

# SEAN HENSMAN

B.SC. (HONS) (CCCU)

## TOURISM AND CONSERVATION

DIRECTOR, ELEPHANTS FOR AFRICA FOREVER  
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DIRECTOR, WATERBERG DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE



## PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

### CAREER

An ardent proponent of holistic conservation who believes that conservation should sustainably benefit wildlife and Africa's peoples first, thus guaranteeing that nature will be there for future generations to enjoy.

With more than 14 years of experience - predominantly in working with elephants and facilitating wildlife research and participating in producing several wildlife-themed television programmes. Also, the managing director of several companies and organisations, including Adventures With Elephants, the Rory Hensman Conservation & Research Unit, the African Wildlife Medical Centre, the Waterberg Development Initiative, and Grow Bela-Bela.

### RESEARCH AND EDUCATION


As the managing director of Adventures with Elephants, educating the public about issues facing elephants, wildlife, and conservationists in a modernising Africa. The elephants under my charge are the most studied herd in Africa, having been the subjects of research by a variety of organisations worldwide, including the US Army Research Office and local universities.

In addition, also actively pursuing my own research in various fields, from the uses of elephants as bio-detectors (such as tracking criminals as well as finding landmines and drugs) to inter-species communication and human-elephant conflict resolution as well as wildlife range expansion.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS


In addition to my business and conservation activities, I am a member of the Rooiberg Fire Protection Association, and also chair the local Mabula District Community Policing Forum, working with the community to combat crime, and flying aerial patrols to assist in finding poachers, criminals, and lost/injured wildlife.

Furthermore, a regular speaker on elephant conservation at international conferences, as well as a founder member of both the Elephant Care Association of Southern Africa and the Zimbabwe Elephant Care Association.

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## SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

During my career, I gained extensive expertise at, among others, training animal handlers as well as animals (domestic and other), administering volunteer programmes and horseback safaris, managing business and staff, and performing effective public speaking and presentations.

## EDUCATION

Possessing a solid academic foundation, having achieved a Bachelor of Science Honours Degree in Tourism and Leisure with Business Management at the Canterbury Christ Church University in Kent, UK (2007).

Furthermore, also holding a National Pilot Licence (NPL), a Performing Animals Protection Act 4/2010 (PAPA) Licence, a South African Professional Hunters Licence and a Professional Field Guide Level 1 Qualification from the Field Guide Association South Africa.

## CONCLUSION

Furthering my understanding of elephants in general as well as understanding the intricacies of wildlife conservation and, in addition, furthering the aims of nature conservation by assisting and actively finding solutions for human-wildlife conflict and conservation whilst engaging local rural communities to ensure that they benefit from and thereby can appreciate African wildlife for many years to come.