

## Biography of Mr. J.P. Potgieter



**Johan Potgieter** is a horticulturist by training and has been growing plants since he was 5 years old. Born and raised in a rural farm setting of South Africa, it is no wonder he chose agriculture as a career after leaving school. He obtained a B. Agric and B. Agric Hons degrees at the University of Limpopo and MSc at Free State University. To say he loves plants is probably an understatement and has been a member of the Botanical Society and Succulent Society of SA for many years. During his undergrad days he met a cactus farmer and was ever since truly fascinated by this amazing plant.

He was employed by the Ministry of Agriculture for 25 years as a technical advisor and researcher in horticulture before venturing out on his own as a horticultural consultant. After spending many years conducting cactus research and providing technical advice to farmers, he is now growing less spiny plants. Johan is currently head grower and nursery manager for Servest where he is growing, mostly indoor plants. In his spare time you will find him scratching in his vegetable patch or in the wild looking for rare and endangered wild flowers. He is living with his wife on a farm far away from the everyday hustle and bustle. You can reach him at [potgieterjohan123@gmail.com](mailto:potgieterjohan123@gmail.com).