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Quinton Martins, Ph.D., Wildlife Ecologist at Bouverie Preserve, joined ACR in January 2016 as the lead researcher on ACR's Mountain Lion Project. Dr. Martins is the former founder and CEO of the Cape Leopard Trust, a successful predator conservation NGO based in South Africa. He has over 20 years of field experience having worked in wilderness areas throughout much of Africa, Saudi Arabia and the USA. From specialist safari guiding, leading a scorpion collecting expedition for the Smithsonian Institution in the desert of Namibia, to mist-netting birds in central African rainforests, Quinton turned to studying predators in 2003. He completed his Ph.D. "The Ecology of leopards in the Cederberg Mountains, South Africa" through the University of Bristol, U.K. in 2010 and is considered the world's leading expert on Cape mountain leopards and a skilled predator trapper. Quinton is a research associate and fellow at Bristol and Stellenbosch Universities.

