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M.Phil. KNUST, (Wildlife and Range Management), Postgraduate Diploma. Mweka, Tanzania, (Wildlife and Range Management); BSc; (Zoology/Botany), Dip. Ed, UCC

Professional Experience

Summary: Over 15 years of progressive relevant work experience with international exposure in the Development of Wildlife Protected Areas Management with the Wildlife Division of the Forestry Commission. Has been responsible for managing several protected areas like, Mole, Bia, Ankasa, Kakum and Shai Hills in Ghana. I have a strong technical background in Natural Resources and area-based development programs like Protected Area Development Project (PADP) and Wildlife Development Support Project (WDSP) in the Forestry Commission of Ghana, with solid knowledge of integrated rural development and local governance issues. I have over 10 years' experience as a Lecturer in Wildlife and Ecotourism from the Faculty of Forest Research Technology of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Sunyani and the University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani.

Project Coordinator, Rural Environmental Empowerment Project 2005-2008

Good capacity to predict project outcomes using project matrixes; familiarity with World Bank and European Commission program execution, rules and regulations. Strong result based management, preparation of work plans, schedules and substantive reporting. Over 5 years' experience in working with International NGOs, civil society organizations and non-state actors involved in capacity building through design and implementation of local strategies in wildfire prevention under the Rural Environmental Empowerment Project (REEP), an European Union project for 50 communities in Brong Ahafo Region.

Project Coordinator, Katoomba Incubator (West Africa) 2008-2010

I provided strong technical and methodological support on issues for carbon financing project design, and part of the team that developed the Carbon map of Ghana. I was responsible for leading negotiations on community issues and impacts on key challenges in REDD project design in Ghana, Liberia and Nigeria with Financial and business concerns. Assisted the West African Coordinator in the design, through project clinics on issues and approaches and in-depth examinations of case studies of REDD projects around the world.

Senior Program Officer (SODIA) 2010-2012

Coordinated Water Sanitation and Health (WASH) Projects through Community Advocacy on the implementation of Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) under the Community Water and Sanitation Project sponsored by the French Government for 50 communities in five Districts in the Brong Ahafo Region. As a part time Lecturer in Wildlife and Ecotourism at the Faculty of Forest Research Technology of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Sunyani.

2012-Present

A Senior Lecturer in Wildlife Ecology, Ecotourism and Hospitality Management, at the University of Energy and Natural Resources, Sunyani, Ghana, a keen researcher in fruit bats and birds ecology.