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Education

2014 : BSc Honours in Ichthyology and Fisheries Science at Rhodes University

2013: BSc degree in Ichthyology and Fisheries Science and Zoology at Rhodes University.

2010 – 2013: Completed short courses at Rhodes University in order to attain my degree, including: Geography, Earth Science, Chemistry, Statistics, Cell biology, Computer science, Instrumental music studies, Zoology and Ichthyology

2008: Matriculated with IEB certificate from Trinityhouse High School

Work Experience and Skills

2014: Barman/Waiter at The Highlander

2013: Chairman of Rhodes Surfing Comitee

2012: Logistics representative for Rhodes Surfing Comitee

2009: I.T. assistant for GSSC

Field experience:

I have gained much experience in the field of BRUV sampling and have actively been involved in many field trips along the South African coastline. I have spent many valuable hours out at sea which has allowed me to obtain my category C skippers licence. I am also a qualified Class IV commercial diver. Other field experience includes systematic data collection and analysis, wide range of freshwater and marine fish sampling techniques, biological analysis of animal specimens and extensive knowledge of fish specimens.

Languages

Fluent in English and Afrikaans

Hobbies

I love sport and I like to maintain an active lifestyle. My hobbies include rugby, golf, cricket and many water sports including surfing, spearfishing, angling and underwater hockey. I also love playing music and play jazz piano and guitar.

Future Aims

I am currently in the process of completing my masters in Ichthyology and aim to graduate at the end of 2016. I am very interested in research and subtidal marine ecology. Currently, there is a gap in the knowledge and state of the marine protected areas on the South African coastline. I would like to contribute in obtaining the data that is necessary to improve our biodiversity knowledge in this field, which can contribute to the formation of effective management plans of these areas.

I plan to further my tertiary education in this field and potentially pursue a PhD degree once I have achieved my MSc degree. I also plan to develop the appropriate skills needed to achieve this, such as commercial research diving (Class III), coastal night rated skippers licence as well as further my knowledge and skills in project design and data analysis, so that I can add value to the research community of South Africa.