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He has worked both in non-Government and government sectors; he managed a few projects in the capacities of program manager/project director and has working experience with most development partners working in Bangladesh. Currently Mukul is leading the development planning unit of Bangladesh Forest department and the UN-REDD Bangladesh National Program as National Project Director.

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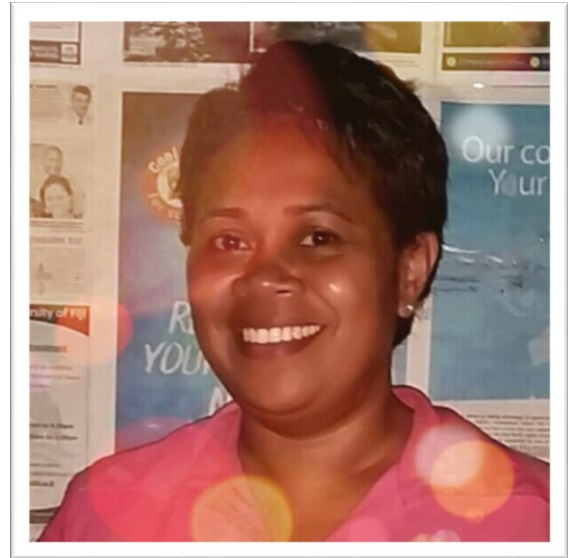
Nasim is a forester by education and profession. He obtained Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry (1992-1998) from Chittagong University, Bangladesh and Mater of Environmental Studies degree (2001-2003) from Dalhousie University, Canada. Before going to higher study, he worked for about 2 years in a consulting firm. After return to the country, he worked (2004-2009) as Ecological and Social Monitoring Specialist in two projects of Forest Department funded by USAID implemented by International Resources Group (IRG). Subsequently, he worked with IUCN Bangladesh Country Office for six (6) years (2010-2015). As Senior Programme Officer, he had been developing and managing biodiversity, forestry and climate change portfolio to support government priority projects with financial support from government itself, and development partners like UNDP, World Bank, European Union, GTI/SI, DFID, and DANIDA. Nasim joined the UN-REDD Bangladesh National Programme in December 2015.

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He started to work for International companies after he received his Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the Eotvos Lorand Tudomanyi Egyetem (ELTE) (Budapest, Hungary). He joined the MCS Group, which is one of the leading companies of Mongolia and has been developing major projects which significantly contribute to the country's economic and social development, to work as the Project Coordinator, when he came back from the follow-up schooling at the Washington State University (United States), until he continues his career at the Secretariat office of the Parliament of Mongolia, as communications and media adviser to the Parliament Member. Meanwhile he was working at Secretariat office of the Parliament of Mongolia, he has completed his Master's degree on Business Administration at the IFE (Mongolia).

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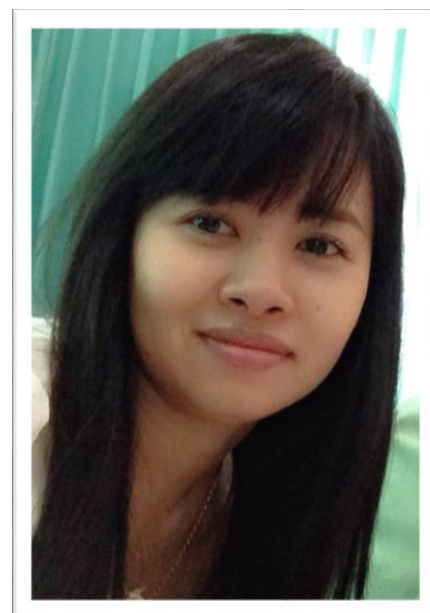
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Chris Dickinson has joined UNDP as Chief Technical Advisor of the UN REDD National Programme for Mongolia Country Program. Chris brings a multitude of experience in design and implementation of strategies to tackle climate change, forest and conservation issues through innovative landscape approaches in Thailand, Laos PDR and Vietnam. Prior to working with UNDP he comes from holding a position as Team Leader for Sustainable Landscapes with a USAID funded Climate Change program in Vietnam (2012-2016). He has also worked as Team Leader for Sustainable Forest Management for a World Bank program in Laos PDR (2008-2012); Chief Technical Advisor with the WWF Vietnam World Bank funded Green Corridor Project (2004-2008); Program Manager for Limestone Landscape Conservation Project, Fauna Flora International, Vietnam (2002-2204); Lecturer, Bishop Burton College, UK (2001-2002); Protected Area and Biodiversity Advisor, Royal Thai Forests Department (1996-2001); Field Program Coordinator and Biodiversity Advisor, Uganda Forest Department (1993-1995) and Vegetation Ecologist, Countryside Council for Wales UK (1991-92).

