

# Curriculum Vitae

Raymond Sluiter was born on December 30th 1975 in Schiedam, The Netherlands and grew up in Steenwijk. In 1994 he graduated at the Regionale Scholengemeenschap (RSG) secondary school, Steenwijk. From September 1994 to April 1999 he studied Physical Geography at Utrecht University. His MSc thesis was called 'Desertification and Grazing on south Crete'. The main topic was to investigate the degradation processes and gather data of these processes to finally give a 'proper management' advice based on a dynamic grazing model. During his study he headed two times to tropical rain forests for research. In 1998 he spent 4 months in Guyana to study soil conditions and microclimate in gaps and undisturbed tropical forest. In 1999 he joined a two months biological expedition to French Guiana to map abiotical factors important for vegetation composition and to evaluate the degree of natural and human disturbance in the Trésor nature reserve. From April 1999 to November 2000 he worked at the Faculty of Geographical Science, Utrecht University to develop interactive teaching material based on PCRaster. This resulted in an interactive website and CD-Rom called 'Virtual landscapes'. From November 2000 to October 2005 he worked 4 days a week on his PhD thesis at the faculty of Geosciences. His main fields of interest are image classification, land cover change modelling, conventional and experimental aerial photograph analysis and GIS. During his PhD he participated in teaching remote sensing and environmental modelling. In October 2005 he started working at the Netherlands Agency for Aerospace Programmes (NIVR) as project coordinator of the National User Support Programme (NUSP/GO) which contributes to the development of new applications of the use of earth observation satellite data in the Netherlands. In addition to his passion for remote sensing images Raymond Sluiter is an enthusiastic photographer.