Oxford Museums (self funded) November 2000
- **Kenya** - Vocational study tour Kenya Wildlife Services (Nakura NP) and the National Museums of Kenya (self-funded) August 2001
- **Australia** - Vocational study tour Marine Parks Authority (Jervis Bay) and the Museums of Sydney and environs March 2002

## Awards

- **Merit Award** (Oppidani House) University of Port Elizabeth 1985
- **Commendation Award** (Conservation) South African National Defence Force 1987
- **Service Award** Strandloper Ecotourism Board 1998
- **Service Award (Conservation)** Beacon Bay Rotary Club May 1999
- **Certificate Award** Hobbiton-on-Hogsback Association 2001
- **Rotary International - Paul Harris Fellow Award** (Conservation) October 1999

- **International Biographical Centre - Decree of Merit (Conservation Biology & Education)**, Cambridge UK 2001

## Media

- **SABC Television News**, 'On Camera' – Actuality Programme, 'Take-Five' – Youth Programme, 'Singing Buffalo': :**SABC Radio** '1 O'Clock Live"
  - **SABC Radio** 'Radio Sonder Grense"
  - **e-TV News**
  - **MNET** 'Carte Blanche' – Actuality Programme
  - **BBC** – Documentary Credit
  - **BBC** Radio Channel 4
  - **DaimlerChrysler/** Tourism Buffalo City video credit
  - **ESPN TV** India
  - **SABC** 50/50 Environmental Programme
  - **Cape Talk Radio**
  - **SABC** Youth Programme Hip2b2
  - numerous **Newspaper** articles, reports and interviews (Daily Dispatch, East Cape Weekend, Sunday Times and Argus)
- Media liaison was mostly on environmental and conservation issues.

## Publications (brief selection)

### Reports:

Cole, K and Brett, G. Draft proposal on the formation of a coastal trust to manage and protect the coastal zone Fish to Bashee Rivers. Amatola District Municipality. August 1999. EL Museum Library.

Cole, K. Impact Study – Construction of the third overnight facility for the Strandloper Ecotourism Board. East Cape Nature Conservation. EL Museum Library.

Cole, K and Brett, G. Revised Draft Coastal Trust Document. July 2000. EL Museum Library.

Cole, K. Cove Rock East London Conservation Management Plan. East London Museum September 2000.

Cole, K. Museums of Sydney, Australia. Board of Trustees. EL Museum. 2001.

Brett, G and Cole, K. (Eds). Technical Inventory of the Coastal Zone Use 2001. Kei to Tyolumna Rivers. Internal Report, Marine Working Group. 45pp.

### Museum Newsletter:

Cole, K. Visit to the National Museums of Kenya. Vol. 21 No. 3. 2001

Cole, K. Museums as Public Entities. Vol. 23 No. 3. 2003

Cole, K. More Living Fossils discovered .... Stromatolites at Kei Mouth. Vol. 24 No. 3. 2004

Cole, K. The Formation of a Coastal Conservation Authority. Vol. 24 No. 4. 2004

### Articles:

Cole, K. 'The Coelacanth'. Umjelo, Vol. 1, September 2001.

### Scientific:

Roberts, D and Cole, K. Vertebrate Trackways in Late Cenozoic Coastal Eolianites, South Africa. Paper, XVI INQUA Congress, July 2003

## **Consultancies (selection)**

Addo Elephant National Park: Environmental Education, Game Capture (Black Rhino) and Nature Trail development

Mark Wood Consulting: Proposed power line for Mercedes Benz SA

Iscor: Mining at Wavecrest

Venda University: Dwesa/Cebe issue

Wild Coast Conservation Forum: Sustainable use of environment by tour operators in the Transkei

East Coast Tourism Initiative: Job creation for learners in the said area

Kwelegha Conservancy: Siting of an MTN tower

East Cape Nature Conservation: Zonation and use of the coast

Gibb Africa: Terrestrial pipeline Westbank

European Union: Tourism Wildcoast