

CURRICULUM VITAE

LINDA SMITH



PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date of Birth 11 February 1976 (38 years)

Passport South African
Visa's B1/B2 US Visa valid until 2019
Work & Residency Permit for Aruba (renewed annually)

Marital Status Married

Language Ability English & Afrikaans

Health Excellent, non-smoker

Drivers Licence Code EB (South African International Licence) & Aruba Drivers Licence

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

School Matriculated at Camps Bay High School in 1993

Tertiary Education

Cape Technikon:

- National Diploma in Oceanography in 1997
- B.Tech (Oceanography) Cum Laude in 2000

University of Cape Town:

- MSc (Mathematical Statistics) in 2006

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS **PADI**

- Master Scuba Diver Trainer (MSDT OWSI 272383)
- Open Water Scuba Instructor (PADI OWSI # 272383)
- Emergency First Response Instructor
- Care for Children with AED Instructor
- Enriched Air Specialty Instructor
- Search & Recovery Specialty Instructor
- Night Specialty Instructor
- Deep Specialty Instructor
- Wreck Specialty Instructor
- Drift Specialty Instructor
- Underwater Photography Specialty Instructor
- Peak Performance Buoyancy Instructor
- Project Aware Specialty Instructor
- AWARE Coral Reef Conservation Specialty Instructor

ADDITIONAL COURSES

Español Básico (Basic Spanish) – December 2012 - Aruba

Bats and Cave Monitoring Workshop – March 2012 - Aruba

- Training in catching, processing and ringing techniques of various Bat species.
- Member of the core team of Aruba to continue the bat monitoring program.
- Training in cave mapping techniques
- Phenology monitoring on columnar cacti spp. & Agave

Cape Technikon Survival Centre

- Basic Training [In accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Training & Certification) Regulations 1999 & the Code of Maritime Qualifications and the STCW₉₅ Convention Code A-VI/1-1]

SAFRING

- Bird Ringer Ticket, obtained in 2002

WP Surf Life Saving Association

- Surf Proficiency Certificate 1993-1997

INTERESTS

Scuba Diving, Free Diving, Kite Boarding, swimming, sailing, running, cycling, tennis, wellness & nutrition, nature watching, photography, reading, music, hiking and skiing

ACHIEVEMENTS

Research Coordinator for the PRABC – Bat Conservation ABC Islands (2013 – present).

Atlantic Ocean Crossing as first mate on board a 40ft catamaran yacht “Kingfisher” (May – July 2009).

Chartering around the Caribbean Islands thereafter (total: +/- 7000 nautical miles)

Director and Organiser of 1st ‘Festival of the Great White Shark’ in Kleinbaai (Aug 2007) – Non Profit Organisation protecting and conserving Great White Sharks through awareness and education.

Scientist in a research team to Prince Edward & Marion Islands in 2001 to conduct a full seabird census (summer survey), as well as deploying satellite transmitters on a number of seabirds and fur seals for long-term research purposes

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Distribution and abundance of humpback whales, *Megaptera novaeangliae*, off the coast of Mozambique, 2003, J. CETACEAN RES. MANAGE. (SPECIAL ISSUE) 3, 163–174, 2011

Ken Findlay, Michael Meyer, Simon Elwen, Deon Kotze, Ryan Johnson, Pieter Truter, Celestino Uamusse, Samuel Siteo, Chris Wilke, Sven Kerwath, Stephen Swanson, Linda Staveres, Jan van der Westhuizen

The Importance of Ringing for Management of South Africa’s Seabird Population, SAFRING News 29(1):14-18
Crawford RJM & Staveres L

Factors influencing the breeding success of Cape Gannets *Morus Capensis* at Malgas Island, 2002/03. Ostrich 79:67-73
Staveres L, Crawford RJM, Underhill LG

AWAITING PUBLICATION

Non-aggressive interactions between white sharks (*Carcharodon carcharias*) and bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) at Mossel Bay, South Africa.
R. L. Johnson, L. Staveres, M. N. Bester & W.H. Oosthuizen

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employer	Red Sail Sports of Aruba
Position	PADI Dive Instructor
Duties	Teach PADI Dive Courses, guide certified divers, equipment and boat preparation, equipment maintenance, tank fills
Additional Responsibilities	Schedule making (Dive and Catamaran Departments), coordination with the reservations and cruise ship schedules.
Period	10 March 2011 – present
Contractor	Arikok National Park Aruba
Position:	Contractor for the Bat Monitoring and for the Columnar Cacti phenology monitoring
Duties	<p>Bat Monitoring: Capture, processing and releasing bats 5 nights every 2 months at predetermined monitoring locations Data capturing, distribution and analysis Report writing & presentations Planning and coordinating the monitoring sessions Equipment maintenance Training and coordination of volunteers</p> <p>Cacti Phenology: Monitor 90 columnar Cacti and agave plants once a month, recording various phases of reproduction & condition.</p>
Period:	March 2012 - present
Employer	Great Adventures Dive Shop, Harbour Village Resort (Bonaire)
Position	Dive Master (Part time)
Duties	Prepare boats for dives and clean boats at the end of the day Brief divers, plan and guide dives (boat and shore; day and night) with certified divers Assist Instructors with student divers Fill scuba cylinders
Period	August 2010 – October 2010
Reason for Leaving	Visa expired. Had to return to South Africa
Employer	Pelican Adventures N.V. Tours & Watersports (Aruba)
Position	Crew on board the day charter Catamarans for the snorkelling and sunset trips, and waitress at the Pelican Nest Restaurant.
Period	February 2010 – August 2010
Reason for Leaving	Relocated to Bonaire

