



Riana Panaino

ABOUT



With more than 10 years' experience in the environmental consulting industry she has a firm understanding of Environmental Management. She can adapt to a wide range of working environments, has a strong problem-solving ability and work towards team and client satisfaction. Riana has a passion for Environmental Authorisation Processes (Basic Assessments, Environmental Impact Assessments, Monitoring, Environmental Management Plans, Waste Licence Applications, Closure Application and Integrated Water Use License Applications) in terms of the South African legislative regime.

CAREER HISTORY



Environmental Consultant

Eco Elementum (Pty) Ltd
Pretoria
April 2019 - Present

Role: Environmental Impact Assessments, Water Use Licenses, Waste Applications, Rectification Applications, Stakeholder Engagement, Project Mangement, Specialist Management.

Senior Environmental Consultant

GCS
Pretoria
March 2012 – March 2019

Role: Project Management, management and coordination of specialists, compilation of Environmental Impact Assessments, Environmental Waste Licence application, Public Participation, Environmental Management Programs.

QUALIFICATIONS



BSc Hons (Biodiversity & Conservation)

University of Johannesburg
2007

BSc (Botany and Zoology)

University of Johannesburg
2004 - 2006

Senior Certificate Matric

Hoërskool Westernaria
2003

EXPERTISE AND SKILLS



Skills include, but are not limited to:

- Specialist Co-ordination
- Project Management
- Monitoring and Compliance
- Compilation of Environmental Management
- Compilation of Environmental Impact Assessment
- Government Department Liaison
- Assessment of Wetland Status and Functionality
- Determination of Wetland Boundaries

REGISTRATIONS



Professional Registrations

- Environmental Law Association (ELA)
- South African Council of Natural Science Professionals (SACNASP)

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT AND MONITORING**

2008, 2009, 2010

Matla, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Matla Wetland Monitoring and Management Plan for Matla coal mine. Responsibilities included: weekly site visits and reporting of findings during the construction of the Matla river diversion and assisted in compilation of the wetland management plan

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

2009

Eskom DPSS, Freestate/KwaZulu Natal, South Africa

Assisted in the capture of fish for genetic sampling to map distribution patterns between two different catchment.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT

2016

Exxaro NBC Project

Project Consultant, coordination, BA and EMP report compilation as well as public consultation of the various aspects on this project.

2016

Exxaro Coal Central Eloff Project, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Project Consultant, coordination and EIA and EMP report compilation as well as public consultation of the various aspects on this project.

2015

Exxaro Belfast Project, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Environmental Control Officer

2015

Exxaro Matla Project, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Project Consultant, coordination and EIA and EMP report compilation as well as public consultation of the various aspects on this project.

2015

Exxaro UCG Project, Limpopo, South Africa

Project Management, coordination and public consultation of the various aspects on this project.

2014

Quantum Crushing and Screening, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Project Management, coordination and BA and EMP report compilation as well as public consultation of the various aspects on this project.

2013

Glencore Rietvly – Northwest, South Africa

Project Management, coordination and BA and EMP report compilation as well as public consultation of the various aspects on this project.

2012

Jacomynspan, Northern Cape, South Africa

Project Management, coordination and EIA and EMP report compilation as well as public consultation of the various aspects on this project.

2012

Bighorn Substation, Northwest, South Africa

Project assistance, coordination and report compilation as well as public consultation of the various aspects on this project.

2012

Otjozundu, Namibia

Environmental Impact Assessment Report Compilation

2012

Leeuwpan, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Project Management, coordination and EIA and EMP report compilation as well as public consultation of the various aspects on this project.

2008

Lonmin Akanani, Limpopo, South Africa

Project assistance, coordination and report compilation of the various studies done on this project.

ECOLOGY

2012

Schoongezicht, Mpumalanga South Africa

Ecological studies with responsibilities that included wetland input for the IWULA. Wetland delineation, classification and characterisation were done on the wetlands found during this study

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Mooiplaats, Mpumalanga South Africa

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2011

Kromdraai Pipeline, Mpumalanga, South Africa

Ecological studies with responsibilities that included wetland input for the project EIA. Wetland delineation, classification and characterisation were done on the wetlands found during this study

2010

New Vaal Life Expansion, Freestate, South Africa

Ecological studies with responsibilities that included wetland input for the project EIA. Wetland delineation, classification and characterisation were done on the wetlands found during this study