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EDUCATION

September 2022 to present: M.Sc. in Ecology and Nature Management
National Research Tomsk Tomsk Polytechnic University (Online studies)

2017-2021 M.Sc. in Natural Resource and Environmental Management
University of Buea, Cameroon.

2010-2013 B.Sc. (Hons) Geography
University of Buea, Cameroon

WORK/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Nov 2021 to Current: Research and Biomonitoring Officer at Environment and Rural Development Foundation (ERuDeF)

Responsibilities;

- Conduct surveys using interviewing, questionnaires, focus groups, market analysis surveys
- Identify survey needs and specific requirements, such as special sampling
- Prepare and Present summaries and analysis of survey data, including graphs, tables and fact sheets

01/2020 – present Wildlife Conservation Officer at The Environment and Community Development Association (ECoDAs-Cameroon)

Responsibilities;

- Project design, facilitation and implementation
- Field team training and management
- Ecology/wildlife surveys

01/2019-12/2020 Volunteer Worker at Cameroon's Ministry of Environment, Protection of Nature and Sustainable Development(MINEPDED), Buea.

- Media and public sensitization on sustainable Resource use.
- Monitoring and Evaluation of Environmental Action Plans

11/2018 to 12/2020 Ecology and Wildlife Researcher for the Pangolin Conservation Network (PCN)
Responsibilities: Field surveys, publication of manuscripts and Reporting/dissemination

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOP

17/June 2019 Use of GIS for Biodiversity Conservation, at University of Buea Science Lab

- Using QGIS for Map Development and Design.
- Cautions on handling GIS tools (GPS, Camera traps).

December 2018 **South West Regional Delegation of Environment end of year
Evaluation meeting at German International Corporation (GIZ) Buea.**

- Minute taking, presentation on hazards to Wetlands in Buea.

March 2016 **ACEFA Training Workshop on sustainable farming practices with
emphasis on Agro-forestry.**

PERSONAL SKILLS

Technical skills - Competent with Microsoft Office programs
 - Basic knowledge in QGIS Software
 - Skilled in Cartographic design and Map Reading/interpretation

GRANTS and SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED

March 2019 IDEA WILD GRANT (For Biodiversity Conservation)
(1GPS, 2Compass, 3Bushnell Camera traps, a Projector and sleeping tents)

July 2019 Pittsburg Zoo and PPG Aquarium Conservation Grants
Purpose: Pangolin Conservation in the Deng-Deng National Park, Eastern Region Cameroon.

May 2022: 2nd IDEA WILD GRANT (For continuation of Biodiversity conservation in Deng-Deng National Park, Cameroon)

2022: Open Doors Scholarship in the Masters (№2022/Ear-M056) Track

PROJECTS

1. **Dec 2021 – August 2022:** Community Rangers Biomonitoring Project in Tofala Hills Wildlife Sanctuary, ERuDeF (Arcus Foundation)
2. **March-Sept 2019**-Evaluating Community Livelihood Impact on Biodiversity in the Bakossi Mountains, South West Region Cameroon. (Completed): Organisation: MINEPDED/DD/KM
3. **June 2018** Biodiversity Inventory in the Banyang-Mbo Wildlife Sanctuary, Southwest Region, Cameroon. Organisation: University of Buea Field studies.

ACADEMIC PAPERS/PUBLICATIONS

1. Simo Franklin, DifouoFopa. G, Ebong E. L., et al. Using local ecological knowledge to improve the effectiveness of detecting white-bellied pangolins (*Phataginustricuspis*) using camera traps: A case study from Deng-Deng National Park, Cameroon. *Afr J Ecol.* 2020;00:1–6.
2. Melle E. M., Esong L. E, Nkwatoh A. F., Ichu Ichu Godwill, Amos Fang Zeh (2019).“ The Ecological Impact on the Distribution of Pangolins in Deng-Deng National Park, Eastern Region, Cameroon”. *Annals of Ecology and Environmental Science* 3(1), pp.23-32
3. Melle E. M, Nkwatoh A. F, Amos F. Z, Esong L. E, Ngongpan H. M. and Olle A. F. G. (2019).The Effect of Human Activity on the Survival of Primates in Kimbi-Fungom National Park, Northwest Region, Cameroon, Research & Reviews: *Journal of Ecology and Environmental*
4. Melle E. M, Nkwatoh A. F,Akime S. M. N, Ekabe Q. M, Esong L. E (2018). An Assessment of Anthropogenic Activity on the Pangolin Population in Deng-Deng National Park, Eastern Region, Cameroon Vol 37, Pg 9-16. *Sciences*,Vol.7, Issue 1, Page 32-4

5. Melle E. M, Chokeh I. C, Ekabe Q. M, Esong L. E, Ngome L.M, Mbole V. (2018). The Challenges of Women in Participating in the Management of the Rainforest of Buea Municipality, Southwest Region, Cameroon. Journal of Environment and Earth Science, Vol.8.No 10. Pg 20-28

SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

- Twitter: https://twitter.com/ebong_lionel
- Facebook: <https://web.facebook.com/esong.ebong>
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- <https://erudef.org/the-role-of-community-rangers-as-citizen-scientists-in-research-and-conservation-of-gorillas-and-chimpanzees-in-the-lebialem-highlands/>