



Feel at one with the Spirit of Ancient Africa ... Live your Life!



## Eco Ranger – established 1998

Eco Ranger is the leader in providing quality Wildlife education in Africa

#Tourism # Conservation #Wildlife the One-Stop Academy right in the bush!

Tourism Safari Guide	Conservation Practitioner	Wildlife Practitioner
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nature / Safari Guide</li> <li>Survival ~ Bush Craft</li> <li>Tracking Animals 1</li> <li>Dangerous Game 1</li> <li>Field Ranger 1</li> <li>Wildlife Photography</li> <li>Wilderness 1st Aid</li> <li>Tourism Manager</li> <li>Firearm Competency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conservation Practice</li> <li>Game Ranger</li> <li>Tracking II D/A</li> <li>Dangerous Game Guiding II</li> <li>Field Ranger II &amp; III</li> <li>Anti-Poaching Manager</li> <li>Firearms ~ Safari Industry</li> <li>Advance Rifle Handling</li> <li>Professional Hunting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wildlife Management</li> <li>Veld Management</li> <li>Game Capture</li> <li>Wildlife Production</li> <li>Wild Animal Care</li> <li>Game Harvesting</li> <li>Trails Guide D/Game</li> <li>Wildlife Rancher</li> <li>Wildlife Warden</li> </ul>

Our professional integrated training exposes students to Theoretical, Practical and direct Work Experience and develops essential professional skills that enable graduates to bridge the science & management gap and promote the sustainable utilisation of natural resources. Educational and training programs adhere to prescribed curricula and are approved by **SAQA**, the only educational authority in South Africa.

SAQA Accredited Training Provider with CATHSSETA as the ETQA / QAP  
 Provider Registration No: 613/P/000242/2014  
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### CAMPUS

Eco Ranger Academy HQ is located between Orpen (Kruger Park) and Hoedspruit on a private Game Farm, the “**Klaserie Campus**”, Limpopo Province and a Senior Campus “**Malalane Campus**” on our private Game Ranch in Mpumalanga, South Africa. Both in close proximity to the Kruger National Park.

The region offers unique fauna and flora, all the Big Game and Predators of Africa, with 42 mammal varieties and approximately 350 bird varieties.

Practical training is conducted in the Greater Kruger National Park, Private Conservancies, Nature Reserves and leading Wildlife Ranching Farms.

The Campus is a place of intellectual stimulation and discovery, where ideas foster change and awareness will inspire commitment and success.

The student village is in harmony with the environment and aligned with eco-friendly building principles.

Dining Services create a sense of community by offering social hubs focused around food in a comfortable environment. To enhance the overall dining experience, we offer a variety of high-quality, authentic and healthy cuisine.



## FACILITATORS & ASSESSORS



All courses are taught by our full-time lecturers that are registered with

Our team is noted for its contributions to conservation, field-based research, its commitment to teaching, and its bond with the environment. Team members are renowned for their ability to draw upon practical environmental wisdom and to engage participants in provocative, life-changing class activities that expand their abilities as leaders. In addition to their Eco Ranger Academy roles, our lecturers also serve as advisers and consultants of conservation initiatives and academic institutions across the globe.

We offer lecturers who thrive in the vibrant, interactive environment of the classroom where unexpected insights and challenges are a natural consequence of our participatory learning model.

Lecturers encourage productive participant interaction that extends learning beyond the classroom.

### Other instructors / lecturers include:

- Wildlife experts and professionals in Safari Industry, Conservation and Wildlife Management
- Experienced professionals from community and business organisations



## JC Strauss – BIOGRAPHY

JC Strauss is the Director of Education at the Academy.

In addition to his career in eco and wildlife conservation that includes the Kruger National Park, JC has held several positions as environmental and safety consultant. He worked with customers from a wide variety of industries including national parks, tourism, media and international diplomats. He serves on the "Community of Expert Practitioners" CEP for the QCTO on the development of the new **Park Ranger, Conservation Practitioner** and **Wildlife Practitioner** qualifications under the QCTO, that's needed for a career as a **Game Rancher** or **Game Warden**.

In 1998 he launched Eco Ranger, training Wildlife Rangers, Dangerous Game Guides for various Wildlife Parks and organisations such as the South African Wildlife College and Game Rangers Associations. The first 34 Women Wildlife Rangers for African Countries (Botswana, Mozambique, Zambia, Namibia, Tanzania, Kenya, Swaziland, Lesotho and South Africa) were trained by JC's organisation Eco Ranger at the SA Wildlife College. Eco Ranger trained more than 1,000 Rangers and Safari Guides, creating job opportunities that support and sustain thousands of African people currently.

