

DR. CECIL VON BONDE

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name, Titles and Occupation.

Dr. C. von Bonde, B.Sc. (Cape), M.A., Ph.D. (Cape Town), F.R.S.S.A., has been Government Marine Biologist and Director of Fisheries for the Union of South Africa since 1928.

Birth and Education.

Born in Cape Town, he received his early education at the Normal College up to Matriculation and later at the South African College and the University of Cape Town. He studied Oceanography at the University of Liverpool under the late Professor James Johnstone.

Career.

After graduating he taught Mathematics and Physical Science for a year at the Boys' High School, Jansenville, C.P., and was then appointed as Senior Lecturer in Zoology at the University of Cape Town at the beginning of 1918. In 1924 he proceeded to Liverpool as Lecturer in Zoology at the University and returned to the University of Cape Town at the end of 1925 to assume the post of Acting Professor of Zoology till he resigned in April 1928 to take up his present position.

He has travelled very extensively. In 1928 he was seconded to the Conference of East African Governors to conduct the fisheries and marine biological surveys of Kenya Colony and Zanzibar. In 1929 he represented the Union Government at the International Conference on Oceanography and Continental Hydrology in Seville, Spain. In 1932 he was awarded a Carnegie Research Grant and travelled to the United States and Canada, studying the various marine biological laboratories. In 1937 he visited Germany, France, England, the United States and Canada, studying fisheries research and technology. In 1946 he was a delegate of the Union Government to the second conference of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Copenhagen. In 1949 he was appointed an International Whaling Commissioner and represented the Union Government at the first meeting of the International Whaling Commission in London in June. In July, 1950, he will attend the second meeting of this Commission in Oslo as a Commissioner.

Publications.

Dr. von Bonde has published over fifty papers on various marine biological and fisheries subjects and has written four text books on Zoology, Physiology and Hygiene and Fisheries. In 1941 he delivered a lecture on "The South African Fishing Industries" to the Associated Scientific and Technical Societies of South Africa in Johannesburg. He wrote an "Experience Paper" on "Latent Fishery

Resources and Means for their Development" for the United Nations Scientific Conference on the Conservation and Utilization of Resources, held in New York in 1949 and also a paper on "Fishery Science and the Fisheries" for the African Regional Scientific Conference held in Johannesburg in 1949.

Honours, Awards and Public Positions.

In 1931 he was President of Section D of the South African Association for the Advancement of Science in Grahamstown. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of South Africa in 1934, a Member of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists in 1946 and a Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at the Centenary Meeting in 1948. He is a member of the Standing Advisory Committee on Fisheries of FAO, and International Whaling Commissioner and Chairman of the Whaling Technical Committee, a member of the International Council of Oceanography and a Government Delegate to the International Unions of Biological Sciences and Geodesy and Geophysics.

In 1924 he was awarded the Purcell Memorial Prize for Zoology by the University of Cape Town, the King George V Jubilee Silver Medal in 1936 and the King George VI Coronation Silver Medal in 1937.



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