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Mr. Min Min Oo is currently working as a staff officer of Natural Forest and Plantation Division, Forest Department. He is completed his M.Sc degree in the field of Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM), at Mae Mah Luang University (MFU), Chiang Rai, Thailand since 2013. The title of his research is the Assessment of changes of mangrove forests after Nargis Cyclone in Myanmar; a case study of Kadonkani reserved forests, Bogalay Township, Myanmar. His research finding is how much forest lost after the cyclone and how much forest recovered after the cyclone by using RS& GIS. He is recently working in Natural Forest and Plantation Division that is related to the production of timber and non-timber products, protection natural resources and plantation establishment including the enrichment planting, natural regeneration, fire protection, etc. Moreover, his division is also related to trade department, National export strategy, Trade facilitation, etc. He is a member of MRV working Unit in REDD+ Working Group and also as a member of FLEGT Working Unit to support the data and knowledge sharing to these Units related to his division and related departments.

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Khin Hnin is currently working with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) as the National Programme Coordinator of the UN-REDD Programme. After graduated from University of Forestry, Yezin in Myanmar, she joined Forest Department as a Range Officer of Community Forestry Training and Extension Project jointly organized by JICA and Forest Department from 2002 – 2007. She worked for UNDP, FAO and Ecosystem Conservation and Community Development Initiative (ECCDI) as the consultant for Biodiversity Conservation, Participatory Forest Management and socio-economic survey respectively after she received her Master Degrees from Institute of International Forestry and Forest Products, Technical University of Dresden, Germany and School of Environment and Natural Resources, University of Bangor, UK in 2009. She worked as M&E Specialist for Myanmar Environment Rehabilitation-conservation Network (MERN) for the programme of integrated livelihood improvement and environmental restoration for two years. She has been with UNDP since 2013.

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Not from forest background, Chudamani is working for the REDD Implementation Office as Account and Administration Officer since 2013. Since 1985 his work experiences have been mainly involved in providing services on accounting and administration for different Offices of Government departments/ministries. However, besides the work serving as Account Officer, he is also engaged in general office management, knowledge management, and communications – which include public access to information and communications work related to different REDD+ activities to REDD+ Stakeholders. He holds a Master Degree specialized in Sociology from Tribhuwon University of Nepal.

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As Forest Officer, she is currently working at REDD Implementation Center. Her main responsibilities include preparing policy and program of REDD+ readiness phase of Nepal, and Communication and Knowledge Dissemination through media, publication, workshop and training. From 2013 – 2016, she worked as Forest Officer at Ministry of Forests and Soil Conservation (MoFSC) with but played in role as Nodal and Information Officer to support and communicate with media, produce publication of Proactive Disclosure of MoFSC, and assisted in handling portal of complain and suggestion receiving from website (www.opmcm.gov.np). From 2010 – 2013, she worked at Regional Seed Centre in Pokhara, Kaski, and was designated as Forest Officer with responsible activities included establishment of Seed Stand for seed collection, Management and evaluation of existing Breeding Seedling Orchards and demo plots, and Publication of annual reports and brochure. She holds a Master Degree on Science in Forestry from Tribhuvan University, Institute of Forestry in Nepal, with Advance Silviculture, Biodiversity and Protected Area Management, Geographical Information Science, Global Environment Change.

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Arun is currently working as the National GIS/RS consultant for UN REDD Support program in FAO Nepal, and his work primarily includes application of **improved remote sensing methods for forest cover change assessment and access the accuracy of forest change** that would serve as an integral part in determining **forest emission reference levels** for Nepal.

