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M.Sc.
Federal University of Minas Gerais (Analysis and Modeling of Environmental Systems), Brazil, Belo Horizonte
Mar 2015 - May 2017
Scholarship: Coordenação de Aperfeiçoamento de Pessoal Alto Nivel (CAPES).

Background:
B.Sc.
University of Antioquia (Anthropology), Colombia, Medellín
Dec 2005 - Dec 2013

B.Eng
National University of Colombia (Forest Engineering), Colombia, Medellín
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Profile

I am Adolfo, a Forestry Engineer and Anthropologist applying geospatial modeling and social science to conservation, sustainable forest management, and land use issues, including agriculture and other uses. With over seven years of experience in the field, I am passionate about finding answers and resources for projects related to ecosystem services and nature-based solutions.

My strengths include GIS analysis, carbon project development, and a strong understanding of AR, REDD+ and ALM projects. My technical expertise has enabled me to coordinate the development of several AFOLU projects in Latin America and Africa. I have more than seven years of experience in the voluntary carbon market, especially under VCS, CCBs, and GS.
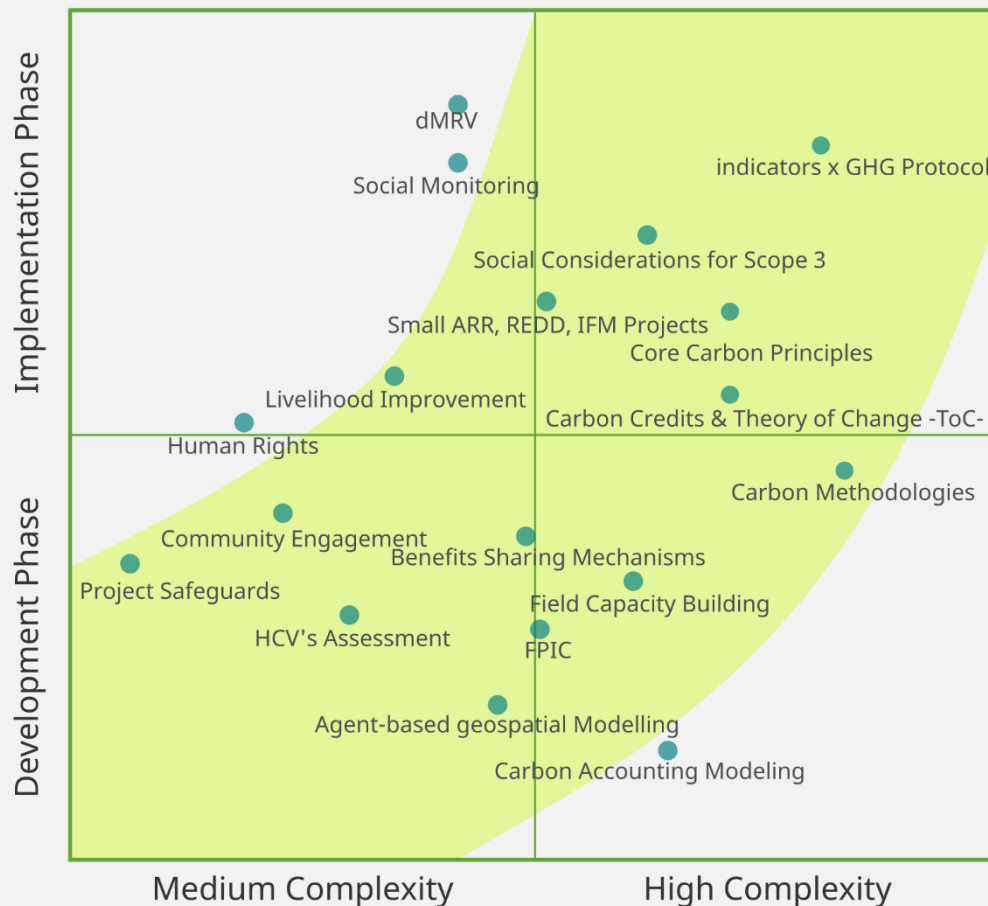
My journey in the carbon market began at South Pole in 2017 as a geospatial analyst. I later supported and lead some developments of nature-based solutions in Latin America, coordinating diverse AFOLU projects, including feasibility assessments, GHG emission estimations, theory of change (ToC), and more. Building on this experience, I served as a remote expert advisor at Earthshot Lab, focusing on carbon compliance. Currently, I offer my expertise as a technical and strategic advisor on an hourly basis.

