JOHN YUMBYA MUTUA

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

EDUCATION

Master of Climate Change Adaptation

Continuing

University of Nairobi

Nairobi, Kenya

Mapping heat stress risk for dairy cattle under current and future climatic conditions in Uganda

B.A., Geography Moi University 2009

Eldoret, Kenya

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Nijbroek, R., Piikki, K., Sderstrm, 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 Y. 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

2015-Present

Geospatial Analyst

My work revolves around 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 2010-March 2015

October

GIS Analyst

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

International Centre for Tropical Agriculture, Cali, Colombia

February 2012-June 2012

Visiting Scientist

Developed an R algorithm for mapping and identifying priority rice wild relatives species 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 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.

SHORT COURSES AND WORKSHOPS LED

R for developing LDN indicators

June 2017

Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Namibia,

Windhoek, Namibia

INVITED TALKS

Geospatial Innovation at CIAT: Today and a View into the future Kenyatta University, GIS Day November 2017

Nairobi, Kenya

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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 - Tropentag

September 2018

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, LATEX, HTML, Markdown, XLSForm, git

Intermediate: Python, MATLAB, JavaScript

Social Media Twitter: @JohnYumbya, 1,800+ tweets, 176+ followers

Blog: maintainer, https://jyumbya.github.io/

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Geospatial Society of Kenya (GSK)

2017-present

Society for Conservation GIS (SCGIS)

2010-present