He has been working with GIS/RS implementation domain in Nepal from 2004. In 2011 he received Erasmus Mundus Scholarship to pursue Master's degree. After receiving a Masters in Geoinformatics from ITC, University of Twente (The Netherlands), he gained substantial experience in implementing GIS/RS in various disciplines in Nepal such as urban development, environment, disaster and forestry. After working from a private sector organization as GIS/RS expert consultant in various domestic and international projects, he started working for FAO Nepal in 2016.

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In 2005, Mirzo joined UNDP Tajikistan in the capacity of Governance Advisor and later on, in 2009 he worked as Programme Analyst for the UNDP Energy and Environment Programme. In 2010 – 2013, he managed Energy and Environment Programme Manager in UNDP Tajikistan Country, including knowledge of the UNDP programme and operational procedures, monitoring and evaluation. He has working experience with variety International Organizations and NGOs such as UNEP WCMC, CHF International, Pact Inc. and Swiss Development Cooperation. At the regional level, Mirzo has managed environmental conservation programmes in Central Asia, including protected areas management, sustainable forest management, climate change, sustainable land management and stakeholders' engagement in environmental conservation. He has two Masters Degrees - MPhil in Conservation Leadership of the University of Cambridge (2013) and Masters in International Economics of the Technological University of Tajikistan (2009).

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Thilal is a communications strategist, who has moved from an advertising, printing and publishing background into the development sector through the Sri Lanka UN-REDD Programme. He supplemented his initial technical qualification at the London College of Communication with an MBA from the American University of Asia – Institute of Technological Studies Sri Lanka Campus. With ‘private sector thinking’ running in his blood, Thilal has been the Associate Editor of Media Services Lanka, which is a leading business magazine publishing company in Sri Lanka. Having worked at Printcare Ceylon – the largest printing company in Sri Lanka – as well as the advertising sector, he always tries to adopt innovative and creative ways to communicate technical facts in a simple manner with a wide range of stakeholders. Thilal has also been a communications consultant and has helped develop Sustainable Development Reports and other such communication products. He strongly believes that if any form of communication needs to be effective, there has to be a personal connection between the sender and receiver which prompts a desired action.

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He holds a BSc. in Conservation Biology and MSc. in protected area management from the University of Science and Technology – Montpellier, in France. He first worked in a consulting company in Paris as an environmental project manager for 3 years and then moved Burundi to lead a 2-year watershed management project.

His first job in the UN-REDD Programme was at the FAO Head Office in Rome, where he worked for 6 months. He was then based in Cambodia for 2 years as an International Consultant working on MRV related work in different countries. He mainly supported the UN-REDD team in Central, Eastern and Western African Countries.

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In July 2016, Theresa joined the Programme for Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and forest Degradation (UN-REDD) at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Hanoi / Vietnam.

She has five years of work and volunteering experience regarding sustainability projects and communications. Recently, she managed projects for the Go Green Initiative (UK). Previous positions at the communications agency .lichtl Ethics & Brands GmbH (Germany) and the non-governmental organization EcoPeace (Middle East) equipped her with multicultural tools she utilizes for her volunteer roles.

As volunteer co-founder of the Al Numeira Environmental Association (Jordan), Theresa applied skills she obtained through her education related to project management and marketing. Enrolled in the Master course Environmental Partnership Management at the University of Aberdeen, she is currently realizing her dissertation with the UK Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra).

Her membership with the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) strengthened her ambition to continue volunteering as sustainability consultant in developed and developing regions.

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Xiem has been working as a Programme Officer for Communication for 3 GIZ projects on forest biodiversity and ecosystem services, and climate changes since 2007. Key objective of this position is to support in gaining the project's objectives on related policy and legal frame improvement, capacity building for institutions particularly for the management levels. After working as a Communication Officer for a ministerial forest sector support partnership for almost 4 years, she moved to the Netherland for a 5-month course studying on communication and public relation. She used to work for a FAO's project on watershed management for 3 years.

