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### EDUCATION

#### *Degree*

- **PhD.** 2023, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA; (Jointly with the New York Botanical Garden)  
*Dissertation Title:* Diversity and Distribution of Herbaceous Plants along a Tropical Rainfall Gradient in Western Ghats, India.
- **M.Phil.** 2018, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA;
- **Master of Environmental Science** 2010, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA;  
*Thesis Title:* Soil characteristics related to the presence of *Heteropsis spp* (Family: Araceae) in the Caura River basin of Venezuela.
- **BSc (Agriculture)** 2001, Kerala Agricultural University, Kerala, India.

#### *Diploma*

- **Post-Graduate Diploma in Journalism** 2006, Institute of Journalism, Press Club Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India;

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Wildlife Trust of India**, New Delhi, India; [www.wti.org.in](http://www.wti.org.in)

- **Assistant Manager and Project Lead (Philanthropy):** June 2013 — July 2016.
- **Project Officer (Planning):** July 2012 — June 2013.

*Responsibilities:* Planning, developing, monitoring, and evaluating wildlife-conservation projects; supporting field teams; writing and editing grant proposals, organizational reports and donor reports; fund-raising, servicing and reporting to donors; and assisting the CEO and Board of Trustees in drafting the organization's vision-document (*Vision 2020*) and in various project-related activities.

**Fauna & Flora International, Inc.** Washington D.C., USA; [www.fauna-flora.org](http://www.fauna-flora.org)

- **Program Associate:** April 2011 — May 2012;
- **Program Assistant:** March 2011—April 2011;
- **Intern:** November 2010—March 2011.

*Responsibilities:* Assisting field teams in developing wildlife conservation projects; writing and editing grant-proposals and donor-reports; ensuring securement and management of multinational species grants, especially, from the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and maintaining databases.

**Audubon Magazine**, National Audubon Society, New York, USA; [www.audubonmagazine.org](http://www.audubonmagazine.org)

- **Editorial Intern:** October 2010—November 2010.

*Responsibilities:* Writing, fact-checking; and researching for news stories; and building data bases.

**Yale Environment 360**, Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA; [e360.yale.edu](http://e360.yale.edu)

- **Research Assistant:** June 2010—September 2010;
- **Editorial Intern:** September 2008—May 2010.

*Responsibilities:* Fact-checking; and researching for news stories; and building data bases.

**Mint** (Hindustan Times-The Wall Street Journal), New Delhi; [www.livemint.com](http://www.livemint.com)

- **Copy Editor:** December 2006—May 2007.

*Responsibilities:* Editing and fact-checking news stories; and making newspaper pages.

**The Financial Express** (The Indian Express Newspapers Ltd), New Delhi, India; [www.financialexpress.com](http://www.financialexpress.com)

- **Sub Editor:** December 2005—November 2006.

*Responsibilities:* Editing and fact-checking news stories; making newspaper pages; and reporting.

**Thanal**, a non-governmental environmental organization, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala; [www.thanal.co.in](http://www.thanal.co.in)

- **Research Associate:** July 2003—June 2005.

*Responsibilities:* (a) Campaigner, *Save Our Rice Campaign*, aimed to protect traditional rice ecosystems; (b) Research Associate, *A study of pesticide poisoning in Kerala and its implications on agriculture and health planning and policy*, Centre for Development Studies, Thiruvananthapuram; and (c) Standard-setting for the *Organic Bazaar*, Thiruvananthapuram, a pioneer marketing initiative to promote organic farming in Kerala.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- **Radhamoni, H. V. N.**, Queenborough, S. A., Arietta, A. Z. A., Suresh, H. S., Dattaraja, H. S., Kumar, S. S., Sukumar, R. & Comita, L. S. (000). Local- and landscape-scale drivers of terrestrial herbaceous plant diversity along a tropical rainfall gradient in Western Ghats, India. *Journal of Ecology* (in review).
- Spicer, M. E., **Radhamoni, H. V. N.**, Duguid, M. C., Queenborough, S. A., & Comita, L. S. (2022). Herbaceous plant diversity in forest ecosystems: Patterns, mechanisms, and threats. *Plant Ecology*, 223(2), 117–129. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11258-021-01202-9>
- **Radhamoni, H. V. N.**, Vleminckx, J., Umaña, M. N., Queenborough, S. A., Suresh, H. S., Dattaraja, H. S., Kumar, S. S., Sukumar, R. & Comita, L. S. (000). Taxonomic and phylogenetic  $\beta$ -diversity of herbaceous versus tree communities across a tropical rainfall gradient in Western Ghats, India. (*In draft*).

## RESEARCH AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

- Ashton Award for Student Research 2019 (\$4,000), Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University;
- Tropical Resources Institute Fellowship 2019 (\$5,000) for Dissertation Research, Yale University;
- MacMillan International Dissertation Research Fellowship 2018 (\$15,000), Yale University;
- Lewis B. Cullman Fellowship 2018 (\$5,000) for Doctoral Dissertation Research;
- Tropical Resources Institute Fellowship 2017 (\$5,000) for pre-Dissertation Research, Yale University;
- Tropical Resources Institute Fellowship 2009 (\$10,000) for Master's Research, Yale University.

## RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

- **Visiting Researcher** (2009-2010), ACOANA (La Asociación Venezolana para la Conservación de Áreas Naturales), Caracas, Venezuela.
- **Visiting Researcher** (2018-2021), Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, India

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

### *Popular Media*

- **Harikrishnan, V.R.** (2002-2010). News, features and book reviews on nature, agriculture and development in the *Audubon Magazine (English)*, *The Financial Express (English)*, and *Kalakaumudi (Malayalam)*.

### *NGO publications*

- **Harikrishnan, V.R.** and Usha S. 2005. *Endosulfan—A Fact sheet and Answers to common questions*. International POPs Elimination Network (IPEN) (English and translation in Spanish);
- Usha S. and **Harikrishnan, V.R.** 2004. *Documentation of Pesticide Poisoning in Kerala and its Implications on Health and Agriculture Planning and Policy*; Kerala Research Programme on Local Level Development, Centre for Development Studies. Thiruvananthapuram;
- **Harikrishnan, V.R.** 2004. Organic Bazaar—a local marketing initiative—our experience in Thiruvananthapuram City, Kerala, India. *Proceedings of the Sixth International Federation of Organic Agriculture Movements Asia Scientific Conference*. Yangpyung, South Korea. 436-440.

## FILM-MAKING

- *Sustaining It* (2010), a documentary film (Duration: 20 min) on the concept of ‘environmental sustainability’. Camera, editing and direction. Supported by the Yale Film and Media Studies Program, and partially funded by the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies.

## PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** Professional in English and Malayalam; fluent in Hindi; elementary in Spanish and Tamil;
- **Statistics and GIS:** R, ArcGIS;
- **Film & Photography:** Digital video, SLR (film/digital), Final Cut Pro, Adobe Photoshop, Premier Pro;
- **Journalism:** Reporting, writing and editing (English, Malayalam), Quark Xpress and Eidos;
- **Agriculture:** Organic farming; agronomy, animal husbandry.