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EDUCATION BACKGROUND

2018 September - Present: MSc in Environmental Studies (Biology option), Karatina University. Advisors: Dr. Tyler Kartzinel and Dr. Duncan Kimuyu.

April - July 2018: Summer School. MSc Global Change Geography, Humboldt-Universität zur Berlin, Erasmus plus exchange program (EAGER Trans-Net).

Student project: Impacts of Human Wild boar conflict on farmers' Livelihood in Germany and the Netherlands. (Advisors: Ms. Birgit Zipf, Dr. Geoffrey Wambugu and Dr. Parita Shah).

BSc 2016: Bachelors of Science in Environmental Studies (Health and Biology option), Karatina University. (Second Class Honors: upper division).

Dissertation Title: Effects of an open refuse pit on space use patterns by wildlife at Mpala Research Centre. (Advisor: Dr. Duncan Kimuyu).

RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

- a) Participated in Student Project "Rural-Urban Transitions in Kenya" (Collaborative Research between Humboldt-Universität zur Berlin, Karatina University and University of Nairobi), 2018.
- b) Assisted in flame height data collection during the Kenya Long-Term Exclosure Experiment (KLEE) 2018 burns.
- c) Participated in the development of a Biological Condition Gradient (BCG) model for selected rivers in Upper Tana River (National Museum of Kenya, Karatina University), 2017.
- d) Took part in data collection during the 2015,2016,2017 and 2018 Laikipia Rabies Vaccination Campaigns.

WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2018 - Present: MSc intern at Mpala Research Centre in an international research collaboration between Karatina University (led by Dr. Kimuyu) and Brown University, USA (led by Dr. Kartzinel).

April 2017 - July 2017: Intern Safaricom Limited (Sustainability and Social Policy Section).

May - September 2016: attaché at National Environment Management Authority (NEMA).

RESEARCH INTEREST

I am interested in conservation of biodiversity with a focus on: 1) Means of creating coexistence between people and wildlife, 2) Investigating factors that influence large mammalian herbivory across environmental gradient of soil and topography.

COMMITTEES AND MEMBERSHIP

2012 - Present: Member, Nature Club of Karatina University.

2014: Member, Nature Club Strategic Plan Drafting Committee, Karatina University.

RESPONSIBILITIES HELD

2018 - present: Class Representative graduate Environmental Studies.

2014 - 2016: School of Natural Resources and Environmental Studies student representative.

2012 - 2016: Class Representative Undergraduate Environmental Studies.

2013 - 2014: Vice Editor; Nature Club of Karatina University.

2014 - 2015: Editor; Nature Club of Karatina University.

2010 - 2011: Laboratory Prefect, Jan's Senior Academy.

REFEREES

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