

Curriculum vitae - John Mendelsohn

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1. SURNAME: Mendelsohn
 2. FIRST NAMES: John Martin
 3. DATE OF BIRTH: 25 August 1953
 4. NATIONALITY: Namibian
 5. CIVIL STATUS: Married, with three children

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6. EDUCATION:
B Sc, B Sc (Honours) and Ph D obtained from the University of Natal, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, respectively in 1974, 1976 and 1982.

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7. SKILLS: Research through the analysis of data to explore processes, test ideas and answer questions, followed by the presentation of information in a variety of ways to reach appropriate and wide audiences. Various tools and resources are used, including statistics, geographical information systems (GIS), remote sensing, demographic techniques, graphics programmes, and publishing systems. Much of this work has been done in the fields of education, urban planning, environment, rural economics, agriculture, health and land tenure and management.

Most work has been in Namibia and Angola, but projects have also been completed in Bolivia, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Indonesia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Palestine, Rwanda, Somalia, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda.

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8. PRESENT POSITION (since March 1996)
Self-employed owner of the company RAISON (Research and Information Services of Namibia) offering research and analytical services.

Current projects and those completed over the past few years include:

- compilation and publication of geographical and thematic profiles for Ghana, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, the Cuvelai-Etosha Basin, the Okavango River Basin, the Okavango Delta and various provinces in Angola; and forests and woodlands, health services, and farming systems in Namibia;
 - analysis of environmental risks in Angolan coastal cities, research on socio-economic vulnerability of rural households in the Cuvelai Basin, study of artisanal diamond mining in the DRC, and development of demographic and housing databases for five cities in Angola;
 - development of policies and methods to secure land tenure for rural people in Angola in Namibia;
 - analyses of the welfare of children, poverty, and demographic trends using Namibian census and income & expenditure survey data.
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9. PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

1991 to February 1996: Senior Education Officer, Ministry of Education & Culture, Windhoek. Developed a geographical information system on education and demography to provide information on demands for education, schools requiring special reform, and the planning of schools, for example. Conducted research on gender issues, marginalised groups, repetition and drop-out rates, the ages of students, factors associated with failure, enrollment rates, and the efficiency of the education system.

1988 to 1991: Chief Curator of Natural Sciences and later Director of the State Museum of Namibia. Responsible for overall management of natural science division, and as Chief of the State Museum, represented the institution on various government, national and international platforms. Served on national bodies to establish research institutes, museum associations, and the National Art Gallery of Namibia.

1978 to 1987: Scientific Officer (Vertebrates) and later Acting Director (1982-1987) of the Durban Natural History Museum. As Scientific Officer (Vertebrates) I curated and developed the collections of vertebrates. Research was conducted on a variety of groups with most emphasis on morphology, systematics, behaviour, and energetics. A PhD study on the relationship between Blackshouldered Kites *Elanus caeruleus* and their rodent prey was completed.

BEFORE 1978: Most of this period was spent at school and at university. In 1977 and 1978, I conducted PhD field research. In 1975, studied feral cats and the behaviour of prions in relation to cyclonic weather fronts on Marion Island. Between 1968 and 1974, worked at the Transvaal Museum during most school and university holidays.

10. PUBLICATIONS AND CONFERENCES:

Have written or co-authored about 70 scientific papers and technical reports, some 35 popular articles and 27 books, and have edited various scientific journals and books. Invited papers have been presented at conferences in Alice Springs (Australia), Sacramento and Harvard University (USA), Lomé (Togo), Eilat (Israel), Paris (France), Durban (South Africa), Stockholm (Sweden) and Kelowna (Canada).

Recent substantive reports, articles and books:

