

SOUL MEMBER COMMITMENT AND PROFILE



INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER WET- JUKSKEI

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Mission and Passion	Watching first hand the ongoing degradation of our rivers while fly fishing the Vaal and Jukskei over the years has left me until now hopelessly despondent. The WET Africa organization and your Jukskei proof of concept project have given me renewed hope that there are people out there who care and understand the importance of our natural water resources. I take comfort in your formal structures and the focused and collaborative way you are looking to restore rivers to their formal natural and healthy states. To one day spot a small mouth yellow fish on the surface feeding off a mayfly hatch on a beautiful summers evening on the Jukskei is my dream. I believe with my passion for rivers, cradled in the structures of your organization and fuelled by this dream that I could be a valuable resource for you.
Experience	Bsc Engineering (Industrial), Msc Environmental Science (Remote Sensing to ID Alien Invasive vegetation), FGASA Accredited Field Guides course. The skills gained over the last 7 years in running my own business, particularly in cost effective marketing and efficient administration could be extremely useful to your organization.
SEE Objectives	Fly fisherman are in general an extremely environmentally aware group of individuals. If you ask any fly fisherman he will tell you that fishing has less to do with catching fish as it does with immersing yourself in nature and allowing your mind to flow with the motion of the river. You will find that the sustainability of their practice is paramount, catch and release is the standard and that their intricate knowledge of the waterways they fish is immense. All aspects of a river from the structure to the entomology to the fish species that habitats the river is understood and many fly fisherman take this knowledge to the extreme. Their passion for the waters they fish is often overwhelming. I think that this group of individuals could add considerable value to your efforts and support your drive in so many ways. I would love to get involved in creating awareness of your project amongst these individuals
Commitment Description	Beyond adopting a section of the river and contributing my own knowledge, I would be extremely happy to contribute a formal link between the abovementioned individuals and your project. I would be happy to market your efforts directly and even explore ways to get exposure in the many Flyfishing websites, publications and retail outlets. Increased exposure to an educated, knowledgeable and affluent community with the outcomes being amplified input of efforts and funding.
Objectives in terms of the WET Jukskei 67 Proof-of-Concept Project	I would love to adopt a section of the Jukskei (possibly the section either side of the bridge on the dip near Kyalami) to do river clean up and restoration on. There is good public access to the river there and it is centrally located for the many people I would get involved In the project.
Anticipated Measurable SEE outcomes for above	Fish can be considered an indicator family and the different species, with their different levels of susceptibility to pollution and river degradation can help measure the state of the river. Fish catch records can form an invaluable collection of data. Catch tag and release mechanisms can assist with ascertaining water quality of different sections of the river. Socially, many communities through out the country benefit in a large way from fly fishing tourism and if the fish return to the Jukskei so will the industry and the investments.