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Mr. Johnson has over 10 years professional experience as a biologist. He has spent the last 4 years as an environmental consultant for Scheda Ecological Associates, Inc. (Scheda). His expertise includes ecological assessments, wetland jurisdictional determinations, and corresponding permitting processes at the local, state, and federal levels. He is an Authorized Gopher Tortoise Agent with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). Mr. Johnson has completed numerous gopher tortoise permit applications, including some of the first under the newly revised FWC permitting guidelines (April 2009), and is very familiar with the nuances of the new regulations. Mr. Johnson is also a serving member of the Gopher Tortoise Technical Advisory Group, in which he participates in policy discussions concerning the protected gopher tortoise. Prior to joining Scheda, Mr. Johnson performed similar duties as an environmental consultant with URS Corporation. Mr. Johnson additionally spent 6 years as a graduate teaching and research assistant at the University of Oklahoma and the University of South Florida studying vertebrate populations. Mr. Johnson is based in Scheda's Tampa office.