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Main skills and interest in ESG

The chart outlines key areas for business growth contributions, encompassing both traditional carbon credit mechanisms and emerging opportunities such as: GHG Jurisdictional REDD+, GHG Protocol, Value Chain (Scope 3), and Article 6. These opportunities are relevant for both the public and private sectors.

Work experience

Carbon Compliance Expert, Earthshot Lab, Remote (Oct 2023 – Oct 2024)
- Advise projects and clients to ensure compliance with carbon standards and regulations (including ART/TREES, VCS, GS, Social Carbon, or Scope 3). Contribute to Earthshot Lab's mission to protect natural ecosystems and combat climate change by supporting the technical and scientific team and providing inputs for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation (REDD), Improved Forest Management (IFM), and Afforestation Reforestation (ARR) initiatives into a machine learning technology to analyze carbon projects (LandOS platform).

Regional Lead NBS, Climate Projects, South Pole, Colombia (Jan 2023 – Oct 2023)
- Led the implementation and management of emission reduction projects, including drafting feasibility studies, project design documents (PDDs), monitoring reports

(MRs), and providing technical and business development support. Led knowledge management and stayed up to date on the latest rule changes. Led community revalidation process of Chyulu Hills REDD+, supporting climate and JNR requirements for climate project, and support sourcing and other managers in the company, and providing technical reviews.

Senior Project Coordinator – AFOLU, South Pole, Colombia (Jan 2021 - Dec 2022)
- Led the implementation and management of emission reduction projects, including leading and drafting feasibility studies and project design documents (PDDs), validation, monitoring, reporting, and verification (MRV) support under different standards (T-VER, CDM, VERRA, GS4GG). Provided technical and business development support with the project sourcing team.

Project manager | Forestry & Land Use Projects, South Pole, Colombia (Jun 2019 – Dec 2020)
- Provided support for developing REDD and ARR projects related to GIS, forestry, and community issues. Supported the selection of projects, following up with stakeholders, and conducting due diligence on Brazilian projects.
- Developed operational inputs for local site visits and consultations with local stakeholders. Assisted with the development of project proposals.

GIS | Forestry & Land Use Projects, South Pole, Colombia (Jun 2017 – Jun 2019)
- Processed satellite and other remote sensing images to generate land cover maps for Peru (AIDER-Minagri). Provided technical support for the development of REDD and ARR projects. Developed a GIS and methodological construction of primary conditions for a jurisdictional approach based on carbon for Caquetá, Colombia. Developed a spatially explicit modeling and baseline evaluation for a jurisdictional approach on Isangi, Democratic Republic of Congo.

Environmental Analyst, WWF-OIA, Colombia (May 2016 - Dec 2016)
- Implemented participatory agreements, concepts, and strategies for the management of indigenous territories by developing spatial and GIS methodological designs with a participatory approach.
- Led inter-ethnic actions for defending indigenous territories and legal actions for the rights of Mother Earth against illegal mining in indigenous territories. Interacted and dialogued with governmental institutions and other stakeholders.

Consultancy, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Colombia, Colombia (May 2016 - Jul 2016)
- Methodological designs for forest degradation in Colombia based on timber products. Interviews with timber stakeholders and focus groups of the forestry sector. Compilation of information on forest harvesting and timber products associated with forest degradation in Colombia. (Contract 2302831 of 2016 between FAO and the UN to ONUREDD)

Assistant professor, Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais, Brazil (Jul 2015 - Dic 2015)
- Tutoring the learning process to Environmental Engineer. Apply the assessments and others. Topics: History of cartography, Conceptual frameworks, Thematic Cartography and principles of remote sensing applied to monitoring the Earth.

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Land Tenure and Land Use Advisor, Indigenous Organization of Antioquia, Colombia (Jul 2013 - Feb 2015)
- Incorporating spatial criteria of environmental regulation (risk, potential, and planning) into five indigenous livelihood plans of indigenous territories. Supporting activities in land tenure, land use, and projects of payments for environmental services and right to free, prior, and informed consent.

