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Summary

Skills: Design, consulting, and implementation of projects in sustainable agriculture, tree nursery management, reforestation, aquatic plant biofilters, ecotourism, environmental education, human and environmental rights protection and legal strategy, and academic courses at the university and high school level in Ecuador.

Philosophy: I would like my part of the world to become a true example of sustainable balance between humans and nature.

Experience

Department of Geography, University of Vermont

Adjunct Faculty

June 2001 - Present

Courses Taught:

- *Geography of the Andes*
- *The Politics of Land Use in Ecuador: Resource Wars, Alternative Social Models and Agroecology*
- *Yasuní: The Battle for Oil and Biodiversity in the Ecuadorian Amazon*
- *Natural history and conservation of the Galapagos Islands and the tropical Andes*

CASA Interamericana

Director

July 2001 - Present

Manage and support integrated rural development and conservation projects in Ecuador.

Chasqui Treks Cia. Ltd.

Founder and Manager

March 2006 - Present

Manage and operate a tourism company specializing in outdoor education, service learning, high school and university travel curriculum, mountaineering and trekking in the Andes, and excursions to the cloud forest, Amazon and Galápagos.

Finca La Fé Organic Farm and Agroecological Education Center

Owner/Manager

November 2008 - Present

Manage an organic farm implementing permaculture principles. Organize workshops and courses for groups interested in learning about sustainable development and organic agriculture.

Canopy Co Reforestation and Community Tree Nurseries

Director

September 2010 - Present

Manage community nurseries of native species, large-scale reforestation projects and carbon offsets for tourism and study abroad programs.

Association of Agroecological Farmers of Intag (ACAI)

Member

July 2018 - Present

We promote, finance, and teach sustainable agricultural systems and techniques in the Intag River Valley.

APT-North (Association of Rural Landowners of the North of Ecuador)

Executive Director

August 2019 - Present

Founder and director of an 1000-member Environmental Corporation authorized through the Ministry of Environment (MAATE) of Ecuador. APT-Norte provides legal counsel and funding to defend members' constitutional, environmental, and human rights with a focus on grassroots activism and water and food security.

Alianza por los Derechos Humanos de Ecuador

Founding Member

June 2020 - present

Member of a collective of 14 human rights organizations that carries out cooperative work that contributes to the respect and guarantee of human, peoples' and nature rights at the national level.

National Citizen Observatory to Monitor the Fulfillment of Human Rights and the Rights of Nature in Reference to Mining Processes in All their Phases

Founding Member

October 2021 - Present

Council of Defenders of Human Rights and Nature of Imbabura

Advisor to the environmental mechanism
January 2023 - Present

Education

University of Vermont, USA
Master of Arts (M.A.), Political Geography
1994 - 1996

University of Michigan, USA
Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Natural Resources Management and Policy
1989 - 1993