



A PROFICIENT AND VERSATILE NATURE CONSERVATIONIST

Graduating with a diploma, B.Tech, postgraduate diploma and a Master's degree in Nature conservation at MUT has equipped Siphon to pursue a career in a number of aspects of Nature Conservation.

Siphon Goge - Class of '00

Siphon has worked as a senior marine inspector responsible for marine conservation offshore and inshore, inspecting fishing vessels to curb poaching of marine resources. In 2010 he worked for Ezemvelo KZN Wildlife as a district conservation manager responsible for the management of marine and terrestrial reserves. Siphon now works for the Eastern Cape Department of Economic Development and Environmental Affairs and Tourism, where he heads the compliance and enforcement directorate. He calls himself a proficient nature conservationist who is tasked with the responsibility of managing compliance, monitoring inspection of various facilities on the conditions of environmental authorisation, conducting joint law enforcement operations, investigating environmental crime, and compiling compliance notices and criminal case dockets.

Siphon is a qualified Environmental Management Inspector, Grade 2 with a national designation. Apart from these achievements, he also holds a number of certificates in Environmental Compliance and Enforcement. He has a passion for medicinal plant research and drug development and is currently studying towards a doctorate in Environmental Management.