# **CURRICULUM VITAE**

#### **PERSONAL DATA**

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## **KEYS SKILL AND COMPETENCIES**

Natural resources, Forest management and ecosystem restoration, Wildlife, biodiversity and Protected Areas governance and management, strategic and analytic planning; Leadership and team building; Communication, advocacy; staff management, administration; international cooperation, community-based natural resources management, Analytical skills and statistical environmental data analysis and policy, Project development, Environmental and Social Management System,

#### **EDUCATION**

PhD in Monitoring and Biodiversity Conservation (Highest distinction with congratulations), University of Parakou. Benin. Defended on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2017

Master of Science, Wildlife Population Analysis and Dynamic. Polytechnic University of Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina-Faso. Best Distinction (16.23/20) 2010

Master of Art, Protected Areas Management. International Institute of Environment and Water Engineering (2IE), Burkina Faso. Best Distinction (16.67/20). 2009

Bachelor of Science: Forest ecology and Environmental Management. Polytechnics School of Abomey-Calavi. University of Abomey-Calavi, Bénin. Distinction (14.99/20). 2003

University Degree in Sociology-Anthropology. Faculty of Letters, Arts and Human Science (FLASH). University of Abomey-Calavi. 2002.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

April 2024-to currently: Regional Technical Coordinator of the Regional Marine Protected Areas network (RAMPAO) in West Africa and cumulatively Programme Coordinator in charge of Small projects. Dakar, Senegal.

- Support the selection and contractualization of projects supported by the program;
- Support the monitoring, analysis and capitalization of the results obtained by each project in terms of impact on biodiversity conservation and on the effectiveness of management of the network's MPAs for the benefit of local communities;
- Support technical reporting to the various funding agencies, principally the FFEM;
- Support small project evaluation missions in the field;
- Support the implementation of RAMPAO's communication strategy through the development of communication tools and the animation of the network's digital platforms:
- Develop and regularly update a monitoring and evaluation system for RAMPAO's small-scale projects, defining the corresponding targets and indicators, and periodically update them;

- Periodically coordinate, on a quarterly basis and in collaboration with beneficiaries, the programming and monitoring of the implementation of each small project's activities;
- Draw up half-yearly and annual activity reports for RAMPAO's small-scale projects;
- Establish regular dialogue with network members and partners, with a view to identifying needs, opportunities for collaboration and mobilizing of joint solutions and exchanges of experience;
- Seek to respond to requests for support and advice made by member MPAs and direct the mobilization of flexible funds from the RAMPAO towards the implementation of individualized solutions where appropriate;
- Establish regular dialogue with experts from RAMPAO's thematic task forces and take their recommendations into consideration, with a view to nurturing and strengthening RAMPAO Executive Secretariat's program;
- Carry out any other tasks assigned by the RAMPAO Executive Secretary.

December 2019 to Mars 2024: Project Officer-Regional Expert in Wildlife crime in West Africa. International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Project "Regional Governance of Protected areas and Security". Ouagadougou. Burkina Faso.

- Establish a regional coordination and cooperation in combating wildlife and forest crime;
- Coordinate the establishment of the regional information system on environmental crime in West Africa;
- Develop capacities of institutions and provide strategic and technical backstopping in development of tools and system to monitor wildlife and forest crimes;
- Support the emergence of transboundary cooperation among actors engaged in combating conservation crime;
- Provide technical support to natural resources management initiatives promoting biodiversity and climate;
- Support the actions supporting endangered species conservation and improving the regional capacity of wildlife rescue and rehabilitation centers for sustainable management of wildlife and care to live specimens seized from enforcement operations;
- Organize capacity building workshops and events to wildlife enforcement task forces within ECOWAS Members States on detection, investigation, legislative and prosecution of coordination and collaboration to combat wildlife crime, data and information management to support conservation policies;
- Planning, budgeting, assist in the financial monitoring of activities and contracts relating to the implementation;
- Contribute to the design of the terms of reference and the procurement process for all activities under its responsibility of the position;
- Support the information of the indicators of implementation of the regional policies of conservation, combating wildlife crime and for the conservation of endangered species;
- Support the monitoring of the PAPBio program by facilitating the collection of project indicators or by supporting the monitoring and reporting of activities carried out by partners in the fight against wildlife crime and for the conservation of endangered species;
- Promote the achievements and experiences of the project, in coordination with the communication team, through the production of maps, story-maps or other relevant communication products, as well as the identification and dissemination of solutions and best practices;
- Contribute to the identification and formulation of new project concept note and proposal based on relevant challenges and opportunities;
- Contribute to the production of periodic reports of the unit and IUCN in general with information on project implementation;

