

I have been visiting Ingwelala since I was 9 years old. It is my favourite place on this earth and I now have the privilege of introducing my own children to this magical place. I am married to Su-yen Thornhill and we have two children, Esmé and Milo ages 14 and 11. We live in Johannesburg and visit Ingwelala several times a year (#16).

I worked for AngloGold-Ashanti from 1997-2005, based in Geneva and New York and returned to South Africa to start a software company (MobGeo South Africa) in 2007. I am also the Project Director for Phedisang (phedisang.org), that looks after over 650 orphans and vulnerable children in the Maruleng District of Limpopo, about an hours drive from Ingwelala.

I have experience working with large organisations and agreements between them, but would like to focus on community engagement with wildlife and conservation. If you don't see nature, you don't value it and many local people, less than an hour away from Ingwelala have never seen an animal in the wild.

I have arranged trips to Ingwelala for orphans from Phedisang in my personal capacity and would like to encourage more exposure and support for Conservation by local communities. I can also contribute directly to the digital communication areas of Ingwelwa, including the website, possibly the development of a secure members area for non-public documents and discussion so we can all avoid social media for policy discussions, and potentially a better booking system for Sibon, the Bomas and lookouts.

Thanks for your consideration.

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