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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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EDUCATION:

1996 – 2002

Doctor of Philosophy (Zoology)

Mammal Research Institute, University of Pretoria.
Title: Feeding ecology and social organisation of honey badgers (*Mellivora capensis*) in the southern Kalahari.

1994 – 1995:

Masters Degree in Tropical Resource Ecology with Distinction

University of Zimbabwe, Harare.
Title: Population viability analysis of cheetahs (*Acinonyx jubatus*) in Matusadona National Park, Zimbabwe.

1991:

Honours Degree in Zoology.

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.
Title: A comparative study of the non-breeding foraging behaviour of Lesser kestrels and Eastern Redfooted falcons.

1987 – 1990:

BSc. Degree with majors in Zoology and Botany

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg.

RECENT ACTIVITIES:

07/2003 – present

Research Fellow, Mammal Research Institute, University of Pretoria, RSA

05/2003 - present

Honey badger and carnivore research: Niassa Reserve, northern Mozambique.

03/2002 – present

Project leader: Badger-Beekeeper Extension Programme and development of Honey badger Friendly Initiative, South Africa. Supported by the Carnivore Conservation Group of the Endangered Wildlife Trust and the Green Trust and associated trust of WWF-SA.

AWARD:

Nominated for Wits University Convocation "Bright Star" Award. 2003

RECENT SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS:

Begg, C.M., Begg, K.S., Du Toit, J.T. & Mills, M.G.L. 2003. Sexual and seasonal variation in the diet and foraging behaviour of a sexually dimorphic carnivore, the honey badger *Mellivora capensis*. *J. Zool (Lond)* 360: 301-316.

Begg, C.M., Begg, K.S., Du Toit, J.T. & Mills, M.G.L. 2003. Scent-marking behaviour of the honey badger, *Mellivora capensis* (Mustelidae) in the southern Kalahari. *Animal behaviour* 66:917-929.

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Begg, K.S. & Begg, C.M. 2002. The conflict between beekeepers and honey badgers in South Africa: a Western Cape perspective. *The Open Country* 4: 25-37.

RECENT POPULAR ARTICLES

Begg, K & Begg C. In press. Honey badgers of the Kalahari. *National Geographic Magazine*.
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Regular public slide presentations and picture sales world wide.