- Support countries to develop strategies to manage human-wildlife conflict;
- Ensure capacity development of protected area managers and professionals and institutions involved in combating biodiversity loss and wildlife crimes;
- Review and provide quality assurance on all the project related deliverables in line with the project objectives.

**2022: Acting Project Coordinator** of "Project Supporting ECOWAS Student's CITES research grants" Funded by USAID.

October to December 2021: Associate consultant for the Development of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) of "Projet forêt classée du Bénin" funded by the World Bank

**Employer : Envidev Consult** 

# Responsibilities

- Data Collection and site visit to integrate the development plan in the project implementation;
- Survey towards local governments, farmers, cattle herders and project stakeholders;
- Strategic and specific diagnosis of the project area to establish the baseline situation;
- Analysis of the issues, impacts and risks linked to the implementation of project components and formulation of mitigation measures;
- Development of the Environmental Monitoring Program and the Stakeholder Capacity Building Plan.

April - July 2019: Associate consultant for the "Project to Support the Competitiveness of Sectors and the Diversification of Exports (PACOFIDE)"funded by World Bank

**Employer**: Envidev Consult

# Responsibilities

- Design of data collection tools;
- Identify and analyze and assess the potential environmental, social and health risks;
- Conduct the inventory of crop phytopathology requiring the use of pesticides;
- Draft the action plan for pest management and pesticides and other alternative phytosanitary products and the promotion of the competitiveness of the concerned sectors at international level (compliance with ecological standards);

September to December 2019: Regional Deputy Director of Forestry and Head of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation. Regional Forestry office of Zou. Abomey (Benin). Employer: Ministry of Living area and sustainable development Responsibilities

- Lead the implementation of forest policy in the field;
- Develop conservation initiatives in close collaboration with decentralized offices and partners and communities;
- Ensure sustainability and legality in natural resources management activities implementing tools such as management plan, laws and regulations and effective enforcement;
- Coordinate ecosystem and land restoration activities such as reforestation in degraded areas, agroforestry and other sustainable agriculture techniques;
- Support initiatives promoting sustainable use of natural resources and environmentally economic activities that improves community livelihood and biodiversity gain;
- Coordinate forest protection and enforcement activities preventing illegal exploitation, of fauna and flora, biodiversity loss and carbon emission release.
- Develop forestry and biodiversity projects that ensure sustainable management of natural resources;
- Support community development activities through income generating activities;

- Organize workshop and events to engage and create partnership with stakeholders to ensure the participatory governance of and sustainable management of natural resources:
- Organize patrols and related security activities within forest and protected areas;
- Coordinate biodiversity conservation activity and supervise protected area management evaluation activities using innovative tools such as IMET;
- Coordinate the implementation of forest and natural, related projects;
- Develop capacity building capacity toward staff and local communities;
- Promote tree planting and engage private sector in biodiversity conservation;
- Lead and manage staff, administration, financial and logistics management;
- Ensure communication and disseminating information, advocacy for sustainable wildlife management practices and biodiversity;
- Draft and prepare in collaboration with stakeholders, monitoring and evaluation plans and the associated templates;

December 2018 to September 2019: Regional Deputy Director of Forestry and Head of Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation office. Regional Forestry Office of Mono-Couffo. Lokossa (South-Western Benin).

