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WORK EXPERIENCE

20/10/2018 – CURRENT – Baza, Spain **OWNER –** ACEBUCHE HORTICULTURAL SERVICES

Professional horticultural service for customers in the area. Tree felling, pruning of trees, palms and shrubs. Identification of weeds in and around the garden. Fruit tree management and execution of relevant tasks required throughout the year. Prescribe water requirement and guidance of applicational practices. I.e. Drip systems flood irrigation

01/05/2015 – 01/06/2018 – Franschhoek, South Africa **OWNER –** VALLEY GARDEN AND POOL SERVICES

Professional horticultural services for customers in the area. Managed 4 teams of staff, each team had 3 members that performed the daily tasks in and around elite customers gardens. Maintenance of lawns large and small around the various wine estates of the Franschhoek Valley. Mowing, fertilizing, composting, lawn dressing and weed control.

Large pristine gardens maintained and upgraded kept in perfect form all year round, 80% of the plant material worked with was indigenous to South Africa and to the Western Cape.

01/10/2012 – 30/04/2015 – Franschhoek, South Africa ESTATE MANAGER – LA FERME CHANTEL RESIDENCIAL WINE ESTATE

Managed a prestige's 10ha Residential wine Estate.

The Estate had 28 Home Owners, of which 6 members were elected to manage the estates concerns. The security, water supply municipal and borehole, Olive, Wine Grapes and communal gardens were my responsibilities

Responsibilities were 2.5ha of Olive Trees (1000 trees) 3ha Chardonnay White grape, 4ha Shiraz red grape and 2ha of garden and communal landscaped areas for the residents. With the aid of 4 staff members that performed the day to day tasks required in and around the estate. Sub contractors were used to perform the specialized tasks. I.e. Harvesting, pruning of the produce,

Irrigation, composting, fertilizing, weed management and planting were all tasks done in house. Planning, budgeting and the execution was my responsibility.

01/09/2007 – 31/03/2012 – Cape Town, South Africa **PRODUCTION AND SALES MANAGER –** HABITAT MATURE TREE NURSERY

Sales of trees varying species and size dependent on the customers requirement and affordability. Prescribing the best suitable tree for the environmental situations and weather conditions

Fruit, ornamental trees and shrubs of all sizes were readily available. Young, small 2 year old trees and large 50 year old trees of which mechanical lifting and transportation was required due to weight (50kg-3000kg) and size (2m-5m length)

My responsibility were to manage the staff that performed the day to day task of watering, replanting trees to next container size, fertilization and the mixing of mediums compost sand and loam. Rescuing of mature trees were homes in the area were being expanded and successfully transplanted to the nursery for re-cooperation and then resold once successfully rooted.

My responsibility was the production of rare endemic species from the Ericacea family, Agothosma genera and Hoodia genera. The day to day tasks were stock taking ensuring the nursery floor had sufficient quantity and quality. Repotting of cuttings were needed. Mixing of growing mediums, sterilizing the mediums prior to usage. Management of fertilizing and pesticide application. Monitoring the technical readings of the growing environment ensuring suitable conditions for maximum success rate of the propagated plant material.

Assisted in the expansion of water requirements and construction of multi-span tunnel for mass production of Hoodia species for the medicinal market.

01/02/2004 – 31/01/2007 – Swellendam, South Africa **HORTICULTURAL MANAGER –** QUEEN OF AFRICA FARMS

My responsibilities were the mass production of ornamental plants for the Cape Town garden center and landscaping market.

The day to day tasks were ensuring the 20 odd staff members were all efficiently assisting in the productional requirements of the nursery.

Starting from propagation schedules according to time of year and market requirements, The repotting of cuttings from propagated controlled environmental conditions to semi controlled areas,

Reporting of small plants to next suitable size weather it be groundcovers, bulbs, shrubs or trees. The nursery was starting to diversify in the mass production of Agapanthus for the export mark to Holland.

Production numbers were required to increase and new varieties were being propagated.

01/02/2001 – 30/04/2001 – Rijkevorsel, Belgium HORTICULTURAL TRAINING – OPRINS NURSERY

My tasks were to assist with the production of mass propagated ornamental and bamboo species for the garden center and landscaping market of Europe.

Repotting of propagated material.

Assist with selection of plants for orders that were made and being collected by customers and transport companies distributing to the rest of Europe mainly France and Holland.

01/07/2002 – 31/01/2003 – Lusaka, Zambia HORTICULTURAL MANAGER – BANCROFT GARDEN CENTRE AND NURSERY

My responsibility was to increase the quality of saleable stock for the 3 garden centers in Lusaka and increase the production volumes of flowering plants.

The nursery require expanding its existing infrastructure and setting up new ones. I.e. irrigation, fertigation, propagation areas, shade net areas and hardening off areas

Daily routines and introducing new habits was essential as the staffs' knowledge was basic. The education of plant knowledge and correctly using the necessary tools and equipment was the main focus.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

17/01/2000 – 06/12/2003 – Hanover Street, District Six, Cape Town, South Africa, Cape Town, South Africa NATIONAL DIPLOMA – Cape Peninsula University of Technology in the field of Horticulture

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LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): ENGLISH

Other language(s):

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
GERMAN	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1
DUTCH	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

DIGITAL SKILLS

My Digital Skills

Microsoft Excel | Microsoft Word | Google Drive | Internet user | Gmail