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SUMMARY

- A motivated, reliable professional dedicated to project efficiency, success, and impact.
- 12 years of experience providing GIS services for conservation and international development projects.
- An accountable, empathetic leader who values diverse perspectives and demonstrates integrity.
- Polymath with a keen eye for detail, technical precision, solution design, and stakeholder support.
- Employs a diverse geospatial science skillset to address environmental and sustainability issues.
- French proficiency, cultural adaptiveness, experience working cross-culturally in low-income countries.

WHAT I OFFER AS A GIS SPECIALIST

- Expert GIS skills developing analytical workflows, compiling data, and cartographic design
- Expertise with diverse GIS software and tools including:
 - desktop GIS platforms – ArcMap, QGIS
 - geoprocessing – GDAL/OGR, Python, ArcPy, and ModelBuilder
 - geospatial databases – PostgreSQL/PostGIS, ArcGIS Server, SQL Server, Cosmos
 - mobile data collection – ODK Collect, Trimble, Ushahidi
 - web-mapping libraries – Leaflet, Mapbox GL JS
 - earth observation and image analysis platforms – Idrisi, ENVI, Earth Engine
- Conversant with OpenStreetMap and authoritative public domain geospatial datasets.
- Experience with designing solutions, technical training, and facilitating mapathons.
- Experience in global wildlife conservation and natural resource management in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Strong written and oral communication skills, strong leadership capacity.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Earth Logic, LLC Principal Consultant **Seattle, WA, 2014 - present**

- Providing custom geospatial solutions for clients in the environmental, natural resources, and international development sectors.

Select Consultancies

- Great Elephant Census - Forest Data Analysis. Consultancy with *Wildlife Conservation Society*.
- Spatial Data Assessment of Large-Scale Infrastructure in the Lower Mekong Region. Consultancy with *Wildlife Conservation Society*.
- Standardizing Large Mammal Surveys to the SMART-Ecological Records Data Model for Central Africa. Consultancy with *World Resources Institute*.
- Cartography of DRC Protected Area network. Consultancy with *World Wildlife Fund / PARAP*.

Microsoft via Insight Global Geospatial Data Analyst **Bellevue, WA, 2018 - 2019**

- Managed releases, evaluated metrics, and performed analytics on new sources for Bing Maps data.

Vulcan, Inc. GIS Developer, Impact Engineering **Seattle, WA, 2015 – 2018**

- Contributed geospatial data processing and visualization to software engineering projects.
- Provided data quality assurance, management, and mapping for large-scale wildlife surveys.

Wildlife Conservation Society GIS Coordinator Democratic Republic of Congo, 2009 – 2013

- Built GIS capacity through training, mentoring, and project management.
- Managed and analyzed spatial data for land-use planning and wildlife monitoring activities.
- Conducted land-cover mapping, land-change assessment, and species distribution modeling.

USAID Africa Bureau Intern, CARPE Democratic Republic of Congo; 2008

- Designed landscape maps for Congo Basin Forest Partnership publication, State of the Forest 2008.

NAEVA Geophysics GIS Specialist / Database Manager Charlottesville, VA; 2006 – 2007

- Managed target databases and provided GIS support for geophysical surveying projects.

EDUCATION

Clark University MA, Geographic Information Science Worcester, MA; 2009

Coursework: geospatial databases, remote sensing, environmental & land change modeling

James Madison University BS, Geographic Science Harrisonburg, VA; 2005

Coursework: GIS, spatial analysis, spatial statistics, image processing; minor in History.

CONTRIBUTOR TO PUBLICATIONS

International Union for Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission (IUCN/SSC) Primate Specialist Group & *Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la Nature (ICCN)*. 2012. Bonobo (*Pan paniscus*): Conservation Strategy 2012–2022. Gland, Switzerland: p.65

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ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERSHIP / VOLUNTEERING

Tusubira-We Have Hope	treasurer & board member	Seattle, WA; 2014 – present
LUCHA-DRC	Ushahidi technical support	Seattle, WA; 2017 – 2018
Water supply engineering	GIS technical support	Uganda, 2005

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

- Global Leadership Forum – Cohort XII (2019)
- OpenStreetMap US and OpenStreetMap Foundation member
- Society for Conservation GIS member & Domestic Chapter organizer

INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Philippines, United States

LANGUAGE SKILLS

- English fluency; French proficiency; basic Swahili and Luganda