

Yvonne A. de Jong

CURRICULUM VITAE

Date of Birth: 26 December 1970
Place of Birth: The Netherlands
Nationality: Dutch
Driving licences: Dutch & Kenyan

Profession: Primatologist, conservationist, wildlife manager

P.O. Box 149
Nanyuki, Kenya
Phone: +254 733 333601
yvonne@wildsolutions.nl
www.wildsolutions.nl

Education

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, GIS, species databases, galago vocalization analyses.

Past and Current Professional Experience

November 2010 – unknown

Primate Monitoring Program, Lolldaiga Hills, Kenya (Proposed).

Assessment of the abundance, distribution and conservation of the primate community in the Lolldaiga Hills, within a private ranch in Laikipia, Kenya.

June 2003 – present

Research program: Eastern Africa Primate Diversity and Conservation Program.

Long-term program, in cooperation with Dr T.M. Butynski. The aim is to answer scientific primate related questions and fill knowledge gaps concerning primate biogeography, diversity, abundance, taxonomy and conservation in eastern Africa. The Program collects data by conducting fieldwork, review literature, communicate with others and by analyzing museum collections.

June 2010

Assessment of the Primates, Large Mammals and Birds of the Mathews Range Forest Reserve, Central Kenya.

The principal aims of this survey were to document (1) which species of primates, large mammals and birds were present and obtain an indication of abundance, (2) determine the habitat used and altitude limits for these species, (3) assess intra-specific variation (phenotypic, vocal, habitat-use) between the primate species of the Mathews Range and conspecifics at other sites, (4) establish a baseline against which to monitor change, and (5) assess threats to the biodiversity of the Mathews Range.

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.

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 2005 – January 2009

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

Primate diversity, distribution, taxonomy and the conservation status assessment of the Eastern Arc Mountains and the Kenya Coastal Forests. Financial support by the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund. In cooperation with Dr T.M. Butynski.

September 2005 – February 2007

Research project: Primate Monitoring Program, Ol Pejeta Conservancy, Kenya.

Assessment of the abundance, distribution and conservation of four species of primate on a private wildlife conservancy in Laikipia, Kenya.

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.

March 2003 – onwards

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.

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.

Professional Societies, Institutes and Partnerships

- Nocturnal Primate Research Group, Oxford Brookes University (member)
- IUCN/SSC Primate Specialist Group (member)
- International Primatological Society (member)
- Institute of Primate Research, Kenya (collaborator)
- IUCN/SSC Wild Pig Specialist Group (Afro-tropical Regional Coordinator)

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 (*Galagoidea*) 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., Manzollilo 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.
- 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.
- De Jong, Y.A. & Butynski, T.M. 2009. Photographic map for hyraxes (Procaviidae). *Afrotherian Conservation Number* 7: 19-20.
- Butynski, T.M & De Jong, Y.A. 2010. Warthogs: An Alert to Zoos, Museums, Trophy Hunters, and Conservationists. *Suiform Soundings* 9: 10-13.
- De Jong, Y.A. & Butynski, T.M. 2010. Request for Photographs of the Rock Hyrax (*Procavia capensis*) in the Middle East. *Wildlife Middle East Newsletter* 4 (4): 9-10.
- Butynski, T.M. & De Jong, Y.A. 2010. Encounters with a Mixed Up Monkey. *Swara* January - March: 54-55.
- De Jong, Y.A. & Butynski, T.M. 2010. Assessment of the primates, large mammals and birds of the Mathews Range Forest Reserve, central Kenya. Unpublished report to The Nature Conservancy, Washington D.C.

De Jong, Y.A. & Butynski, T.M. 2010. Photographic Maps of the Primates of Kenya and Tanzania: A Tool for Identification and Conservation. *Primate Conservation* 25.

November 2010