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## **PROFESSIONAL PROFILE**

Conservation Biologist and Environmental Policy practitioner with over six years of experience in national conservation and environmental governance processes. My work sits at the intersection of community-based conservation, ecological research on wildlife, climate governance, and Nature-based Solutions, with a strong focus on ensuring that people benefit equitably from nature. I bring demonstrated expertise in policy coordination, multi-stakeholder facilitation, and translating scientific and community-generated evidence into policy-relevant inputs. My interests include carbon finance, carbon markets, and developing scalable nature-based solutions that attract investment to benefit people and nature.

## **CORE EXPERTISE**

- Environmental & Biodiversity Policy Engagement
- Nature-based Solutions & Climate Governance
- Spatial analysis and GIS (R, QGIS, ArcGIS)
- Data management and analysis (spatial and non-spatial datasets)
- Community-Based Conservation & Livelihoods
- Multi-Stakeholder Policy Facilitation & Coalition Building
- Evidence-to-Policy Translation & Technical Advisory

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Science Communication Officer – Kenya Forest Service | Feb 2025– Present**

- Translate scientific research on forest ecosystems, biodiversity, and climate mitigation into accessible communication products, including newsletters and public outreach materials.
- Support the development of evidence-based narratives on forest conservation and Nature-based Solutions.
- Contribute to communicating national priorities on forest restoration, climate action, and ecosystem protection.
- Engage with researchers and practitioners to bridge science, policy, and public awareness.

**Programme Assistant (Student placement)**

**UNEP-WCMC, Cambridge, UK | May 2024 – Sep 2024**

- Supported development of technical analyses, indicators, and vulnerability metrics informing international environmental policy processes.
- Translated complex datasets into decision-ready outputs for policymakers and practitioners.

## **Programme Officer**

**Giraffe Conservation Foundation, Nairobi | Aug 2021 – May 2023**

- Led and supported field-based conservation initiatives across multiple landscapes, working closely with government agencies, NGOs, researchers, and local communities.
- Coordinated national and regional platforms bringing together the Kenya Wildlife Service, research institutions, NGOs, and community actors to inform species and habitat conservation policy.
- Supervised and delivered capacity-building programmes for over 50 community rangers on wildlife monitoring, data collection, and reporting, strengthening local leadership and accountability.
- Supported compliance, permitting, and reporting processes, ensuring alignment with national conservation policy and regulatory frameworks.

## **Programmes Officer**

**African Sustainability Network, Nairobi, Kenya | Jun 2019 – Apr 2020**

- Coordinated grassroots initiatives on plastic reduction, ecosystem restoration, and youth-led environmental action.
- Collaborated with FAO and national partners to integrate biodiversity and health into Kenya's National Climate Change Learning Strategy.
- Supported capacity-building and awareness-raising activities targeting youth and women.

## **EDUCATION**

MSc Conservation Biology (Merit) – University of Kent, UK | 2023–2024

*Chevening Scholar*

BSc Integrated Forestry Resource Management – Egerton University, Kenya | 2012–2016

## **SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS & LEADERSHIP**

- Chevening Scholarship (2023/2024)-British Council-MSc University of Kent
- Women in Conservation Technology (WiCT) Leadership Programme Fellow; session coordinator on gender and conservation technology across African contexts.
- Co-author of peer-reviewed publication on wildlife conservation in *Biodiversity and Conservation* (2024)