In 2005 – 2007, JC trained and developed 350 Wildlife Rangers for Limpopo Parks Board in South Africa and headed the Anti-Poaching teams covering 53 Protected Areas that brought down rhino and elephant poaching by 80%.

The knowledge and experience in Tracking and Survival, that were gained from years in the African Bush makes him a favourite consultant for media productions on Discovery and National Geographic. Most recent productions include: Dual Survival; Man Hunt and Naked & Afraid – Alone, Tribes and XL.

JC is also the Deputy Editor of **Wildlife Ranching Magazine**.

**JC plays a key role in shaping sustainable Eco and Wildlife Conservation in Africa.**  
**JC is a Qualified National Guide with Qualifications on Nature NQF 6, Tracking NQF 6, Dangerous Game NQF 6**  
**Memberships: Wildlife Ranching SA, GRAA Game Rangers Ass Africa, PFTC (Advance Firearm Instructor)**



### Facilitator & Assessor:

Nature Guiding  
Culture Guiding  
Animal Tracking  
Dangerous Game  
Field Ranger I, II, III  
Conservation Management  
Wildlife Ranching and Management  
Professional Firearm Training Council



## ECO RANGER ACADEMY

### Mantra & Selected Programme Descriptions

Eco Ranger Academy sets a high bar for its **Eco-tourism, Conservation** and **Wildlife** programs, and high expectations for its participants. Our programs demand a great deal from both students who participate and the lecturer who creates and delivers the education aligned with the National curriculum as per industry and professional standards.

Once enrolled, students are immersed in education and training that will challenge their assumptions, disrupt their ordinary ways of living, and introduce them to new and unexpected ways of thinking. By participating, they will prepare for the next steps in their careers and lives demonstrating leadership at the Academy, in their classes and among their peers. Most important, they will return to their own communities with fresh ideas, new skills, and a greater capacity for addressing the environmental challenges faced in Africa.

*Whichever program you choose you will emerge with the perspectives and strategic skills to drive higher performance and deliver greater results throughout your career.*

### NATURE GUIDING / "SAFARI RANGER"

The term "nature guide"/ "field guide" is often confused with ranger (game ranger) and "tourist guide". A game ranger manages a specific area where wild animals roam. The tourist guide profession embraces a vast complexity of specific areas of the entire country, guiding tourists in cities, museums, battlefields and many places of interest, placing the accent essentially on the manmade environment and cultural-historical aspects. The **Nature / Safari Guide** leads people into the natural areas of the environment. This form of guiding is not necessarily confined to walking trails. It could also include vehicle drives, horseback safaris, canoeing and other outdoor activities. The nature guide's interests relate to Ecology and Nature, but the name Ranger is so embedded in the Tourism Guiding Industry that it will never change... so by achieving this Qualification and Register as a Nature Guide you will be employed as a "Ranger" at Game Reserves... entertaining tourist to see leopard, lion, elephant, buffalo, rhino... the **Big 5 of Africa!**



### DANGEROUS GAME GUIDE / TRAILS GUIDE

#### (View Potentially Dangerous Animals)

For the man in the bush, more important than having a sound knowledge of firearms, is having an intimate knowledge of the behaviour of dangerous game species. It is far better to avoid a dangerous situation than have to face the consequences of a confrontation.

To view potentially dangerous animals on foot, a hands-on practical course, where Africa's dangerous game are tracked down and approach is most practical. Learn the golden rules, animal behaviour, anatomy and danger signs / displays and how to let your clients have an unforgettable safe experience. Also learn and "Show your Competence through superior knowledge rather than firepower" but just in case you do need it.....Advance Rifle Handling **ARH** on Heavy Calibre Rifles (375 >, 458, 416). Learn how to use your big bore rifle fast and accurate, under pressure and at short distances with the correct shot placement to "drop" charging dangerous game. You also achieve the National Competency Certificate on Act 60 of 2000 on Use of a Rifle and Business Purposes.



### TRACKING

Man has, over time, developed skills to survive in his natural environment. We know that man had to develop skills in the art of tracking to become a more effective hunter. The refinement of tracking in Eco Tourism ensured the development in better techniques to locate elusive game such as lion, leopard and special sought-after species. The art of tracking has developed into a science with many practical uses and plays a major role in Nature Conservation, Eco-tourism, Environmental Education, Scientific Research, the control of and the fight against poaching, nature research programs and trophy location. However, it is impossible to become a tracker by simply reading a book or attending a short course. This is a start, and with an expanding knowledge of the bush and a bit of experience, it will be remarkable what a little practical thinking and application can do. One needs practical experience to master the art of tracking. The art of tracking also includes the continuous process of discovery and the most experienced tracker will always find something to learn. Your tracking ability can only enhance the enjoyment of nature.



