

# Yvonne A. de Jong

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Date of Birth: 26 December 1970  
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### Education

2010 – present Proposed PhD by published work 'Biogeography, Diversity, Taxonomy and Conservation of the Primates of Kenya and Tanzania'. Oxford Brookes University.

2002–2004 MSc Primate Conservation, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK

1992-1996 BSc Hons, Animal Management, Van Hall Institute, The Netherlands  
Majors: Wildlife Management & Zoos, Policy & Education

1988-1992 Laboratory School, Stratingh College, The Netherlands  
Major: Chemistry  
Examination subjects: biology, biochemistry, biotechnology, microbiology

### Professional interests

Biogeography, taxonomy, natural history, ecology, and conservation of African primates, desert warthog, and other African mammals. Photography, map making, species databases, galago vocalization analyses.

### Past and Current Professional Experience

*January 2010 – onwards*

**Research project: Group size, group composition and ranging pattern of the Mt Kenya Guereza *Colobus guereza kikuyuensis*, Laikipia, Kenya.**

*November 2009 – February 2010*

**Consultancy: Guide Training and Expansion of Nature Tourism Activities at Greystoke-Mahale, Tanzania (Phase II).**

Establish Greystoke-Mahale as the premier primate-viewing and montane forest tourism destination in Africa, and maintain this status over the long-term. In cooperation with Dr T.M. Butynski. Funded by Nomad Tanzania, Ltd.

*March 2003 – present*

**Research project: Desert Warthog Research & Conservation Project**

Determine the distribution, abundance, and natural history of the desert warthog *Phacochoerus aethiopicus* in Kenya; reassess its conservation status, evaluate phenotypic characters to distinguish the common warthog from the desert warthog in the field, and write an *in situ* management plan for the region in which new priorities for conservation action are presented.

*December 2008 – April 2009*

**Consultancy: Guide Training and Expansion of Nature Tourism Activities at Greystoke-Mahale, Tanzania (Phase I).**

Establish Greystoke-Mahale as the premier primate-viewing and montane forest tourism destination in Africa, and maintain this status over the long-term. A total of 84 days of work in cooperation with Dr T.M. Butynski. Funded by Nomad Tanzania, Ltd.

*June 2003 – present*

**Research program: Eastern Africa Primate Diversity and Conservation Program.**

A long-term program, in cooperation with Dr T.M. Butynski, to gather field data vital to the better understanding of the biodiversity and taxonomic diversity of the primates of eastern Africa, and to their conservation. Focal genera and species to date include the following: *Galago spp.*, *Galagoides spp.*, *Otolemur spp.*, *Perodicticus potto*, *Erythrocebus patas*, *Cercopithecus mitis*, *Chlorocebus pygerythrus*, *Procolobus spp.*, *Colobus spp.*, and *Papio spp.*

*June 2005 – January 2009*

**Research project: Assessment of the Diversity and Conservation Status of Primates in the Coastal Forests of Kenya.**

In cooperation with Dr T.M. Butynski. Funded by the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund.

*July 2005 – December 2006*

**Assistant Ecologist CEPF Technical Advisor** (Dr T. M. Butynski) Eastern Arc Mountains and Coastal Forest of Tanzania and Kenya Biodiversity Hotspot. Funded by the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund.

*December 2003- September 2004*

**Research project: Distribution and Abundance of Patas Monkeys (*Erythrocebus patas pyrrhonotus*) in Kenya, and their use of Human Infrastructures**

A study funded by the Margot Marsh Biodiversity Foundation. This research was used to complete the MSc in Primate Conservation, Oxford Brookes University.

*September 2003-onwards*

**Research project: Natural History and Distribution of the Somali Bushbaby (*Galago gallarum*) in Kenya.**

In cooperation with Dr T.M. Butynski.

*January 2003 - 2004*

**Research project: Home Range Use, Activity Budget, and the Consumption of Food Items Provided by Humans of the Olive Baboon (*Papio anubis*) at Marula Estate, Kenya.**

*September 2002 – 2003*

**Nature tour guide SNP, The Netherlands**

Borneo, Malaysia, part time.

*November 2000 – January 2002*

**Assistant Head Animal Care, Stichting AAP, The Netherlands**

Nutritional issues, zoonosis, volunteer management, and other animal care matters.

*January 2000 - Augustus 2000*

**Study trip tour South-East Asia**

Travelled around South-East Asia for 6 months to visit conservation projects, research projects, and national parks, and to observe primates in the region.

*October 1997 - December 1997*

**Editor GBTV** (Dutch television producer) for "Kids voor Animals" and other popular animal programs.

*January 1996 - July 1996*

**Final assignment: Feasibility Study of the Introduction of the Eurasian Lynx (*Lynx lynx*) on "de Veluwe", the Netherlands, by using the Stochastic Simulation Program VORTEX.**

Main objective was to assess which scenario(s) were most likely to result in a viable population lynx.

February 1994 - July 1994

**Third year practical training: Gibbon Rehabilitation Centre, Phuket, Thailand.**

Started a new phase to optimize the socialisation period of captive juvenile gibbons. Carried out ethological research, managed the 'release' island, took care of the animals, trained volunteers, and wrote operation procedures for the continuation of the phase.

