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RESEARCH INTERESTS

GIS, remote sensing, spatial statistics, data visualization, reproducible research

EDUCATION

Master of Climate Change Adaptation December 2020 (Expected)
University of Nairobi Nairobi, Kenya
Mapping Potential Heat Stress Risk for Dairy Cattle under Current and Future Projected Climatic Conditions in Uganda

B.A., Geography 2009
Moi University Eldoret, Kenya
A Decision Support System for Flood Hazard preparedness for Nzoia River Basin, Kenya

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Rahimi J, **Mutua J**, Notenbaert A, Dieng D and Butterbach-Bahl K (2020). **Will Dairy Cattle Production in West Africa be Challenged by Heat Stress in the Future?** (Accepted in Climate Change Journal).

Mutua J, Marshall K, Paul B and Notenbaert A (2020). **A methodology for mapping current and future heat stress risk in pigs**. (Accepted in International Journal of Animal Biosciences).

Nijbroek, R., Piikki, K., Söderström, M., Kempen, B., Turner, K., Hengari, S., and **Mutua, J.** (2018). **Soil Organic Carbon Baselines for Land Degradation Neutrality: Map Accuracy and Cost Tradeoffs with Respect to Complexity in Otjozondjupa, Namibia.** *Sustainability*, 10(5), 1610.

Hamerlynck, O., Zeine, S. M., **Mutua, J.**, Mukhwana, L., and Yéna, M. (2016). **Reflooding the Faguibine floodplain system, northern Mali: potential benefits and challenges.** *African Journal of Aquatic Science*, 41(1), 109-117.

Yumbya, J., Vaate, M. B. De, Kiambi, D., Kebebew, F., and Rao, K. 2014. **Geographic Information Systems for assessment of climate change effects on teff in Ethiopia.** *African Crop Science Journal*, 22, 847 - 858

RESEARCH AND CONSULTING

International Centre for Tropical Agriculture, Nairobi, Kenya April 2015-Present
Geospatial Analyst

My work involves creating reproducible workflows for analyzing complex spatial data, with appropriate analytical methods, informed by my unique combination of skills, experience, and understanding of research themes - climate change, food security and agriculture.

African Biodiversity Conservation and Innovations Centre, Nairobi, Kenya October 2010-March 2015
GIS Analyst

Designed and implemented models for mapping commodity suitability in East Africa and implemented training and capacity building programs on remote sensing and GIS.

International Centre for Tropical Agriculture, Cali, Colombia February 2012-June 2012
Visiting Scientist

Contributed to the development of algorithms for mapping and identifying priority wild relatives of rice for conservation.

Institute of Research for Development, Tombouctou, Mali April 2010-September 2010
GIS/Remote Sensing Consultant
 Spectral analysis of Multispectral Landsat 7 Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus (ETM+) and aerial imagery; Created geospatial datasets for use in ecosystem services mapping projects in Kenya and Mali.

Value Addition and Cottage Industry Development in Africa, Nairobi, Kenya January 2010-September 2010
GIS Analyst
 Maintained the organization's enterprise geodatabase and ensured constant updating; Performed GIS data cleaning; Developed and implemented geostatistical modeling and analysis.

Kenya Electricity Generating Company, Nairobi, Kenya September 2009-January 2010
Intern
 Hydrological modeling and forecasting for hydroelectric power production; Maintained the organization's enterprise geodatabase and ensured constant updating.

Department of Resource Survey and Remote Sensing, Nairobi, Kenya June 2009-August 2009
Intern
 Designed and produced high-resolution well-designed map layouts; Maintained the organization's enterprise geodatabase and ensured constant updating.

Kenya Meteorological Department, Nairobi, Kenya June 2008-August 2008
Intern
 Designed and implemented a spatial model for mapping daily rainfall distribution in Kenya; Modeled rainfall-runoff modeling using Galway Flow Forecasting System.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Hands-on Global Soil Information Facilities May 2017
 ISRIC - World Soil Information *Wageningen, Netherlands*

Automated Geospatial Watershed Assessment (AGWA) Tool March 2017
 University of Arizona *Tucson, USA*

Advanced Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) February 2016
 International Livestock Research Institute *Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia*

JICA-Net Training Program on Remote Sensing and GIS March 2010
 Japan Society of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing *Nairobi, Kenya*

SHORT COURSES AND WORKSHOPS LED

R for developing LDN indicators June 2017
 Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Namibia, *Windhoek, Namibia*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Targeting Tools version 1.0 November 2019
 AfricaGIS 2019 *Kigali, Rwanda*

The Sub-Saharan Africa Soil Data Manager (SSA-SDM) November 2019
 AfricaGIS 2019 *Kigali, Rwanda*

Bush encroachment mapping in Otjozondjupa region, Namibia August 2018
 FOSS4G 2018 *Dar es salaam, Tanzania*

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- Mapping the suitability of tropical forages - now and in the future -** September 2018
Tropentag *Ghent, Belgium*
- CIAT Soil Carbon Sequestration Research** November 2017
Soil Carbon Sequestration: Supporting NDCs and donor action *ZEF Center for Development Research, University of Bonn*
- Development of a SOC Baseline: Experiences from Otjozondjupa, Namibia.** March 2017
Global Symposium on Soil Organic Carbon *Rome, Italy*
- Spatial Targeting of Agricultural Intensification Investments** March 2017
Linking Household Surveys with Spatial Data Workshop *Arusha, Tanzania*

SKILLS

- Software** Expert: ArcGIS Suite, QGIS, ERDAS Imagine suite, ENVI, Google Earth Engine
- Languages** Expert: R, L^AT_EX, HTML, Markdown, XLSForm, git
Intermediate: Python, MATLAB, JavaScript
- Social Media** Twitter: **@JohnYumbya**, 1,900+ tweets, 200+ followers
Blogs: maintainer, <https://ymutua.github.io>

Open source contributions:

SurfaceTortoise - Find Optimal Sampling Locations Based on Spatial Covariate(s): <https://github.com/cran/SurfaceTortoise>

mapsRinteractive: Local Adaptation and Evaluation of Digital Soil Maps: <https://github.com/cran/mapsRinteractive>

Targeting Tools: https://github.com/CIAT/targeting_tools_10_3

CLEANED-RX: <https://github.com/CIAT/cleaned-rx>

Many more projects hosted on GitHub, <https://github.com/ymutua>

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Geospatial Society of Kenya (GSK)** 2017-present
- Society for Conservation GIS (SCGIS)** 2010-present

REFEREES

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