

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ph.D. 2007	Department of Biology (Ecology)	University of Puerto Rico
M.S. 2003	Geography and Environmental Sciences	University of Zululand
B.S. 1999 (Honors)	Geography and Environmental Sciences	University of Zululand
B.S. 1993	Higher Diploma in Education	University of Durban Westville
B.S. 1992	Biology	University of Durban Westville

APPOINTMENTS

- Post-Doctoral Fellow, Center for Applied Tropical Ecology and Conservation, University of Puerto Rico (Aug 2008-Present)
- National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Research Fellow; Department of Biology, University of Puerto Rico (June 2004-June2007)
- Teacher Assistant, University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus 2001-2004)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Research Fellow, Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Zululand (1999-2001).
- Senior Biology Teacher, Tugela Secondary School, South Africa (1995-1999)
- Natural Science Teacher, Mohadin Secondary School, South Africa (1994)
- Teacher Assistant, University of Westville, Durban, South Africa (1992-1993)
- President of Geography Society, University of Durban Westville (1992-1993)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Technical Reports

Jury, M. R and Govender, Y. (1999). A survey of tropical south eastern African in the context of Coastal Management. UNSECO, CSI

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Jury, M.R, Govender, Y. and Mathenjwa, B.Z. Forward planning in Maputaland: Identification of key issues- North east Africa. Report for UNESCO.

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Peer Reviewed

Govender, Y. Sabat, A. and Cuevas, E. (2008) Effect of changes in land use and habitat characteristics on the distribution, abundance and size structure of the land crab *Cardisoma guanhumii* (Laterille, 1825) in two estuaries in Puerto Rico, Journal of Tropical Ecology Vol. 24, pp 417-423

Govender, Y. and Rodriguez-Fourquet, C. (2007) Techniques for rapid assessment of population density and body size of the land crab *Cardisoma guanhumii* (Latreille, 1825) in Puerto Rico. Tropical Estuaries: A multidisciplinary Journal of Tropical and Subtropical Estuarine Sciences. Vol. 1(1), 9-15

Govender, Y, Jury, M.R. (2005). The local environmental gradient and species richness in Maputaland South Africa. South African Geographical Journal Vol. 86 (1) 24-36.

Govender, Y. et al. (2005). Socio-economic status and development potential for a rural community on the Maputaland coast South Africa. South African Geographical Journal Vol. 86 (1) 37-42.

SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

Secretary of Human Ecology Section for the Ecological Society of America (ESA) (Aug 2008- Present)
Steering Committee Member in the Integrative Graduate Education and Research Traineeship (IGERT) Puerto Rico (Aug 2008-present)

International research with Dr. Cristoph Schubart (Co- Investigator) conducting investigation with *Cardisoma guanhumi* in the Caribbean (Oct 2006-present)

MAJOR COLLABORATORS

Dr. Elvira Cuevas

University of Puerto Rico–Rio Piedras

Dr. Leo Sternberg

University of Miami

Dr. Christoph Schubart

University of Regensburg, Germany