Employer	Windermere Trust / Whale Ocean Charters Pty Ltd.
Position	First Mate / Crew on board "Kingfisher", a 40ft Woods Catamaran (8grt), to prepare and sail across the Atlantic Ocean from Cape Town to the Caribbean, and remain as crew on board the vessel in the Caribbean.
Period	May 2009 – February 2010
Duties	Assist in preparations to sail across the Atlantic to the Caribbean and then being part of the crew sailing to the Caribbean. Assist in project management of the refit of Kingfisher in Trinidad, West Indies, for the Charter Industry, as well as the sale of the vessel. Manage the finances for the refit of Kingfisher and her Charter work. Crew for running and chartering the vessel.
Reason for leaving	Yacht Kingfisher is now based in the marina in Aruba no longer chartering.
Employer	Africa Diver Bookings cc (Cape Town)
Position	Director
Period	August 2008 – December 2012 (sold company)
Duties	Managing Africa Diver Bookings cc, an internet based booking company marketing and arranging diving adventures and holidays in Africa and surrounding islands.
Employer	Global Ocean Video Services (Gansbaai / Cape Town)
Position	Managing Director
Period	March 2005 – July 2008
Duties	Staff recruitment, training and supervision (permanent admin staff and sub-contracting videographers) Scheduling and managing scuba diving operations (Dare2Dive) Basic bookkeeping (preparing company expenses) Invoicing Debtors and Creditors control Coordination between operators, vessel owners and boat crew Underwater/topside filming on shark cage-diving vessels, editing and DVD duplication as souvenirs for clients Equipment maintenance and ordering Designing and printing of merchandise (t-shirts, caps, beanies, scarves etc) Controlling merchandise sales and consignment stock in various stores General office administration Organising and booking shark cage-diving tours and scuba courses Assisting tourists with accommodation, transport and transfers Website design (assisting Web Designer)
Reason for leaving	Company sold

Employer	Marine and Coastal Management - Department of Environmental Affairs and Tourism (Cape Town, South Africa)
Position	Senior Oceanographic Technician:
Period	Jan 1997 – March 2005
Duties	Data-capturing and analysis Monitoring of the Patagonian Toothfishery, Boat-based Whale Watching and Shark Cage-diving industries. Monitoring of seal and sea-bird populations of South Africa Field work (land- and sea-based), collecting/analysing data and research development with various species and techniques (mainly marine mammals, sea birds and sharks) Equipment maintenance Organising of International and Regional Conferences Manage Research Assistants and students Report-writing Training and development
Reason for leaving	Relocated to Gansbaai
Employer	South African Museum: Whale Unit & Life Sciences Department
Position	Research Assistant: based at the South African Museum, Cape Town, as well as field work in Witsands, Mossel Bay & Port Owen.
Period	May 1996 – July 1996
Duties	Assisting with Earth-Watch Southern Right Whale Research Project Collecting data and samples (Southern Right Whale biopsy and genetic study) Handling and preparing samples for shipment to USA for DNA-analysis Data-capturing and preparations for field trips Equipment maintenance and repairs Dissections of marine mammals Handling and processing marine collections for the museum Upgrading and preparing the cephalopod collection for The Cephalopod Biodiversity, Ecology and Evolution Symposium and series workshops thereafter.
Reason for leaving	Practical year of National Diploma completed
Employer	University of Cape Town (Department of Zoology)
Position	Research Assistant: De Kelders & Gansbaai
Period	Aug – Oct 1996
Duties	Pilot study of viability of boat-based Whale Watching Data collection and –analysis (boat- and land-based) Theodolite tracking of Southern Right Whales Data-capturing and preparations for field trips Equipment maintenance and repairs
Reason for leaving	Practical year of National Diploma completed

Employer	Two Oceans Aquarium (V & A Waterfront)
Position	Volunteer Aquarist
Period	Jan 1995 – Dec 1996
Duties	Cleaning and maintaining aquarium tanks and displays Feeding and medicating animals Monitor animals in quarantine Collecting new animals for displays Assisting with seal training Educating Tour Guide (schools and tour groups)
Reason for leaving	Start full time employment at Marine & Coastal Management
Employers	St Elmo's Restaurant & Pizzeria (V&A Waterfront): October 1992 – January 1995 Hatfields Restaurant (Cape Town): January 1995 – November 1995 Tuscany Beach (Camps Bay): December 1995 – May 1996
Position	Waitress
Duties	Knowledge of wines and food menu Serving clients and ensuring all their needs are met Preparing and cleaning tables and waiter stations
Reason for leaving	Study and field work commitments.

REFERENCES

Company	Red Sail Sports of Aruba
Contact Person	Peter de Hoop
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Company	Tasmania and Science Research Development; Institute of Marine and Antarctic Studies, University of Tasmania; Australian National Centre for Ocean Research and Strategy, University of Wollongong.
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Company	Mammal Research Institute – Whale Unit (based at the South African Museum)
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Company	University of Cape Town
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