**Employer**: Ministry of Living area and sustainable development

- Lead the implementation of forest policy in the field;
- Develop conservation initiatives in close collaboration with decentralized offices and partners and communities;
- Ensure sustainability and legality in natural resources management activities implementing tools such as management plan, laws and regulations and effective enforcement;
- Coordinate coastal ecosystems and mangroves restoration activities engaging communities, NGOS, private sectors;
- Support initiatives promoting sustainable use of natural resources and environmentally economic activities that improves community livelihood and biodiversity gain;
- Support community in establishment of Marine protected areas,
- Coordinate the sustainable use and management of marine and coastal natural resources;
- Ensure the effective management of marine protected areas and forest reserves in Mono-Couffo region,
- Support community development activities through income generating activities;
- Organize patrols and related security activities within forest and protected areas;
- Coordinate biodiversity conservation activity and supervise protected area management evaluation activities using innovative tools such as IMET;
- Coordinate the implementation of forest and natural, related projects;
- Develop capacity building capacity toward staff and local communities;
- Promote tree planting and engage private sector in biodiversity conservation;
- Lead and manage staff, administration, financial and logistics management;
- Ensure communication and disseminating information, advocacy for sustainable wildlife management practices and biodiversity;
- Draft and prepare in collaboration with stakeholders, monitoring and evaluation plans and the associated templates;

September to October 2017: Associate consultant for the Development of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (CGES) of the Projet WACA ResIP-Bénin financed by the World Bank

**Employer:** Envidev Consult

- Collection of data
- Conduct sites visit for the reception of the development plan;

- Conduct the survey towards farmers leaders, and project stakeholders;
- Ensure the strategic and specific diagnosis of the Project's area and baseline establishment
- Conduct the analysis of issues, impacts and risks linked to the implementation of the project components and formulation of related measures.
- Develop the Environmental Monitoring Program and the Stakeholder Capacity Building Plan

July to September 2017: Associate consultant for the Development of the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) of the "West Africa Agricultural Transformation Program (PTAAO)" funded by the World Bank

**Employer**: Envidev Consult

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May-June 2017: Associate Auditor for Environmental and Social Audit of the Godomey Pahou Road Reconstruction Project for the Regional Trade and Transport Facilitation Project on the Abidjan-Lagos Corridor (PFCTAL): Component B "Improvement of Corridor Road Infrastructure" funded by World Bank and Benin Government

**Employer:** Envidev Consult

#### Responsibilities

- Design the data collection tools and analysis methods:
- Conduct survey towards all project stakeholders and site visit for the entire length, quarries, reforestation sites; sites having hosted support measures (markets, parking);
- Conduct Interviews with people affected by the project interventions;
- Review reports and other project documents and deliverables;
- Disseminate the environmental audit findings, and non-compliance with the ESMP;
- Draft the proposal of related corrective actions and drafting recommendations;
- Draft the audit reporting

**2015–2016**: Head of Department Natural resource and Biodiversity Conservation. National Office of Forest. Cotonou (Benin).

- Contribute to the development and effective implementation of national policies in line with global commitments in support of Sustainable natural resource management such as CBD, CITES, CMS etc;
- Support the development of species conservation planning, forest or protected area management plans as well as business plans;
- Develop the sustainable natural resources management techniques than could reduce threats on species,
- generations to play an active role in safeguarding biodiversity and sustainably using wildlife resources. •
- Improve education and collaboration with community for sustainable management of wildlife:
- Support the development of incentive-driven approaches to manage and use natural resource sustainably and contribute to biodiversity conservation and benefit sharing with indigenous and local communities

