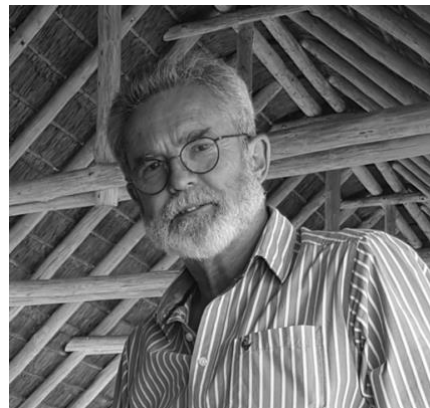




Steve Johnson is a career wildlife conservation and development specialist with over 43 years of experience in the field. Starting his career as a game ranger in Zimbabwe he went on to work in the Bophuthatswana National Parks Board, overseeing its transition into the North West Parks Board; he transitioned into being the SADC Regional Natural Resources Management Technical Advisor, and later



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Steve is known for his ‘Big Thinking’ capabilities and thrives on facilitating change at the macro scale. As a focused, driven person who has profound abilities for working at a variety of levels – from the macro strategic level with regional government officials to the local community levels – he is able to integrate relationship needs across scales and contexts. His deep knowledge and understanding of conservation and development issues allows him to work as a technical advisor and management expert with a deep passion for strengthening leadership.

Steve’s knowledge, experience and understanding of management and organizational development processes enables him to manage projects and ensures that the cohesion and functioning of the groups he leads allows for dynamic and adaptive learning to take place.