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SHORT BIOGRAPHY >>

Ruida Stanvliet is a trained conservation scientist employed by Cape Nature in the Western Cape Province of South Africa. For the past 10 years she has been intensely involved in all aspects relating to the UNESCO biosphere reserve concept. For a number of years she has acted as the coordinator of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve (KBR). Currently she is advising on biosphere reserve related issues, specifically on the drafting of an ecotourism plan for the KBR. Ruida has authored a number of publications, including the South African Biosphere Reserve Implementation Guidelines referring to ecotourism.

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ABOUT CUBES, CAPE TOWN >>

CUBES Cape Town is a public sector partnership whose purpose is to catalyse local action and debate regarding the role that biodiversity conservation can play in social development and the alleviation of poverty. It is to achieve this by:

- >> serving as a knowledge hub, thematically and institutionally
- >> actively promoting linkages between social and ecological issues
- >> facilitating development of action-based, multi-disciplinary projects working at the interface of poverty alleviation and biodiversity conservation; and
- >> providing technical support where possible to existing initiatives, programs and projects.

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ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA >>

South Africa is a country with many diverse ecosystems and biomes, incredibly rich biodiversity and a rainbow nation of peoples. It is almost impossible to tour the country without a sort of nature experience. Ecotourism is being practiced as responsible tourism that gives economic benefits to local communities and helps sustain the natural resources of the country. Ecotourism is thus of utmost importance to the South African tourism industry and supports the many tourists that visit the country for its natural splendour.



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