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To whom it may concern,

Letter of recommendation for Ann Turner

It is with pleasure that I write this motivation in support of Ann Turner's consideration for any professional activity for which she may apply. Ann came to South Africa over a decade ago, fell in love with the country and personally took on the plight of the Southern Ground-Hornbill as a project which she has driven to become a substantial initiative. Her keen interest and honest enthusiasm in general, coupled with her hard work, has earned her the support and respect of the conservation sector in South Africa.

Wildlife conservation is among the most relevant of modern issues, striving to balance the needs of people with those of nature: it has been termed the 'crisis discipline'. This sense of urgency is particularly apparent in Africa, where a dazzling array of plants and animals is under severe threat. Africa is financially under-resourced and conservation often suffers as a result; but it also has a relatively high proportion of the world's biodiversity and many of the world's most intact ecosystems. Ann has built a project support base of well equipped team members, and has also single-handedly contributed significantly to the development and application of conservation knowledge and skills in South Africa. The work done by Ann on the Southern Ground-Hornbill has contributed to the development of Red Data policy and thus enhanced conservation capacity and conservation knowledge by raising global awareness of African conservation needs.

Through all of this, Ann has gained invaluable management and professional experience which will greatly assist her in all of her future endeavours. Ann is an individual who values her integrity and respects all others around her. She recognizes the true value of passion, enthusiasm and a team approach to achieving only the best results to meet the aims of any project. Ann is very capable at designing a project, managing a team, and particularly talented in communications, marketing and fund raising for the cause. I have all the confidence that she will accomplish whatever she sets out to do and always be a significant member of society. I have no hesitation in suggesting that she will be a valuable candidate for any opportunity which may have the good fortune of harnessing her enthusiasm and dedication.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Little'.

Dr Rob Little
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