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Personal data

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Scientific career

since 2019 independent expert for the BIOPAMA Regional Advisory Committee for Eastern Africa
since 2012 research associate, Senckenberg Natural History Museum Goerlitz
since 2011 high-school teacher (Zinzendorf Gymnasium, biology and geography)
2011 coordinator of Red List projects, Senckenberg Natural History Museum Goerlitz
since 2010 chair of the "Dragonfly Specialist Group", IUCN SSC
2009-2010 coordinator of the BSc curriculum "Ecosystem Management", University of Goettingen
2000-2007 PI "Using dragonflies to assess habitat quality and biodiversity for conservation planning" in eastern Africa (Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Ethiopia)
1996-1999 PhD, ecology and biogeography of afroalpine rodents in Uganda ("summa cum laude")
1995 Diploma (= MSc), "Behavioral ecology of *Notiothemis robertsi* Fraser, 1944 (Odonata: Libellulidae)", field work in Kenya ("very good")

List of projects and cooperations (2000-2021)

Aug 2021 organisation and PI of a SummerSchool in Rwanda (FieldCourse in biodiversity assessments of different taxonomic groups, capacity building, cooperation boosting; funded by Volkswagen Stiftung)
June 2021 invited lecturer for UNEP/UNESCO/BMU's "International Postgraduate Course on Environmental Management"
March 2020 invited lecturer for the Klaus-Toepfer-Fellowships Programms, Vilm (BfN) on "The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species"
Aug 2019 biodiversity assessment at Kafa Biosphere Reserve in south-west Ethiopia (NABU)
Since 2018 committee member for the PhD of Erasme Uyizeye (Antioch University, New England). Title: "Odonates as Indicators of Ecological Integrity: Developing an Index for Freshwater Habitat Assessment and Monitoring in Rwanda"
Nov 2018 consultancy agreement with the SSC/IUCN: assessment of European and Asian dragonflies for "The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species" (Funds from the Toyota cooperation)
March 2018 Survey of Wetlands in the Virunga Volcanoes, Rwanda (invitation from the Dian Fossey Fund, funded by the Epply Foundation), training of Rwandese students
Feb 2017 IUCN Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) Stakeholder Validation workshop for the Lake Victoria catchment, Uganda
March 2016 contract IUCN: coordination and field work (Rwanda) for the "IUCN Lake Victoria Freshwater Biodiversity Assessment" project (MacArthur funded)
Feb 2016 invited lecturer for "AFRESH" (African Freshwater Entomology Workshop) at Midmar, KwaZuluNatal, South Africa
Oct 2015 contract IUCN: assessment of the dragonflies for the "IUCN Lake Victoria Freshwater Biodiversity Assessment" project (MacArthur funded)
July 2015 invited lecturer for the Tropical Biological Association field course at Amani, Tanzania
Jan 2015 invitation to a "Uganda National Red List", Kampala, Uganda
Dec 2014 biodiversity assessment at Kafa Biosphere Reserve in south-west Ethiopia (NABU)
June 2014 invited lecturer; Tropical Biological Association field course in the Kibale Forest, Uganda
Nov 2013 JRS Biodiversity Foundation "African Dragonfly Meeting", Stellenbosch
since 2012 field surveys in North Angola; partnership between TU Dresden and Universidade Kimpa Vita (Uige, northern Angola)

- 2012-2013 grant from the Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund for the conservation of the Amani Flatwing in the East Usambara Mts, Tanzania
- 2010 contract IUCN: Evaluation of the "Eastern Himalaya Assessment", dragonflies
- 2008-2009 contract IUCN: "Northeastern Africa Assessment", dragonflies
- 2005-2007 contract IUCN: coordination "Red List Index Project" for dragonflies, global assessments
- 2004-2007 PI "Using dragonflies to assess habitat quality and biodiversity for conservation planning" (BIOLOG Program, BMBF)
- 2002-2009 contract IUCN „Africa Freshwater Biodiversity Assessment Program“, coordination for African dragonflies, global red listing (www.iucnredlist.org)
- 2002-2003 contract IUCN: "Eastern Africa Assessment“, dragonflies
- 2001-2004 PI "Diversity and Species Composition of Odonata as Indicators of Biotope Quality of East African Rain Forests and their Replacement Communities" (BIOLOG Program, BMBF)
- 2001-2003 research grants (IDF), biodiversity of African dragonflies
- 2000-2001 research grant (DFG), biogeography and biodiversity of East African dragonflies

Workshops and meetings in cooperation with IUCN

- May 2020 IUCN/SSC "Red List Committee Meeting", London
- March 2020 invited participation to a workshop "Innovating for the Red List - a 3 day strategic discussion to be held in Washington DC, USA"
- Oct 2019 IUCN/SSC "3rd SSC chairs Meeting", Abu Dabi
- May 2019 IUCN/SSC "Red List Committee Meeting", Cambridge
- May 2018 IUCN/SSC "Red List Committee Meeting", London
- Nov 2017 IUCN/SSC "Red List Committee Meeting", Cambridge
- Sept 2017 IUCN/SSC "Invertebrate Conservation Sub-Committee Meeting", Cambridge
- April 2016 IUCN/SSC "Red List Committee Meeting", Cambridge
- Sep 2015 IUCN/SSC "3rd SSC chairs Meeting", Abu Dabi
- Sep 2015 IUCN/SSC "Invertebrate Conservation Sub-Committee Meeting", Cambridge
- Sep 2015 IUCN/SSC "Red List Committee Meeting", Cambridge
- April 2015 IUCN/SSC "Invertebrate Conservation Sub-Committee Meeting", Cambridge
- Jan 2014 IUCN/SSC "Red List of Ecosystems Meeting", Cambridge
- Dec 2013 Criteria workshop "Key Biodiversity Areas", convened by IUCN, Rome
- March 2013 Criteria and Delineation workshop "Key Biodiversity Areas", convened by IUCN, Washington
- June 2012 IUCN/SSC "Red List Committee Meeting", Cambridge
- Feb 2012 IUCN/SSC "2nd SSC chairs Meeting", Abu Dabi
- Oct 2011 IPBES scoping process, Nairobi
- May 2011 IUCN/SSC "Red List Committee Meeting", Arlington
- Nov 2010 IUCN/SSC "Red List Committee Meeting", Gland
- Sept 2010 IUCN/SSC "Invertebrate Conservation Subcommittee Meeting", Cambridge
- 2009 IUCN evaluation workshop "Africa Freshwater Biodiversity Assessment", Cairo
- since 2007 IUCN Red List Authority for the "Dragonfly Specialist Group"
- 2003-2007 chair of the "Odonata Specialist Group", IUCN
- 2002 IUCN workshop "East African Freshwater Biodiversity Assessment", Nairobi

Other interests and experience

- coordination of international projects
- general interest in natural history, biodiversity and nature conservation
- knowledgeable of many groups including plants, vertebrates and some invertebrates
- supervision of PhD thesis (Leiden University, The Netherlands; Makerere University, Institute of Environment and Natural Resources, Uganda)
- travelled widely (Africa, Asia, South America, Europe)
- good knowledge of English and German
- experience with the use of various software
- experience with the management and analysis of large datasets

- experience with working in and on scientific collections
- experience with applying for and acquiring funds for research projects
- experience with work in boards of scientific societies and as referee for scientific journals

Awards

- Harry Messel Award for Conservation Leadership by IUCN/SSC, February 2012
- "Highly cited author 2008-2011" Award by *Biological Conservation*
- "Best oral presentation" at the African Small Mammal Symposium, Paris 1999