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SUMMARY

Environmental and sustainable development professional with 10+ years of international work. Thorough project management, grant writing, qualitative and quantitative analysis expertise. Committed to bridging the gap between science and policy, and scaling-up proven solutions to advance climate change adaptation and mitigation in low- and middle-income countries.

EDUCATION

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY – Raleigh, NC **July 2021 - Present**

PhD Student in Forestry and Environmental Resources

Advisor: Dr. Erin Sills

Research Assistant in the project: 'Connections between water and rural production in the Amazon'

DUKE UNIVERSITY, Sanford School of Public Policy – Durham, NC **May 2021**

Master of Public Policy Candidate

Concentration: International development and environmental policy

Duke Bass Connections Project Researcher: How external funding influences national commitments to biodiversity conservation (Spring 2020)

Teaching assistant for 'Microeconomics of policymaking' (Fall 2020)

Master's Project: Cost-benefit analysis of a value-added tax (VAT) on clean cooking solutions in Kenya

YALE UNIVERSITY – New Haven, CT **May 2016**

Master of Environmental Management

Concentration: Business and the Environment

Master's Project: The potential of deforestation-free agreements to decrease and promote sustainable supply chains: The case of the soy moratorium in Brazil

SÃO PAULO UNIVERSITY – São Paulo, BR **Aug 2008**

Bachelor of Science in Forest Engineering

Thesis: The açai market in Belém (Brazil): trends on price and demand from 2006 to 2008

EXPERIENCE

United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) – Durham, NC **Nov 2020 - April 2021**

Remote Intern

- Surveying and analyzing National Adaptation Plans (NAP) in Least Developed Countries (LDC) to support the Open NAP Initiative
- Preparing case studies for the LDC Expert Group's meetings and events
- Compiling and assessing relevant research, policies, and practices on climate change adaptation

Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions (Duke University) – Durham, NC **Sep 2020 - Jan 2021**

Research Assistant

- Conducted literature review and interviews with experts from Latin America to understand COVID-19 impacts on funding for protected areas
- Analyzed interview data, wrote blog posts, and presented research findings to clients

The World Bank Group – *Doing Business Report* – Washington, DC **May - Aug 2020**

Summer Analyst Intern

- Contributed to the *Trading Across Borders* indicator of the *Doing Business Project* through administering hundreds of surveys in English, Spanish, and Portuguese to trade experts, practitioners, and lawyers;

collecting secondary economic and regulatory information; and coding and managing data from 25 countries in the *Doing Business Project* database

- Maintained effective links with external partners, such as government officials and practitioners, and led new partners' recruitment in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe

Center for Advanced Hindsight – Government Team (Duke University) – Durham, NC **Jan - May 2020**
Research Assistant

- Conducted literature review on: i) behavioral science-based interventions to inform the design of recycling policies, and ii) impact of teleworking on productivity, job satisfaction, and work-life balance
- Assisted quantitative and qualitative data analysis of pilot intervention to encourage low-carbon transportation in Durham, developed surveys in Qualtrics, and assisted report writing for donors

Amazon Conservation – Washington, DC **Oct 2016 - Jul 2019**
Conservation Program Associate

- Managed five projects and supported the implementation of other four in the Peruvian and Bolivian Andes-Amazon, including USAID-funded initiatives
- Secured more than USD \$250K through designing concept notes and writing project proposals in Spanish and English for donors, such as the MacArthur Foundation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services
- Tracked projects' indicators, outputs and outcomes; maintained relationship with donors; and reported progress toward target audiences
- Analyzed funding opportunities and created the organization's annual fundraising plan
- Applied adaptive management frameworks to improve the effectiveness of programs and projects

World Resources Institute (WRI) – Washington, DC **Jul - Sept 2016**
Research Intern - Natural Infrastructure Team

- Conducted a study of funding sources and financial mechanisms to unlock investment in green infrastructure to mitigate water shortages in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

United Nations Development Program – New Haven, CT/Accra, Ghana **Jan - Oct 2016**
Student Researcher for the Small Grants Program

- Led qualitative data collection (surveys, interviews, focus groups) and analysis, and reported on financial mechanisms adopted to sustain community-based conservation projects in Ghana, Peru, and Belize

Governance, Environment and Market Initiative (Yale University) – New Haven, CT **Sept - Dec 2015**
Research Assistant

