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The economics of restoring degraded ecosystems

Dr James Blignaut is an environmental and resource economist who specialises in the economics of restoring degraded ecosystems. He obtained his PhD in 1995 with a thesis entitled *Environmental accounting in South Africa*. He currently focusses on the contribution conservation and regenerative climate smart agriculture can make to both a restorative and food secure future, and has extensive work and research experience in southern and central Africa, and India.

This includes the economics of conservation and regenerative agriculture, the control of invasive alien plant species and other forms of degradation. He has published more than 130 peer-reviewed papers in accredited local and international journals, authored or co-authored 35 chapters in books, and presented his work and research findings at numerous local and international conferences, as well as seminars and invited lectures.

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