

PAUL BARTELS

DIRECTOR

PORTFOLIO OF INTEREST

Research and Conservation

SKILLS AND EXPERTISE

Wildlife Management; Wildlife Veterinarian; Veld fire management; Rural water provision

QUALIFICATIONS

B.V.Sc (veterinarian); MSc Zoology

REASONS FOR YOUR COMMITMENT AND PARTICIPATION AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE MAGALIESBERG BIOSPHERE

I am privileged to be a co-owner of a farm (Nyoka Ridge) situated within the Magaliesberg Biosphere Reserve. I manage the Nyoka Ridge Vulture Restaurant that serves the magnificent Cape Vultures of the Magaliesberg. After playing a crucial role in the saving of Brandy the snared Magaliesberg leopard, I initiated the SMS (Save Magaliesberg Species) project in partnership with WESSA (Wildlife Society) volunteers and students of the Tshwane University of Technology's Department of Nature Conservation. I passionately believe that we need to tackle the scourge of wildlife poaching in the biosphere through making the act as unsustainable as possible and at the same time research and address the social issues that lead to the poaching of wild ruminants resident within the Magaliesberg Biosphere Reserve. I am also passionate about preventing annual and unplanned wildfires within the biosphere.



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