- Support the implementation of forestry related and natural resources projects;
- Promote partnership with private sectors and NGOS for sustainable management of natural resources;
- Oversee Biomonitoring and research activities including on forest and wildlife inventories and biodiversity related studies;
- Contribute to project formulation and fundraising for biodiversity and natural resources management in accordance to the national forestry policy and priorities;
- Contribute to the design of annual working plans for all the agroforestry and wildlife projects;
- Supervise the development of technical and legal framework for natural resources and forest management;
- Support actions to combat erosion and land degradation:
- Species management, drafting formulating species conservation plans
- Raise public awareness on the sustainable use and management of natural resources
- Manage issues related to natural resource and biodiversity threats;
- Support staff and managers in natural resource management, environmental and land management activities.

**2015-2016**: **Project Coordinator** BID-AF2015-0030-SMA: Digitalization and mobilization of biodiversity data of protected area and threatened species in Benin: Funded by European Union.

**2015-2017**: **Deputy National Focal Point** of The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD).

**August 2016: Training Consultant** for regional training on anti-poaching towards rangers from the transboundary parks of W-Arly-Pendjari (Benin, Burkina Faso and Niger). United Nations and Development Program (UNDP) of Burkina Faso.

## Responsibilities

- Training on legal instruments (national, regional and international) related to wildlife conservation and combating conservation crimes;
- Training and planning and implementation of anti-poaching operations, and patrolling within and around the protected areas:
- Training on Ethics and professionalisms of rangers;
- Trainings of patrolling operations:
- Trainings on intelligence, criminal's investigation, reporting and prosecutions procedures;
- Training on Human right in the field on anti-poaching operations;
- Training on collaborations technics and coordination of joint and transboundary operation targeting illegal exploitation of wildlife

**2013-2015: Technical Coordinator for Forest** and riparian land management programme in Alibori region Northern Benin. National Forestry office of Benin

- Provide technical and administrative assistance to the technical coordination of forest and natural resource management established for Gazetted forests;
- Coordinate the drafting and development of forest and protected area management plans;
- Lead natural resources activities planning, monitoring and evaluation;
- Supervise and collaborate with research and universities for biomonitoring and research project related to forest and natural resources in the region;
- Supervise the land and Ecosystem restoration activities and actions regarding the fight against desertification and climate change;

- Lead activities related to forest fire management;
- Coordinate and support community organization and livelihoods empowerment;
- Promote the engagement of private sectors and facilitation of biodiversity conservation;
- Lead protection and forest security activities, patrolling, controls, management, antipoaching and fight against transhumance and illegal loggings;
- Lead law enforcement and prosecution regarding wildlife and forest crime;
- Supervise and administration, finance, logistic and staff management
- Capacity building development toward staff and community,
- Lead reforestation and forest creation activities,
- Develop community-based forestry and awareness;
- Ensure sustainability in natural resource management and compliance with legislations through effective enforcement actions

**2010-2012**: **Project Officer-Expert in Biodiversity** of W-Arly-Pendjari Parks in Benin. United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) project. GEF

- Capacity building towards Protected area managers tools towards park managers, and professionals;
- Provide technical support to ecological monitoring activities within the W-Arly-Pendjari Parks;
- Build capacity of rangers and forest officers in park security activities;
- Provide technical assistance in the development of management plan and law enforcement:
- Support park managers in natural resource and biodiversity assessment, data collection and analysis for reporting;
- Promote biodiversity conservation and ecosystem restoration around the parks;
- Supervise the development of work plan, and establish a robust monitoring and evaluation system;
- Support community livelihoods activities around the parks;
- Provide technical support for the development of master plan, park management and business plans;
- Provide advice and support for project activities related to biodiversity and natural resources, in full compliance with UNOPS policies, associated procedures, guidelines and standards and the donor requirements;
- Review and edit all project activities and deliverables related with biodiversity in accordance with the project documents and workplans;
- Develop the necessary terms of references for the project experts / consultants as needed for conducting the project activities related with biodiversity;
- Develop technical progress reports and assist the Project Coordinator;
- Assess and support project experts and consultants, and conduct quality control to ensure experts' delivery of contracted studies and analysis;
- Assist with analyses of regional and national policies, support the compilation of policy implementation indicators;
- Facilitate professional dynamics and networks;
- Assist or lead the design of information and communication documents in line with the program's communication strategy;
- Plan and ensure reporting and documentation of meetings;
- Coordinate the publication and dissemination of the project outcomes and solutions from the conservation action in the field;
- Ensure the project activities met the Social and Environmental safeguard framework and supervise the implementation of the Environmental and Social Management plans;