- 1993 Mendelsohn JM. Girls and Boys at school in Namibia: is there a difference? *Education Management Information Systems Bulletin* No. 1, 4 pp.
- 1993 Mendelsohn JM, Hamata S & Cocco I. Primary Education in Namibia: Selected Indicators. *Education Management Information Systems Bulletin* No. 2, 22 pp.
- 1995 Mendelsohn JM, Swarts P & Avenstrup R. *Marginalisation in education: the case of Bushman-speaking people. Education Management Information Systems Bulletin* No. 3, 8 pp.
- 1995 Meyburg B-U, Mendelsohn JM, Ellis DH, Smith DG, Meyburg C & Kemp AC. Year-round movements of a Wahlberg's Eagle *Aquila wahlbergi* tracked by satellite. *Ostrich* 66:135-140.
- 1996 Mendelsohn JM & Roberts CS. *A profile of education in Namibia*. Ministry of Basic Education & Culture, Windhoek, Namibia, 34 pp.
- 1996 Mendelsohn JM. *Education Management and Administration, and the use of Geographical Information Systems*. UNESCO, Paris, 76 pp.
- 1997 Mendelsohn JM & Roberts, CS. *An Environmental Profile and Atlas of Caprivi*. Directorate of Environmental Affairs, Windhoek, Namibia, 50 pp.
- 1997 Mendelsohn JM. *A review of Basic Education in Namibia and Sida support*: commissioned by the Swedish International Development Agency, 36 pp.

- 1997 Mendelsohn JM. & Ward, V. *Development needs of schools and clusters of schools in the Rundu region*: study commissioned by the GTZ Basic Education Project, 86 pp.
- 1997 Mendelsohn JM. *Parents' participation in the management of schools: a study of school boards in the Oshana Region*. Report for UNICEF, Namibia. 14 pp.
- 1999 Mendelsohn JM. Private funding of primary and secondary education in Namibia. Study commissioned for the Presidential Commission on Education.
- 1999 Mendelsohn JM, Harper S & T Robertson. *Rainfall distribution in Namibia: data analysis and mapping of spatial temporal and Southern Oscillation Index aspects*. Report for Ministry of Agriculture, Water & Rural Development and Namibia Resource Consultants. 199 pp.
- 2000 Mendelsohn JM, el Obeid S & Roberts CS. *A profile of north-central Namibia*. Gamsberg Macmillan, Windhoek. 80 pp.
- 2000 El Obeid S & Mendelsohn JM. A preliminary profile of the Kavango Region in Namibia. Namibia Nature Foundation, Windhoek. 45 pp.
- 2001 El Obeid S, Mendelsohn JM, Lejars M, Forster N & Brulé G. *Health in Namibia: progress and challenges*. RAISON, Windhoek. 120 pp.
- 2001 Meyburg B.-U, Ellis DH, Meyburg C, Mendelsohn JM & Scheller W. Satellite tracking of two Lesser Spotted Eagles, *Aquila pomarina*, migrating from Namibia. *Ostrich* 72: 35-40
- 2002 Dittmar F, Mendelsohn JM & Ward V. *School clusters in Namibia*. RAISON, Windhoek. 44 pp.
- 2002 Mendelsohn JM & el Obeid S. *The communal lands of eastern Namibia*. RAISON, Windhoek. 54 pp.
- 2002 Mendelsohn JM, Jarvis AM, Roberts CS & Robertson T. *Atlas of Namibia*. David Philip, Cape Town. 200 pp.
- 2003 Mendelsohn JM. & el Obeid S. *Sand and Water: a profile of the Kavango region of Namibia*. Struik, Cape Town. 138 pp.
- 2003 Klaassen M, Brenninkmeijer A, Boix-Hinzen C & Mendelsohn JM. 2003. Fathers with highly demanding partners and offspring in a semi-desert environment: energetic aspects of the breeding system of Monteiro's Hornbills (*Tockus monteiri*) in Namibia. *Auk* 120: 866–873.
- 2004 Mendelsohn JM. & el Obeid S. *Okavango River: the flow of a lifeline*. Struik, Cape Town. 176 pp.
- 2005 Mendelsohn JM, Brown C, Mendelsohn M, & Diekmann M. Observations on the movements of adult Cape Vultures in central Namibia. *Lanioturdus* 38: 16-20
- 2005 Mendelsohn JM. & el Obeid S. *Forests and woodlands of Namibia*. RAISON, Windhoek. 152 pp.
- 2006 Mendelsohn, J.M. *Farming systems in Namibia*. RAISON, Windhoek. 80 pp.
- 2007 Mendelsohn JM. & Ward V. *Clusters in Namibia: a review of progress over 11 years, and the way forward*. Report for the Ministry of Education and GTZ Basic Education Project, 140 pp.
- 2007 Bamford A. J., Diekmann M., Monadjem A., Mendelsohn J. Ranging behaviour of Cape Vultures *Gyps coprotheres* from an endangered population in Namibia. *Bird Conserv. Int.* 17: 331–339.
- 2008 Mendelsohn JM. *Customary and legislative aspects of land registration and management on communal land in Namibia*. Report for Ministry of Lands & Resettlement. 98 pp.
- 2008 Mendelsohn JM. *The socio-economy of artisanal mining in Territoire de Kamonia, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)*. Report for Gem Diamonds. 25 pp.
- 2008 Mendelsohn JM. *An assessment of flooding in Luanda: risks and damage*. Report for Development Workshop, Luanda. 14 pp.
- 2010 Mendelsohn JM, vanderPost C, Ramberg L, Murray-Hudson M, Wolski P & Mosepele K. 2010. *Okavango Delta: Floods of Life*. RAISON. 144 pp.

