

Anton Smit

Nick names:

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Position with MBS:

Graduate Environmental Scientist

Joined MBS in:

May 2012

First Project at MBS:

Clearing Permit for the Hunter Project at Woodie Woodie



Capabilities:

Biological Surveys, GIS mapping, Environmental Approvals and Reporting, going to the Nespresso store for MBS addicts.

Education:

I completed High School in Zimbabwe before coming to Perth to do my bachelors in botany and zoology at UWA, followed up by a post graduate in accounting at Deakin University. After working as both a zoologist and an accountant, I decided that I wanted to be an environmental scientist and began to think about doing a Masters. In 2009 I was given a scholarship to go and study Environmental Science, Policy and Management at universities in Hungary, Sweden and the Greek Islands. I thought that sounded like a good deal, so I left Australia for Europe, returning in 2012.

Where I'm from and how I ended up at MBS:

I grew up in Zimbabwe and Zambia and came to Australia as an international student in 2004. After finishing my masters in 2011, I decided to travel for a bit and went wandering around the Himalayas and across Africa back to Zimbabwe, which is hardly a Mecca for environmental scientists. After spending a bit of time back home, I decided it was probably time to start working. It was not a difficult decision to move back to Perth, where a friend of mine introduced me to Rob Karelse, which led to me working at MBS.

Something you didn't know about me:

I ate a kilo of steak in 9 minutes 15 seconds once. I keep the certificate with my masters' diplomas.

Favourite quote from client:

"What is the EPBC Act and why do we have to listen to it?"