

Curriculum Vitae

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SUMMARY

For over 25 years I have held progressively responsible leadership, managerial and policy positions in natural resource management. I have worked extensively in Europe, Eastern and Central Africa and Asia, translating research and field experiences into policy advice and assisting strategy formulation for a diverse range of stakeholders. The diverse range of settings in which I have worked have helped me understand the interconnectedness of biodiversity with climate, food/agriculture and sustainable development. In addition, I also have more than 10 years of experience of team management including in large multi-country pilot programmes.

SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

Policy Research and Development

- Agriculture/food – biodiversity – climate change linkages
- Resource management and governance
- Translating field realities and research into evidence-based policy recommendations
- Developing research for policy advice and advocacy initiatives
- Identification of priorities and thought leadership for WWF on a number of issues (e.g. China's ecological footprint, global biodiversity governance).

Leadership

- Providing supportive leadership to interdisciplinary teams
- Programme design and programme cycle management
- Facilitation of stakeholder consultations
- Strategy development
- Networking and partnerships

EDUCATION

1989: M. Sc. in biology (tropical ecology and international nature conservation), Utrecht University, The Netherlands

1987: Bachelor's Degree in biology, Utrecht University, The Netherlands

1981: A-level, Grammar School, Maurick College, Vught, The Netherlands

Courses

2006: GRID management training

2015: Presentation and speaking skills training

2019: Leadership Essentials Programme, IMD

PROFESSIONAL RECORD

2018 – Present: Head, Policy Research and Development, WWF International (Brussels)

Major Functions:

- Leads WWF policy research team,
- Provides up to date analyses and syntheses of geo-political and policy trends that can inform the overall global conservation programme strategy,
- Translates WWF needs into externally relevant asks,
- Designs and implements policy and briefing systems.

This position supports and complements WWF sector specialists by focussing on cross cutting policy issues, in particular the food/agriculture - biodiversity – climate change linkages, and the link between biodiversity and the SDGs. The work area of this position spans across different multilateral processes and agreements, in particular the three Rio Conventions and the SDGs, plus relevant Multilateral Environment Agreements.

2014 – 2018 Regional Manager, China Africa Trade Initiative. WWF UK (outposted to Brussels)

Achievements:

- Provided thought leadership on and managed WWF UK's support to WWF China's ecological footprint work; as a member of the 'SET', contributed to the strategic development of this work; and commissioned several strategic reviews and analytical studies.
- Instrumental in identifying the need for and formulating the concept for the High Impact Initiative on 'Greening the Belt and Road Initiative' (BRI), which was approved by NET.
- Commissioned several studies (including on MEAs) to inform WWF's strategy on the BRI.
- A key contributor to WWF engagement with HSBC to formulate recommendations to promote sustainable finance.
- Contributed to formulating WWF policy briefs and asks for two FOCAC¹ Summits.
- Successfully fundraised for the China-Africa Programme.

2011 – 2014: Independent advisor & manager, biodiversity & natural resources (Belgium)

Including:

- **Advisor & programme manager. WWF UK (2011- 2014)**
 - **China – Africa programme.** Policy development and engagement with FOCAC for China's Green Shift Initiative and PO's in Africa; and programme cycle management,
 - **Forest programme.** Interim leadership, strategic advice and support to a forest governance initiative, funded by the EC.
- **Editor & author.**
 - *Foundation Tropenbos International (2014 & 2012).* Editor and author of publications on [forest governance and climate change](#) (2014) and on [forest policy and governance](#) (2012),
 - *FAO Forest Department, (2012-2013).* Co-author of a *guide for forest policy reviews*, and facilitator of two global expert consultations.
- **Senior expert international forest policy. CEE Web (2011).** Provided advice on international forest agreements for an information service (TEMATEA), commissioned by the CBD secretariat.