## FIELD RANGER / ANTI-POACHING RANGER / RANGER

Game Rangers and Field Rangers are the principal guardians of the world's premier natural and cultural protected environments.

**Field Rangers** are involved in complex and highly important tasks in the preservation of natural and cultural resources, which constitute core elements of the world's natural and cultural heritages. If you are looking for a career that will be an adventure, this course is an ideal platform for a successful career in the challenging private Game Reserve industry, or to find your way into a Provincial or National Park as a Wildlife **Field Ranger**.

If you pass **SELECTION** an **Anti-Poaching Ranger** Course is offered, with Tactical Combat Techniques, Combat Tracking and Security, Critical Incidents and Recovery (SCIR) to become an **Anti-Poaching Ranger** or more correct a **Field Ranger Law Enforcement Armed**

The **Game Ranger** (Area Integrity Management) complete this portfolio, where you learn in theory, practical and in the Workplace to lead Ranger Teams and successfully manage the integrity of wildlife in Protected Areas, Game Farms, Nature Reserves, Provincial and National Reserves.



*Our approach equips young adults with life skills to become future leaders in Wildlife Management*



## Nature Conservation Practitioner – Advance Level 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

**Nature Conservation Practitioner** addresses skills and competencies enabling advance-level employment in conservation and access opportunities for further development and training in Wildlife careers.

The Nature Conservation Sector is a highly regulated environment tasked with the protection and utilisation of our Natural resources and heritage whilst ensuring, controlling and managing access to this environment by both national and international tourists.

Consumptive and Non-Consumptive utilisation of our natural resources is protected and managed by a **Nature Conservation Practitioner**. Sustainable Conservation Practices contributes significantly to the country's foreign exchange earnings and the marketing of South Africa as The **Safari** and **Tourism** destination in the World.

## Wildlife Practitioner – Professional Level 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

### Careers: Wildlife Rancher - Wildlife Warden - Game Ranger - Game Capturer

Recognised Knowledge and Skills is required by the Private Wildlife Arena, State Reserves, Range States and SADC in order to meet operational requirements to remain profitable and increase growth of wildlife areas. The main objective stays the veld and habitat management, wild animal production, wildlife health care, biodiversity protection and sustainable utilisation of wildlife. Eco Ranger present both **Custodial** and **Manipulative** Wildlife Management in Africa protecting our continents natural heritage, integrating protected and wildlife areas into our local and national economies and shrugging off the fortress conservation image that we have inherited from our colonial days.

**Subjects include:** Ecology, Veld & Habitat Management, Parasitism and Contagious Wildlife Diseases, Nutrition, Animal Production, Marketing, Finances and HR, Sustainable Utilisation, Wild Animal Health Care, Game Capture & Relocation, Safari Industry, Custodial and Manipulative Wildlife Management in Africa.



### WHY ECO RANGER ACADEMY?

- Eco Ranger is **the only provider** that train **Safari Guiding + Eco Tourism + Conservation + Wildlife Management**
- Based on Industry Needs and Requirements in Tourism, Conservation & Wildlife Ranching to Kick-Start your Career
- No other ratings or qualifications are necessary to commence your career – and you get **Workplace Experience!!!**
- Our Practical & Work and Integrated Experiences are unmatched in the World and are Hands – On!
- **Professional Trade & Occupational Qualifications – with International Recognised Credits up to NQF Level 6 !!!**

