



THE SCIENCE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE : EVIDENCE-BASED ACTIONS FOR EMIS

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Learning

- Looking back, the matter that assisted me most in doing my job was taking every opportunity to learn something new!
- This meant taking to professors and experts in various fields related to our work and getting an insight on matters. A pet subject of mine is genetic forensics, the advances in such and the massive potential that it holds for wildlife forensics!



- Keep up to date with legislative changes – it does not help if you are working with outdated statutes, they will not stand up in court.
- Study case law where possible – it allows you to gather information on how cases are dealt with by the court and where potential pitfalls may be.



Get involved

- Get involved with the drafting of new legislation – there is ALWAYS a period for comments and you can submit inputs through your department or institution.
- Laws are supposed to be drafted to assist us in doing our work – make sure that you have your say in order that they do assist and not hamper what we are trying to achieve



- Find out what the other sectors are doing; in other words Green, Brown and Blue. You may never know when you might need this information to assist in a case or allow you to recognize and report other contraventions outside of your normal field.
- Find out if your expertise in a topic can be beneficial to the Inspectorate through lectures, training, etc
- Never say no to helping out, especially where you can transfer knowledge and skills to “new” EMIs



Get to know people

- Knowing a network of people such as the SAPS, Prosecutors, State Law Advisors, etc can truly help you navigate your way through the sometimes chaotic world in which we work.



Act the part

- We are part of an elite team of professionals who have a difficult job to do, under difficult conditions and we are constantly in the public eye.
- Leave personal agendas at home, do not bring them to work with you – they can cloud your judgement.



**Take decisions - MAKE
DECISIONS, don't delay
processes with
indecisiveness.**



The Free State biodiversity EMI Team

- I had the privilege of supervising the FS EMI Biodiversity EMI Team (Green) for over four years.
- I would like to take the time now to thank them for trusting me and helping me to take them to the cohesive, well oiled team they are today – Thanks guys!!!



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