2005 – 2010: Team leader - global forest governance programme. IUCN (Thailand & Belgium)

Achievements:

I successfully lead and coordinated IUCN's work on forest governance. This included:

- *Policy engagement:* Coordinated IUCN's positions and advocacy on FLEGT².
- *Team management:* Coordinated and managed a multidisciplinary team of 12 people, including legal and policy experts, located in 6 countries.
- *Relationship building and advocacy:* Expanded and improved relations between IUCN and the EU, and established collaboration with relevant Civil Society and private sector organisations in Europe. Collaborated with the Environmental Law Centre (Bonn).
- *Communications and advocacy:* Oversaw the production of a series of publications and the organisation of high profile public relations' events.
- *Programme development and management:* Designed, managed and provided leadership to a programme of c. Euro 4.5 million, funded by multiple donors. This programme piloted new approaches to natural resources management in 8 tropical countries in Asia, Africa and South America. Under my guidance, the programme contributed to the adoption of new policies and processes for natural resources management in 5 countries, and to the establishment of partnerships with private sector, government and civil society in 6 countries.

2002 – 2005: Coordinator, Forest Programme for Asia. IUCN (Thailand).

Achievements

- Raised funds for a multimillion euro international programme on forest governance; established and managed the programme.
- Built capacity of and supported a number of forest departments (including China, Pakistan) and IUCN on linkages between conservation and development, and on forest landscape restoration.

¹ Forum for China – Africa Cooperation

² Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade

- Lead a team to assess the human impact of ecosystem damage by the Asia Tsunami in Thailand (Christmas 2004) and formulated policy recommendations to mitigate the impact.
- Represented IUCN at various high level regional fora.

1998 – 2002: Team leader/senior technical advisor, forest products programme. IUCN (Vietnam).

Achievements

- *Policy advice:* Contributed to the formulation of (1) a new forest policy for Vietnam, (2) a multi-donor Forest Sector Support Programme, and (3) a forest research strategy for Vietnam.
- *Team management:* Established and managed a multidisciplinary and multicultural team of project officers, researchers and consultants.
- *Programme cycle management:* Successfully directed and managed a four-year forest conservation programme.
- *Technical assistance:*
 - Introduced action learning in forest research in Vietnam.
 - Oversaw field research about the sustainable use of forest products, implemented with CIFOR and FAO.

1997 – 1998: Coordinator, Forest network for Central Africa. IUCN (Cameroon)

Achievements

- Successfully raised funds for the Brazzaville process (CEFDHAC)³, a high profile regional political process about forest conservation, involving governments, private sector and local NGOs; and co-organised the 2nd CEFDHAC Interministerial Conference (Bata, 1998).
- Significantly improved the performance and credibility of IUCN's field programme in Cameroon and the Republic of Congo.
- Strengthened the network of collaborators and partners of the regional forest conservation programme.

1993 – 1997: Coordinator, Eastern Africa Forest Programme. IUCN (Kenya)

Achievements

- Successfully facilitated discussions between Government and CS in Kenya on contentious deforestation issues.
- Raised funds for a major conservation programme in Kenya.
- Successfully promoted regional intergovernmental collaboration on forest management.
- Designed and managed a forest strategy, programme and project portfolio for IUCN in Eastern Africa with robust stakeholder ownership.
- Formulated, together with CIFOR, [a research agenda for non-timber products in Africa](#).
- Was a member of the Regional Office's interim Management Committee.

1989 – 1992: Research associate. Utrecht University (The Netherlands)

Achievements

- Effectively negotiated a long-term collaborative research programme between Bolivia and The Netherlands.
- Researched [the economy of non-timber forest products in Colombia, Ecuador and Bolivia](#).

PRINCIPLE COUNTRIES & REGIONS WORKED IN:

- Africa:
 - Congo Basin, incl. Cameroon, DRC, Gabon, Republic of Congo
 - East Africa
 - Ghana
- Asia:
 - Southeast Asia, incl. Vietnam, Thailand, Lao

LANGUAGES:

Mother tongue : Dutch
 Fluent : English
 Good : French
 Fair : Spanish and German
 Basic : Vietnamese

³ [Conférence sur les écosystèmes forestiers d'Afrique Centrale](#)

- China
- Sri Lanka
- Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia
- The Netherlands, Belgium

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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REFERENCES & PUBLICATIONS

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