**ZINZI**

**SABA**

# **Can.Nat.Sci**

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**Languages:**

IsiXhosa- Native

English– Fluent

IsiZulu-Intermediate Achievements & Leadership

* MSc Degree - *Cum Laude*
* Can.Nat.Sci
* Certified for Food Safety
* Volunteering farm advisor @GreenWorld Production
* Certificate as Voice of Grace chairperson @ UKZN
* Award for organizing community engagement @ Ngqamakwe, Eastern Cape
* Certificate as SCO secretary @ UFH

Summary

Dedicated and determined agriculturalist with well-founded and legitimate comprehension of agronomic and horticultural crops. Considerable experience in research, hydroponics, nursery operations and farm management. A team player with proactive attitude, swift in learning especially new techniques and science technologies. Passionate about social development and transformation.

Skill Highlights

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| * Project management * Strong decision maker * Complex problem solver | * Research and Presentation * Innovative * Service-focused |

Experience

**Berry Production Manager: 2020– Present**

**Chiltern Farms (Vyeboom– Western Cape)**

Changed ground/ soil planting into pots using growing medium and implemented drip irrigation. Successfully changed an orchard irrigation supply through meters to be per cultivar to ease adjustments per cultivar needs e.g., fertilizer programming, flushing of salts and different supply doses as per growth stages. Implemented a V-trellis system which resulted in reduction of pests & diseases, promotion of growth uniformity and quality, ease of harvesting and higher yields. Managed over a 500 people, facility and equipment maintenance, fertilizer, irrigation programming, spraying instructions and spray carts calibrations, ground maintenance and pest management, harvest and quality control, pruning.

**SANBI Student Intern: 2020 (Feb–Jun)**

**National Botanical Gardens (Pietermaritzburg-KZN**)

Designed a Zulu kitchen demo in the garden. Initiated a permaculture vegetable garden in a Zulu kitchen demo area to give full insight about the Zulu tribe living to tourists. Transplanted plant cuttings in nursery. Responsible for nursery management, maintenance and development.

**IDC Office Assistant: 2017 & 2018**

**Industrial Development Corporation (EL & PE-Eastern Cape)**

Drawn and negotiated deal pitch for new clients applying for business loans. Constructed a winning business plan as part of business management lessons. Scored administration and computer skills. This was a vacation work program from November to January each year.

**Practical agricultural experience and Tutor : 2015-2016**

**University of Fort Hare (Alice Campus-Eastern Cape)**

Tutored Physics and Elements of Agri-meteorology courses. Achieved weekly tutorials, presentation of course material to students. Invigilating for term tests and demonstrating laboratory and field practical work.

Education

Bachelor of Science master’s in agriculture : 2018– 2019

Crop Science @ UKZN

Bachelor of Science Honours in Agriculture : 2017-2017

Crop Science @ UKZN

Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture :2013-2016

Crop and Soil Science @ UFH

Matric Certificate (NCS): 2012

St Johns College (Umtata)

References

Available on request