Forestry and Anthropologist (Consultancy), Renovatio Group Ltda, Colombia (Sep 2013 - May 2014)
- Developing the characterization of the area of influence in wind farm project, physical and biotic components. Environmental, Social and Corporate Governances (ESG) performance Asses. Geodatabase managing and others.
- Supporting social-environmental operations on wind farm project license
- Guiding environmental licenses and government permits regarding to free prior and informed consent

Anthropologist, Community Global Partership CGP.s.a.s, Colombia (Sep 2012 - Feb 2013)
- Developing a methodological approach to local stakeholders' consultation for the REDD+ project Guainía; Mapping and characterization of agents of deforestation, direct causes and underlying, and perspectives of evolution in the indigenous land of the department of Guainía.

Countries of Work Experience

- Colombia
- Brazil
- Peru
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Congo
- Ghana
- Ivory Coast
- Kenya
- Indonesia
- Cambodia
- Philippines

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Personal references

Abel Marcarini: Abel is a carbon project lead for Brazil at Earthshot Labs. He has more than 10 years working on Nature Based Solutions for the voluntary carbon market and academic background in forestry. Before Earthshot Lab, Abel worked for Verra for two years and for South Pole for seven years.

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Beatriz Zapata: Betty is a forest engineer with vast experience in carbon forest project initiatives. She has deep technical knowledge of methodologies, tools, and guidelines of the main standards used in the AFOLU sector, such as VCS, CCBS and Gold Standard. Beatriz has been working for South Pole for more than seven years.

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Milena Agudelo: Milena is a manager for Nature Climate Solutions at Verra, responsible for reviewing registration and verification requests ensuring quality and integrity of ALM and WRC projects. She helps develop updates to existing rules and procedures and provides technical input for the development of new methodologies. Milena holds a bachelor's degree in Forest Engineering and a MSc in Forestry and Environmental Conservation. Previously, she supported Climate Friendly and South Pole for six years.

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David Montoya González: David hold eight years of extensive experience in Remote Sensing and GIS. He leads the Remote Sensing and GIS team in TerraGlobal, using innovative software and tools that meet carbon market and impact standards and support community-based geospatial community monitoring. David worked for The National Department of Statistics (DANE) and South Pole for two years.

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Other mentors

Britaldo Soares-Filho	Google Scholar
Sonia Maria Carvalho	Google Scholar
Dolors Almenteras	Google Scholar

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Key experience by regions

Region/Country	Year(s)	Project & Client	Roles
Africa			
Ghana/Ivory Coast	2024	Scope 3 Assessment (Lindt & Sprüngli)	Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard and allocation methodologies for cocoa supply chains
DRC	2020	Isangi REDD+ (Safboi)	Nesting project-level REDD+ activities within jurisdictional program; Development of Verra Jurisdictional REDD+ framework (Version 1)
Kenya	2023	Chyulu Hills REDD+ (Maasai Wilderness)	Baseline Reassessment for CCB and VCS; Reanalysis of historical deforestation; Review of business-as-usual projections and indicators
Republic of Congo	2023	Ngabe (Aither)	Assessing and mitigating potential leakage and shifing potential; Aligning with Gold Standard's safeguard requirements
Kenya	2018	Lake Naivasha (JB Travel AB)	Collaboration preparing the Project Design Document (PDD)
Southeast Asia			
Indonesia	2024	Flores REDD+/ARR (BirdLife International)	Assessing financial, institutional, and technical feasibility, Analyzing project location and elegibility in field.
Cambodia	2023	Lomphat Wildlife Sanctuary (BirdLife International)	Preparing support documentation for VCS and CCB validation
Latin America			
Brazil	2019	Serra do Amolar REDD+ (Instituto Homem Pantaneiro)	Initial project validation against VCS and CCB standards, Support monitoring, reporting, and verification, and support issuance of VCUs
Brazil/Peru	2018	ISA Jaguar Fund (Interconexión Eléctrica S.A.)	Analyzing project location and eligibility; Assessing financial, institutional, and technical feasibility for AFOLU projects
Colombia	2020	Morrosquillo Blue Carbon (INVEMAR/Conservation International)	Preparing support documentation for VCS and CCB validation
Colombia	2019	Sierra Nevada REDD+/ARR (TNC)	Analyzing project location and eligibility; Assessing financial, institutional, and technical feasibility for AFOLU activities (ARR/REDD)
Colombia	2017	Deforestation Study (GIZ)	Identifying the direct and underlying drivers of deforestation; Mapping the key actors and stakeholders involved