- 2010 *An atlas of Namibia's population: monitoring and understanding its characteristics*. Ghost written for Central Bureau of Statistics, Namibia. 64 pp.
- 2011 *An atlas of poverty in Namibia*. Ghost written for Central Bureau of Statistics, Namibia. 69 pp.
- 2011 Mendelsohn JM & B Weber. *Povos e águas da Bacia do Cuvelai em Angola e Namibia /The Cuvelai Basin: its water and people in Angola and Namibia*. Development Workshop, Luanda and RAISON, Windhoek. 120 pp.
2011. Mendelsohn JM, Nakamhela U, Werner W & and BJ Jones. *A review of policies concerning tenure in Communal Areas of Namibia*. Report for in 2011 for the Communal Land Support project of the Millennium Challenge Account and Ministry of Lands & Resettlement. 65 pp.
- 2012 Tatem AJ, Adamo S, Bharti N, Burgert CR, Castro M, Dorelien M, Fink F, Linard C, Mendelsohn JM, Montana L, Montgomery MR, Nelson A, Noor AM, Pindolia D, Yetman G & Balk D. 2012. Mapping populations at risk: improving spatial demographic data for infectious disease modelling and metric derivation. *Population Health Metrics* 10:8.
- 2012 Robertson T, Jarvis A, Mendelsohn JM & Swart R. *Namibia's coast: Ocean riches and desert treasures*. Produced by RAISON and published by the Ministry of Environment & Tourism, Windhoek. 198 pp.
- 2013 Mendelsohn JM & B Weber. *Atlas e perfil do Huambo, sua terra e suas gentes/ An atlas and profile of Huambo, its environment and people*. Development Workshop, Luanda. 80 pp.
- 2013 Mendelsohn JM, Robertson T & A Jarvis. *A profile and atlas of the Cuvelai-Etoshia Basin*. RAISON & Gondwana Collection, Windhoek. 170 pp.
- 2013 *Profile of Namibia*. Ghost written for Namibia Statistics Agency, Windhoek, Namibia. 22 pp.
- 2014 Mendelsohn JM, Robertson T & A Jarvis. *Tanzania: A measure of the land*. Vital Signs Tanzania. 46 pp.
- 2014 Jarvis A, Robertson T & JM Mendelsohn. *Ghana: A measure of the land*. Vital Signs Ghana. 46 pp.
- 2014 *Young people in Namibia: An analysis of the 2011 Population & Housing Census*. Ghost written for UNICEF and Namibia Statistics Agency. 105 pp.
- 2014 Robertson T, Mendelsohn JM & Jarvis A. *Uganda: A measure of the land*. Vital Signs Uganda. 46 pp.
- 2014 *Early Childhood Development and Education in Namibia. Results of the 2012 Survey of Early Childhood Development Centres*. Report for PACT Namibia and the Ministry of Gender Equality & Child Welfare. 32 pp.
- 2015 *A Namibia fit for Children: 25 years of progress*. Compiled and ghost written report for UNICEF and Namibia Statistics Agency. 62 pp.
- 2015 *Vulnerabilidade na Bacia do Cuvelai / Vulnerability in the Cuvelai Basin, Angola*. Calunga P, Haludilu T, Mendelsohn J, Soares N & Weber B. Development Workshop, Luanda. 152 pp.
- 2015 *Atlas e perfil do Moxico, Angola / An atlas and profile of Moxico, Angola*. Mendelsohn J, & Weber B. RAISON, Windhoek. 40 pp.