**2006-2008**: **Team Leader** at National Forest Inventory project in Benin. National Forestry Office. Funded by African Development Bank

# Responsabilities

- Conducting forest inventories and field measurements following the operational procedures;
- Lead forest inventory teams;
- Coordinate data collection activities: Tree measurement, species identification, sample collection:
- Manage staff, finance and logistics,
- Participate into data collection, processing, analysis and reporting;
- Ensure forest and protected area managers and key communities are involved into inventory operations in the field;
- Assist the national coordinator in the planning process of the inventory activities;

# 2004-2005: Forest technician for Wari-Maro, Mont-Kouffe and Agoua Gazetted forest in Benin. Funded by African Development Bank

## Responsibilities

- Perform technical functions in the preparation of forest plantation, reforestation and ecosystem restauration activities;
- Assist in planning and supervision of forest management tasks;
- Implement and supervise technical and silvicultural operations involving site preparation, planting, nursery;
- Coordinated training towards forest managers and local communities on forest management and community-based forestry techniques;
- Providing technical support to forestry research and biomonitoring programs;
- Report and monitor forest management activities;
- Coordinate fire management operations.

# 2003-2004:

- Research Assistant Laboratory of Study and Forest Research at The University of Parakou. Under the supervision of the late Professor SOKPON Nestor.
  - Contribute to research proposal design;
  - Support student supervision works and provide advice in drafting research proposal, and thesis writing;
  - Coordinate consultancy works related to forest and natural resource inventory and ecological data collection, analysis and reporting;
  - o Coordinate the reporting of forest study and annual report of the Lab,
  - Organize training towards students on natural resources techniques.
- Associate Consultant for a Environmental and Social Assessment (ESA) for the Transboundary project of construction of High Electric Power in North Benin and North Togo.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

#### Publications in peer reviews

**Amahowe O. I**, Gaoue, O., Natta A., Piponiot C., Zobi, I.C., Hérault, B. 2018b. Functional traits partially mediate the effects of chronic anthropogenic disturbance on the growth of a tropical tree. AoB Plants 1-21. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drudis.2015.02.007

Djagoun C.A.M.S. D., Sogbohossou E. A., Kassa B., Akpona H. A., **Amahowe** I. O., Djagoun J., and Sinsin B. 2018. Trade In primate species for medicinal purposes Implications for Conservation. Traffic Bulletin Vol. 30 No. 2.

