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AREAS OF INTEREST

I am a passionate wildlife conservationist with experience in wildlife cinematography and production assistance, networking and collaborating with key industry heads on matters conservation, community outreach and education in conservation.

SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

My key experience is in wildlife filming, production assistance and cinematography. I have also worked with communities such as Maasai and Samburu; raising awareness on conservation and its challenges through conservation education in schools and community outreach programs in Kenya; writing articles for newsletters, managing social media profiles of organizations I have worked with and that I founded (*Pridelands Wildlife Foundation*) which is a platform I use to highlight conservation issues and wildlife films that would inspire people to connect with nature and conserve it.

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Bachelor of Arts (B.A) in Community Development

Graduated: June 2014 with 2nd class honors
Daystar University, Nairobi, Kenya.

Online non-credit course certificate in Ecology: Ecosystem Dynamics and Conservation

Completed May 2018
Authorized by American Museum of Natural History and Howard Hughes Medical Institute offered through Coursera

Short course certificate in Wildlife Filming

Completed October 2018
Africa Media, Mossel Bay, South Africa

Wildlife Documentary Film Course

June 17th- July 27th 2019
Princeton University Global Seminar
Mpala Research Center, Laikipia, Kenya

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Action for Cheetahs in Kenya

Worked (July 2016 - September 2017)

Reported to: Director, Mary Wykstra

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop program plans and supportive materials to promote the role of the cheetah and other predators in the ecosystem
- Supervise and conduct the outreach programs
- Collaborate with PI and partners in promoting ACK research
- Coordinate community natural resource planning meetings
- Work with PI and senior staff to produce bi-annual newsletters
- Conduct community meetings and school programs
- Interact with area education, youth and gender officers to generate program development and support.
- Interact with local KWS community and conservancy officers to assure our programs compliment area wildlife activities

Kenya Wildlife Trust's-Mara Cheetah Project

Worked (June -December 2015)

Reported to: [Fmr.] Project Director, Dr. Femke Broekhuis

Key Responsibilities:

- Using Photoshop in editing of pictures to be used for a cheetah identification software app.
- Data entry of information gathered on human wildlife conflict
- Contributed to the communities' capacity building by entering and analysing data results from questionnaires issued by the project which assessed their attitudes and behaviour towards their surrounding wildlife and further informed and strengthened the conservation efforts on the ground to include the communities in their conservation efforts.

Lion Guardians

Volunteer (Oct 2017 - April 2018)

Report to: LINC Coordinator, Nadia de Souza

Role:

- Using Lightroom software in editing lion pictures from various lion projects for their LINC (Lion Identification Network of Collaborators) data base.

Local Ocean Conservation

Worked (June 2018 – December 2018)

Report to: Director, Nicky Parazzi

Role

- Evaluation of their community outreach programs with fishermen leading to an overhaul of their community engagement and participation efforts.

OVERALL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Participated in Nature, Environment & Wildlife Filmmakers' Congress (N.E.W.F)'s Advanced Underwater Filmmaking Lab 2020
- Recipient of the Jackson Wild Summit 2019 emerging filmmakers' scholarship
- Participated in the Princeton Global Seminar film and documentary program run in Kenya during the 2019 summer course
- Did a short course in wildlife filming with Africa Media, South Africa where I learned pre-production, production and post-production processes in wildlife filmmaking
- Mobilized the Maasai community of Isinya, Kajiado County, Kenya and stakeholders for human-wildlife conflict mitigation in 2012 while volunteering with **Lion Aid**.
- Volunteered with Lion Elephant Deterrent systems (LEDs) and participated in setting up the first phase of lion deterrent lights for 'bomas' in Kajiado, Kenya (2012); an area primarily occupied by the Maasai community and prone to human-lion conflict
- Contributed to the development of cheetah identification software by organizing, cropping and editing of cheetah pictures using photo shop which is being used in the identification of cheetahs in the Maasai Mara Game Reserve.
- Developed programs and materials for conservation education and community outreach in Action for Cheetahs in Kenya (ACK)'s education department which are being used in Meibae, Samburu County-Kenya, to raise awareness on the importance of predators in the ecosystem
- Contributed to the editing and revision of ACK's cheetah curriculum workbook
- Participated in San Diego Zoo Global's Conservation Education Interpretive Workshop for conservation educators in Lewa where I learned key practices in curriculum implementation.
- Founded my organization, Pridelands Wildlife Foundation, whose platform (<https://www.facebook.com/pridelandswildlifefoundation/>) I use to highlight key issues in conservation and engage Africans on ways to be better stewards of our wild heritage.
- Contributed articles; *Indescribable cruelty meted on Dolphins by Japanese hunters* and *The lion was innocent*, to Africa Network for Animal Welfare(ANAW)'s quarterly magazine(Animal Welfare Dec-Feb 2013 Vol No.6)

REFEREES

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