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Name: Abiyot Berhanu Wassie (Dr.)

Education:

- PhD in Forest Ecology, graduated in July 2017
- M.Sc. in Botanical Sciences/Conservation Biology, graduated in 2002
- B.Sc. in Biology, graduated in 1999

Present Position:

- **Member** of the Informal Advisory Committee for ABS of the Nagoya Protocol, CBD Secretariat.
- **Director**, Genetic Resources Access and Benefit Sharing Research Directorate, Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute, Addis Ababa
- **National Focal Point**, Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit-sharing (ABS)
- **Deputy President** of the Board of Management of the Ethiopian Wildlife and Natural History Society, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- **Executive Committee Member** of the Biological Society (BSE) of Ethiopia.
- **International Council Representative** for International Union of Forestry Research Organization (IUFRO)

Professional Work Experience

Since December 2022 - Director, Genetic Resources Access and Benefit Sharing Directorate, Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

May 2018 – April 2022 - Director General, Ethiopian Environment and Forest Research Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

October 2017-May 2018 – Project Coordinator, UNDP Enhanced management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Area Estate Project, Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

July 2017-May 2018 - National Steering Committee Member, Ethiopian Man and the Biosphere Program, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

October 2018 – March 2022 – Chair, Provision of Adequate Tree Seed Portfolio in Ethiopia (PATSPPO) project National Steering Committee.

2013 –2017 PhD Candidate in Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia.

2008- 2013 Focal Point for the Clearing House Mechanism of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

2011- 2013 Director, Public Relations and Communication Directorate, Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute.

2010 – 2011 Researcher (Botanist), Genetic Resources Transfer and Regulation Directorate, Institute of Biodiversity Conservation;

2010 Task Force Member, Invasive Alien Species Communication Strategy Development for Ethiopia, Removing Barriers to Invasive Plant Management in Africa Project

2008 – 2010 Task Force Member, Biodiversity Indicator Development for Ethiopia.

2007 – 2010 National Steering Committee Member, Removing Barriers to Invasive Plant Management in Africa

2006 - 2009 Head, Information and Documentation Service (Researcher/Botanist, Database and website Administrator and Editor), institute of Biodiversity Conservation

2009 Project coordinator, Convention on Biological Diversity Ethiopia 4th Country Report Ethiopia

2007 - 2008 Project coordinator, Biodiversity assessment and human impact in and around Yangudi Rassa National Park, Northeast Ethiopia

2007 Ecological Management Working Group Member, Bale Mountains National Park General Management Plan Development

2006 National steering committee member, Review of Institutional Setup and Legal Aspects for Sustainable Utilization of Wetlands in Ethiopia

2003 - 2011 Researcher (Botanist), Institute of Biodiversity Conservation, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

2002 - 2003 Lecturer in Jimma University, Ethiopia, Teaching (and Research) Freshman Biology, Plant Anatomy, General Ecology and Cryptogamic Botany

1999-2000 Teacher at Debrework Senior Secondary School, Debrework, Ethiopia.

Publications (Original article, Thesis, Proceedings and Books)

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- Abiyot Berhanu, Zerihun Woldu and Sebsebe Demissew (2016). Elevation patterns of woody taxa richness in the evergreen Afromontane vegetation of Ethiopia. *Journal of Forestry Research* **28(4)**: 787–793.
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- Workshop on Coffee Production, Variety and Trading- Ways to Maximize Ethiopia's Benefits, Dilla University. Pp. 81-98.
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- Abiyot Berhanu, Zemedet Asfaw and Ensermu Kelbessa (2006). Ethnobotany of insecticides, repellents and antimalarial medicinal plants of Jabitehnan Wereda, West Gojjam. *SINET Ethiop. J. Sci.* **29(1)**: 87-92
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- Abiyot Berhanu (2013). Biodiversity of Ethiopia (Book – in Amharic). Ethiopian Institute of Biodiversity, Addis Ababa. Pp. 60
- Abiyot Berhanu, Kahisay G/Egziabher, Mengistu Wondafrash and Dawit Dinku (2010). Selected National Biodiversity Indicators (Book). Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Pp. 48
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- Abiyot Berhanu, Berihun G/Medhin, Kebu Balemie, and Getachew Tesfaye (2008). Biodiversity assessment and human impact in and around Yangudi Rassa National Park, Hadar (Ade-Ar) and the surrounding areas, Northeastern Ethiopia. Ethiopian Biodiversity Institute, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
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