

Obeid Katumba (LLB LLM)



ABRIDGED RESUMÉ

**Junior Sustainability Legal Consultant:
IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Specialists
(Pty) Ltd**

EDUCATION

- **National Diploma in Nature Conservation** (2003 – 2005) – Tshwane University of Technology
- **Bachelor of Law (LLB)** (2008 – 2014) – UNISA
- **Introduction to GIS Certificate** (2009) – Southern African Wildlife College
- **LLM (Environmental Law)** (2015-2017) North-West University (Potchefstroom)

EXPERIENCE

**IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Specialists
(Pty) Ltd**

Junior Sustainability Legal Consultant

1 February 2017 – Present

- Assisting senior consultants with a wide range of environmental and health and safety related legal matters.

**Gauteng Department of Agriculture
and Rural Development (GDARD)**

**Biodiversity officer – Compliance and
enforcement**

Environmental Management Inspector

(EMI Gr 2) 01 December 2015 to 31

January 2017

- Investigations related to contraventions of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998; the Gauteng Nature Conservation Ordinance 12 of 1983; the NEM: Biodiversity Act 10 of 2004 and respective regulations (CITES, TOPS, BAPS, AIS).
- Conducting covert and overt investigations within Gauteng.
- Carrying out inspections to ascertain compliance of industries regulated by biodiversity legislation in Gauteng, including taxidermy and freight industries, nurseries, zoos and similar institutions, private game farms and pet shops.
- Conducting awareness campaigns, roadblocks, inspection of ports of entry (Lanseria airport), compiling of case dockets and liaison with stakeholders such as the SAPS and NPA on environmental cases.

**Scientific Technician (Biodiversity
Management)**

02 January 2008 to 31 November 2015

**Decision support to resource
management**

- Review, drafting and implementation of environmental legislations and polices. Assistance with compliance and law enforcement.
- Advice on ecological best practice to support provincial nature reserves and private protected areas.

Biodiversity Monitoring

- Support to scientists and management in formulating monitoring protocols, research and monitoring of fauna and flora through game census, vegetation monitoring and other ecological indicators. Field condition assessments, Alien and invasive species management, rehabilitation, fire management as well as infrastructure maintenance.

General conservation duties

- Environmental education and awareness. Induction and development support to staff. Maintenance of ecological filling system, data capturing and input into ecological reports.
- Organisation of meetings and Inter-governmental liaison with stakeholders.

Southern African Wildlife College

Skills Development and Short Course

Training Coordinator

2007

- Assisting trainers in interpretation and with environmental education,

field guiding through game drives. Communities out-reach school projects, monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the short course programs, including producing evaluation reports.

Ubungani Wilderness Experience

Environmental Officer

2006

- General camp duties including contribution to program preparation, teaching environmental education to school and youth groups and overseeing the safety of participants.

GDARD

Contract to source and compile an ecological filing system

2006

- Gathering of all ecological related data from different archives, copying of material and sorting into an ecological filing system for the Suikerbosrand Nature Reserve.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS:

- Co-presented a full-day workshop on recent changes to environmental legislation: presented on Biodiversity Law, August & October 2017.
- Co-presented a full-day workshop on compliance with and enforcement of the Waste Act, February 2018.