- **Amahowe O. I.**, Biaou S. S. H., Natta A. K., Balagueman O. R. 2017a. Multiple disturbance patterns and population structure of a tropical tree species, *Afzelia africana* (Leguminosea–Caesalpinioideae), in two contrasting bioclimatic zones of the Republic of Benin. *Southern Forests: a Journal of Forest Science*. DOI:10.2989/20702620.2016.1274940
- **Amahowe O. I.**, Natta A. K., Biaou S. S. H. 2017b. Knowledge of *Afzelia africana* Sm & Pers (Fabaceae) and importance of functional traits measurement. *Bulletin de la Recherche Agronomique du Bénin (BRAB)* Numéro spécial Écologie Appliquée, Flore & Faune (EAFF) BRAB en ligne (on line) sur les sites web <a href="http://www.slire.net&http://www.inrab.org">http://www.slire.net&http://www.inrab.org</a>
- **Amahowe O. I.**, Biaou S. S. H., Balagueman R. O., & Natta A. K. 2016. Functional traits variation of Afzelia africana Sm & Pers across ontogenetic and light gradients: Implication for plant adaptive strategy in Benin (West Africa). *Sciences de la vie, de la terre et agronomie*, *4*(1).
- Biaou S. S. H., Moutouama J. K., Dan B. S. C. E., **Amahowe O. I.**, Moutouama F. T., & Natta A. K. E.2017. Uses of *Haematostaphis barteri* Hook. f. among the Waaba and Btammarib in North-Benin and impact on the species vulnerability. *International Journal of Biodiversity and Conservation*, 9(5), 146-157.
- Moutouama J. K., Fandohan A. B., Biaou S. S. H. **Amahowe O. I.**, Moutouama F. T. and Natta A. K.2016. Potential climate change favored expansion of a range limited species, *Haematostaphis barteri* Hook f. *Journal of Agriculture and Environment for International Development*. 110(2): 397-411. DOI: 10.12895/jaeid.20162.516.
- Nago S.G.A., **Amahowe O. I,** Zannou O., Houessou L., Ahononga F., N'Séra P., Kouton M., Kidjo F., Sahilou S., Sinsin B. 2016. Diversité, abondance et densité des populations de faune dans la Réserve de Biosphère de la Pendjari (Nord Bénin) *Ann. UP*, Série Sci. Nat. Agron. Vol.6 (No.1): 10-25
- **Amahowé** O.I., Houessou, G.L., Ashanti, S., Tehou, C.A.2013. Transboundary protected areas management: Experience from W-Arly-Pendjari parks in West Africa. *Parks* 19 (1): 19-29.
- **Amahowé I.O.**, Djossa, A.B., Adomou, A.C., Kabré, A.T., Sinsin, B. 2012. Vegetation structure and tree diversity in habitats exploited by elephants in Benin (West Africa). *Journal of Applied Biosciences*, 58: 4223-4233.
- **Amahowé O.**I., Ouédraogo, M., Lougbégnon, T. 2012. Analyse spatio-temporelle de la faune et des pressions anthropiques dans le ranch de gibier de Nazinga au Burkina Faso. *International Journal of Biological and Chemical Science*, 6(2): 613-627.
- Tehou, A.C., **Amahowé, O.I.**, Mensah, G.A. 2012. Importance des aires protégées du complexe des parcs du W, d'Arly et de la Pendjari pour les communautés riveraines et le grand public en République du Bénin. *Annales des Sciences Agronomiques* 16 (2) : 235-249.
- Madohonan D. D., Djossa B. A., **Amahowe O.I**. 2015. Évaluation des potentialités apicoles et des connaissances locales des acteurs dans la Commune de Banikoara (Bénin). Editions universitaires. http://www.editions-ue.com/ pages: 72

## **Publications Professionnelles**

- Amahowe O.I; Tiemtore S. 2022. Le système d'information régionale sur la criminalité environnementale (SICE) en Afrique de l'ouest : un outil de prise de décision intelligente pour la lutte contre la criminalité liée aux espèces sauvages et la conservation de la biodiversité. P :10-11. https://papaco.org/fr/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/202210\_NAPAFR.pdf
- **Amahowé, O. I.** (2022). Renforcement de la gouvernance en matière de lutte contre la Criminalité environnementale et l'insécurité autour des aires protégées transfrontalières (APTF) d'Afrique de l'Ouest (WAP). CMAP newsletter #9. p : 18-20
- **Amahowe O.I**; Tiemtore S.; Dayamba A. F.; Sanon A., Top B.; Badolo, A.; Ki L. 2020. La coopération régionale pour lutter contre la criminalité environnementale : Une urgence pour la

conservation de la biodiversité en Afrique de l'Ouest. NAPA. https://papaco.org/fr/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/

**Amahowe** O. I., Azihou A. F., Armand, N. K., Biaou S. H., Séverin B., Dieu-Donné, A., & Salomon, B. 2018a. Constraints of seedling survival and recruitment under adult tree of a multiuse species Afzelia africana Sm and Pers in Sudanian region of Benin (West Africa). Agroforestry Systems, 93(3), 1147-1156.