- Coauthored the report "Pathways for local land-use change and reforms: cases from Peru, Brazil, Ghana and Indonesia" analyzing policies and market-based mechanisms to mitigate CO₂ emissions from land use, land-use change, and forestry (LULUCF)
- Presented findings at the Climate Law and Governance Conference – University of Paris during COP-21

Center for International Forestry Research – Bogor, Indonesia **July - Sept 2015**
Research Assistant

- Conducted systematic literature review for the Green Climate Fund and coauthored report titled "Effectiveness of forest conservation interventions: an evidence gap map" to inform funding allocation to forest conservation projects

Small Group Tree Planting Program (TIST) – New Haven, CT/Meru, Kenya **Jan - May 2015**
Student Consultant, Yale Environmental Protection Clinic

- Produced a report on implementation and financing options for reforestation, restoration, and afforestation projects, with a focus on Latin America and Africa
- Designed survey and collected social, economic, and environmental data in the field for the impact evaluation of afforestation projects implemented in rural Kenya

Researcher and Project Manager

- Drafted project proposals, led fieldwork, collected and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data across eight projects in the Amazon biome
- Produced and promoted research-based publications (two as first author) to inform and influence policymakers on forest conservation and sustainable development discussions
- Recruited and managed technical teams and consultants (average of 6-8 people)
- Technical domains included deforestation drivers, decentralization of environmental governance, Millennium Development Goals, management and financing of protected areas, community-based natural resources management, and forest-based value chains

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Pirard, R., Wunder, S., Duchelle, A.E., Puri, J., Asfaw, S., Bulusu, M., Petit, H., Vedoveto, M. *Effectiveness of Forest Conservation Interventions: An Evidence Gap Map*. Green Climate Fund: Independent Evaluation Unit. IEU Learning Paper, N.2, 2019.

Fisher, J., Vedoveto, M., Delgado, D., Souto, T., Rivero, R., Harden, A. *Collaborative Governance and Conflict Management: Lessons Learned and Good Practices from a Case Study in the Amazon Basin*. Society & Natural Resources, 2019.

Vedoveto, M. 2016. *The potential of deforestation-free agreements to decrease deforestation and promote sustainable supply chains: the case of the Soy Moratorium in Brazil*. The Bulletin of the Yale Tropical Resources Institute. Volume 35.

Sills, E., Herrera, D., Kirkpatrick, J., Brandão Jr., A., Dickson, R., Hall, S., Pattanayak, S., Shoch, D., Vedoveto, M., Young, L., Pfaff, A. *Estimating the impacts of local policy innovation: the synthetic control method applied to tropical deforestation*. PLoS One. 2015; 10(7): e0132590

Vedoveto, M., Ortega, V., & Veríssimo, A. 2014. *Rural Environmental Management: revenue and costs of environmental control in twelve municipalities in Pará*. (97 pages). Belém: Imazon.

Vedoveto, M., Ortega, V., Pereira, J., & Veríssimo, A. 2014. *Challenges to the consolidation of the State Conservation Units in Pará: funding and management* (80 pages). Belém: Imazon.

Pinto, I. C., Vedoveto, M., & Veríssimo, A. 2013. *Environmental Compensation: An Opportunity for Consolidating Conservation Units in Pará* (53 pages). Belém: Imazon.

Martins, H., Vedoveto, M., Araújo, E., Barreto, P., Baima, S., Souza Jr., C., & Veríssimo, A. 2012. *Critical Protected Areas in the Legal Amazon* (94 pages). Belém: Imazon.

RELEVANT SKILLS

- Ability to foster collaborative working relationships across cultures and sectors
- Language skills: Portuguese (Native), English (Fluent), Spanish (Fluent)
- Software experience: Stata, ArcGIS (basic), Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Certificates: Reduced Impact Logging (Tropical Forest Institute), Economic Tools for Conservation (Conservation Strategy Fund), Conservation Finance Boot Camp (Duke University), Integrated Landscape Management (EcoAgriculture Partners)

LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

- **SANFORD MPP STUDENT COUNCIL**, Student Representative, Durham, NC (2020 – 2021)
- **DUKE FIRSTS**, Career Mentor for First-Generation Undergraduate Students, Durham, NC (2020 – 2021)
- **MIT CLIMATE COLAB**, Catalyst, Remote (2017)