September 1991- July 1992

**Researcher (practical training) at Bioclear, The Netherlands.**

Research at an environmental-biotechnology company. Subject: 'Biodegradation of several xenobiotics'. This research covered two subjects:

1. Relation between different parameters by biodegradation of para-cymeen
2. Biodegradation of mineral oil in mineral oil polluted soil.

**Publications and Unpublished Reports**

Jong de, Y.A., Olst van P.R. 1996. Standard Operation Procedures. Gibbon Rehabilitation Project, Phuket, Thailand. Unpublished report.

Jong de, Y.A., Olst van P.R. 1996. Singing freedom; Rehabilitation of juvenile gibbons in a natural environment. *Mens en Wetenschap* March.

Jong de, J.C.C.M, Jong de Y.A., Olst van P.R. 1996. Feasibility study of the introduction of the Eurasian lynx (*Lynx lynx*) on "de Veluwe", the Netherlands, by using the stochastic simulation program VORTEX. *Conference Berlin*.

Jong de R.C.C.M., Jong de Y.A., Olst van P.R. 1997. Feasibility of the introduction of the Eurasian lynx on the Veluwe. *Zeitschrift für Säugetierkunde* 62 (supplement 2): 44-51.

De Jong, Y.A. 2004. Distribution and abundance of patas monkeys (*Erythrocebus patas*) in Kenya, and their use of human infrastructures. MSc dissertation, Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK.

De Jong, Y. & Butynski, T. 2004. Life in the thornbush – The Somali bushbaby. *Swara* 27: 22.

De Jong, Y.A. & T.M. Butynski. 2004. Surveys of the Somali lesser bushbaby (*Galago gallarum*) and northern lesser bushbaby (*Galago senegalensis*) in Kenya and Ethiopia. Unpublished report to Primate Action Fund and Primate Conservation Inc., Washington, D.C.

Butynski, T. & De Jong, Y. 2004. Where are Kenya's potto's. *Swara* 27: 17.

Butynski, T.M. & De Jong, Y.A. 2004. Natural history of the Somali lesser galago (*Galago gallarum*). *Journal of East African Natural History* 93: 23-38.

De Jong, Y.A. 2006. Monkey in red. *Swara*. March 29: 26-28.

Butynski, T. M., de Jong, Y.A., Perkin, A.W., Bearder, S.K. & Honess, P.E. 2006. Taxonomy and distribution of three species of dwarf galagos (*Galagoides*) in eastern Africa. *Primate Conservation* 21: 63-79.

Butynski, T. M. & de Jong, Y. A. 2007. Distribution of the potto (Primates: Lorisidae) *Perodicticus potto* (Müller, 1776) in eastern Africa, with a description of a new subspecies from Mount Kenya. *Journal of East African Natural History* 96: 113-147.

De Jong, Y.A., Butynski, T.M. & Nekaris, K.A. 2008. Distribution and conservation of the patas monkey *Erythrocebus patas* in Kenya. *Journal of East African Natural History* 97: 83-102.

Culverwell, J., Feely, J., Bell-Cross, S., De Jong, Y.A. & Butynski, T.M. 2008. A new pig for Tsavo. *Swara* 31: 50-52.

Strum, S., Manziillo Nightingale, D., De Jong, Y. & Sandoval, J.M. 2008. Guess who's coming to dinner. *Swara* 31: 24-29.

De Jong, Y.A. & Butynski, T.M. 2009. Eastern Africa Primate Platform: Biogeography, Taxonomy, Diversity, and Conservation Status of Primates in Eastern Africa. [www.wildsolutions.nl](http://www.wildsolutions.nl).

De Jong, Y.A., Culverwell, J. & Butynski, T. M. 2009. Desert warthog *Phacochoerus aethiopicus* found in Tsavo East National Park and Tsavo West National Park, southern Kenya. *Suiform Soundings* 8: 4-6.

De Jong, Y.A & Butynski, T.M. 2009. *Primate Biogeography, Diversity, Taxonomy and Conservation of the Coastal Forests of Kenya*. Report to the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund. Eastern Africa Primate Diversity and Conservation Program, Nanyuki, Kenya.

De Jong, Y.A., Butynski, T.M., Isbell, L.A. & Lewis, C. 2009. Decline in the geographical range of the southern patas monkey *Erythrocebus patas baumstarki* in Tanzania. *Oryx* **43**: 267-274.

Butynski, T.M. & De Jong, Y.A. 2009. *Primates of Mahale Mountains National Park, Tanzania*. Pocket Guide. Nomad Tanzania. Pp 55.

Butynski, T.M., De Jong, Y.A. & Hearn, G.W. 2009. Body Measurements of the Monkeys of Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea. *Primate Conservation* **24**: 99-105.

#### **Professional Societies and Institutes**

IUCN/SSC Wild Pig Specialist Group (Afro-tropical Regional Coordinator)

IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group (member)

Nocturnal Primate Research Group, Oxford Brookes University (member)

International Primatological Society (member)

Institute of Primate Research, Kenya (collaborator)

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