**Amahowé, O. I.** (2008). Problématique de braconnage dans la réserve transfrontalière de Biosphère de W Bénin. Troisième semaine nationale des aires protégées au Bénin. ISBA, Cotonou, Bénin, 15p <u>bj.chm-cbd.net</u>

#### STATISTICAL AND COMPUTER TOOLS

Microsoft Office, Geographical Information System programs: Arc GIS 9.3, QGIS Statistical modelling: Classical test, Linear Models, Generalized Mixed Effect Models, Linear mixed effect models, Generalized linear models, Bayesian Statistic and Modelling.

Population Ecology modelling: Integral Projection model Good command of R computing environment (R Development Core Team, 2011).

## **FUNDRAISING AND GRANT EXPERIENCES**

2019: Agnes Grant for junior Scientists 2019. Website: http://www.agnes-h.org

**2018**: Travel grant for Visiting scholar and collaborative Research at the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology offered by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. USA.

**2015:** JRS Biodiversity Foundation's Travel funding to attend 2015 Biodiversity Information Standards (TDWG) conference in Nairobi Kenya.

**2014:** Individual Research Grant offered by The International Foundation for Science (IFS): Funding for my ongoing addressing how functional trait mediates the ecological impact of climate change and anthropogenic activities on population dynamics of a tropical tree species *Afzelia africana* Sm & Pers

2014: IDEA-WILD for research equipment.

**2012**: United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS): Awards 2011 for performance at the position of Biodiversity National Expert for the year 2011.

**2011:** United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS): Awards 2010 for performance at the position of Biodiversity National Expert for the year 2010.

**2010**: African Wildlife Foundation Grant: Funding for the study on the effect of elephant on vegetation structure in Djona Hunting zone (W National Park of Benin).

**2010**: Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie Fellowship For Master programme.

**2008-2009**: **UICN PAPACO** Fellowship for the program of Master of Art in Protected area management. International Institute of Environment and Water Engineering (2IE). Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso.

**1999-2003**: Benin government Fellowship of for Bachelor programme in Environment. Polytechnic School of Abomey-Calavi. University of Abomey-Calavi. Benin

# **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

Member of Word Commission of Protected Area (WCPA-UICN) since 2009 Member of Global Transboundary Protected Area Network (TBPA) since 2010 Member of Forestry Research Network of Sub-Saharian Africa: FORNIS. Laboratory of Study and Flores Research (LERF) Laboratory of Ecology and Plant Biology (LEB) West African Network of Forest Biomass Estimation

**WORKING LANGUAGES**: French, English (IELTS General overall Band: 5.5 in January 2024) and Certificate of English Language Proficiency (Reached level: Advanced/C1-107)

#### **REFERENCES**

- 1- Prof Orou G Gaoue, Associate professor. University of Tennessee Knoxville Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Tel: (865) 974-3046. 569 Email: <a href="mailto:ogaoue@utk.edu">ogaoue@utk.edu</a> 569 Dabney Hall, Knoxville, TN 37996, USA <a href="http://volweb.utk.edu/~ogaou">http://volweb.utk.edu/~ogaou</a>
- 2- Dr Arsène SANON. Coordinator of the Project regional Governance of Protected area in West Africa. 01BP 1618 Ouagadougou. Burkina Faso UICN-PACO Email: arsene.sanon@iucn.org
- 3- Christophe DEGUENON, Director of Environment and Water Resources, Department of Agriculture, Water Resources and Environment. Email: cdeguenon@uemoa.int; Tel: +22672194980;

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