## Professional Occupational Qualifications: SAQA & QCTO with CATHSSETA as QAP

Category	Course Details	Duration	Cost
<b>Entry-Level Requirements: Loving Nature and Wildlife with Heart, Soul and Mind</b>			
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Entry Level</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Safari Guide &amp; Eco Tourism</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>5 in One</b></p> <p style="font-size: small; margin: 0;">Safari Nature Guide Culture Tour Guide Tracking &amp; Survival Field Ranger Tourism Management</p>	<p><b>Nature Guiding / Safari Guide</b> Subjects: Taxonomy, Ecology, Geology, Weather and Climate, Astronomy, Botany, Birds, Mammals, Insects, Reptiles * Tracking I (Animals) * Dangerous Game Guiding: Open Safari Vehicle - <b>VPDA 1</b></p> <p><b>Eco - Tourism</b> Tourism Management, Create a Tourism Experience Wilderness First Aid Wildlife Photographer</p> <p><b>Field Ranger – Law Enforcement</b> * Physical Selection Required for Armed Field Ranger **Bushcraft, Survival, Obstacle Course, Fitness, Discipline ***Alternative ~ Game Lodge Management Program Field Ranger I: Anti-Poaching Management and Control Tracking II (Man) African Bush Craft &amp; Navigation &amp; Survival Firearm Competency - Bolt Action Rifle Business Purposes Dedicated Sport Shooter – (Own Registration Fees)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;"><b>1<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;"><b>Year</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;"><b>R 69 900</b></p>
<b>Entry-Level Requirements: Eco Ranger Year 1 or NQF 2 Nature Guiding / Matrix: Mathematical Literacy, Geology, Biology</b>			
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Advance Level</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Conservation Practitioner</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>4 in One</b></p>	<p><b>Conservation</b> - Practices &amp; Principals <b>Game Ranger - Terrestrial</b> Field Ranger II, III / Anti-Poaching Ranger Protected Area Management and Wildlife Monitoring <b>*Dangerous Game Guiding VPDA 2 (Backup - 2<sup>nd</sup>Rifle)</b> Advance Rifle Handling .458 (<b>own new brass cases required x 20</b>) Tracking II (Dangerous Game Tracking and Trailing) <u>Additional Extra:</u> <b>Professional Hunting</b> (The National Qualification)</p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;"><b>2<sup>nd</sup></b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;"><b>Year</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;"><b>R 69 900</b></p>
<b>Entry-Level Requirements: Eco Ranger Year 2 / NQF 4 Nature / Conservation Diploma NQF 5 or Equivalent</b>			
<p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Professional Level</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>Wildlife Practitioner</b></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: small; margin: 0;">The Ultimate and Most Sought-After Qualification in Wildlife</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 0;"><b>6 in One</b></p>	<p><b>Wildlife Management</b> Ecology, Veld &amp; Habitat Management Parasitism and Contagious Wildlife Diseases, Nutrition Sustainable Utilisation, <b>Wild Animal Health Care</b> <b>Game Capture &amp; Relocation</b> Wildlife Management in Africa <b>*Dangerous Game Guiding VPDA 3 – Trails Guide</b></p> <p><b>Wildlife Rancher &amp; Wildlife Warden</b> Animal Production, Genomics, Marketing, Finances and HR <b>Game Ranger - Park Ranger</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 2em; margin: 0;"><b>3<sup>rd</sup></b></p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;"><b>Year</b></p>	<p style="font-size: 1.5em; margin: 0;"><b><u>R 49 900</u></b></p>

**For Guiding: The National Certificate in Guiding is the Only Qualification by law - Tourism Act 3 of 2014 to register as a Tourist Guide with the Department of Tourism. Please confirm this with your local Provincial-Registrar of Tourist Guides !!!**  
**To join an Industry Association such as FGASA – You can Pay the membership Fees and write the FGASA Examination Directly**  
**No Need for any additional expensive Courses !**

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**Ensure your Training Provider is *Directly Accredited!!!***  
**Ensure your ETQA is registered with Dept Higher Education**



## Visual Timeline of Education

Course	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Year - Entry Level</b>										
Nature Guiding – Safari Guide										
Wilderness First Aid, OHS, Fire										
Wildlife Photography										
Survival & Bush craft										
Wildlife Tracking										
Field Ranger 1										
Dangerous Game – VPDA 1										
Work Experiences										
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Year - Advance Level</b>										
Conservation Practice										
Field Ranger 2, 3										
Dangerous Game - VPDA 2										
Prof Hunting										
Work Experiences										
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Year - Professional Level</b>										
Wildlife Practice										
Veld Management										
Game Capture & Relocation										
Wild Animal Health Care										
Wildlife Management in Africa										
Dangerous Game - VPDA 3 - Trails										
Wildlife Rancher & Wildlife Warden										

## Financial Estimates

- **Education @ R69 900 per Year** (excluding VAT if applicable)
- Handbooks & Learning Material @ R3 900.00
- Meals, Board & Lodging / Koshuis @ R49 500.00
- SA National Parks: Wild Card @ R610 (2018)
- Compulsory Uniform (1 Set) @ R1 410 average (Pants, Shirt, Cap, Jacket)
- Total Estimated Cost: R125 000 per year

\* 20% Deposit on Academic Fees with Acceptance for Enrolment ~ Full Academic Fees payable on Registration in February

- **Special: 10% Discount on Education Fees that's paid before end of November 2019**
- R69 900 – 10 % = R 62 910
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Year Special – R20 000 Discount**

### Campus Board & Lodging / Kampus Koshuis:

Board and Lodging with Breakfast (Brunch) and Dinner @ R49 500 (Monthly Payable in Advance over 10 months)

Canteen for Snacks & Beverages on Campus

Alternative Area Accommodation: Klaserie Park 4km, Place of Rock 4km, Wildways 8km, Hoedspruit 25km, Morula 4km



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