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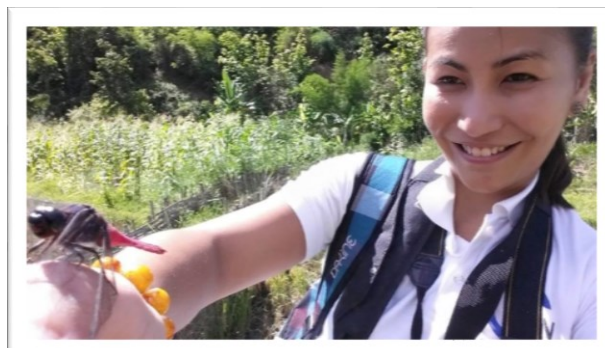
Hoang Anh is currently working as a Coordinator for communications at GIZ Representative Office Hanoi, Viet Nam.

During her Management study in Germany, she worked part-time for two Press Houses as a translator and editor which led later to her current career. After receiving a MBA at University Leipzig (Germany), she started her job at GIZ as a PR/Events Assistant in a two-member team with a German communications specialist. After 10 year working in PR/Communications field and went through different task blocks such as Press, Event Management and Publishing, she acts now as a facilitator for internal knowledge sharing among GIZ PR Network (of 15 PR Focal Points at project level) and coordinator of GIZ Viet Nam for all communications-related issues. She is also an active member of Hanoi NGO/Embassy Communicator Network and acts as a PR consultant for a construction company in Hanoi.



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Ann has over 12 years of experience in various industries specialising in public relations, journalism and communications. A Singapore national, Ann has worked in the United Arab Emirates, Lao PDR and her home country, where she was a content producer and multimedia journalist for an award winning citizen journalism website. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in Film and Television Production from the Queensland University of Technology and an MBA from the University of Adelaide, Australia. She is currently the regional communications manager for the IUCN Asia Regional Office based in Bangkok, Thailand.

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A Canadian-British dual-national, Allan Dow, a journalist and broadcaster by profession, has served as FAO's Regional Communication Officer for Asia and the Pacific, since 2013, based in Bangkok. Prior to that, Allan was a Communications and Advocacy Officer for the UN's International Labour Organization (ILO), based in Bangkok, from 2003-2013. He also worked for UNICEF as an Emergency Communications Officer in Iraq in 2003. Allan's media career began in Canada in the late 1980's, as a radio news reporter with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, CBC. He moved to London, England in 1993 where he continued to work for CBC and BBC until 2000 when he moved down the street to Canada's CTV to take up the position as their London/European TV News Reporter. His last journalism assignment was for America's ABC Radio in SE Asia (2001-2003). Allan was awarded a Master's Degree in Mass Communication from the University of Leicester in the UK and had previously earned a Diploma in Broadcast Journalism from BCIT in Canada.



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Ms. Liou has extensive experience working on global, regional, national and local communication initiatives in Asia. Prior to joining RECOFTC in 2013, Ms. Liou worked as Communication Specialist at UNDP Asia-Pacific Regional Center in Bangkok, Communications Manager for WWF and TRAFFIC in Beijing, Publishing Manager for Lonely Planet Publications in San Francisco, and Editor at Random House in New York. Born in the U.S., Ms. Liou is ethnically Chinese and Filipino. She has a B.A. in history and journalism, and studied at the Yale in China program in Hong Kong and the graduate school of human rights at Mahidol University in Thailand.

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Lee leads WWF-Greater Mekong's communications strategy, focused on regional and country programs in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. He works with communication teams in all five countries and coordinates regional/transboundary communications on WWF's key initiatives. He moved to Bangkok in early 2015 after a year in Myanmar helping open WWF's office in Yangon. Lee earned his B.S. in Journalism from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, before working for five years as a press officer, writer and editor at Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee. He then spent two years as a Media Relations Specialist at the University of Maryland, College Park. He joined WWF-US in 1995 and worked on the Kyoto Global Warming Treaty and the Persistent Organic Pollutants Treaty before moving into field-focused communications. He has worked on National Geographic documentaries, an MTV environmental show in Bhutan and Nepal, a CNN series called Saving Sumatra, and numerous TV and multi-media productions across Africa and Asia. Lee is originally from Wolverhampton, England and moved to the US when he was 14.

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Nadim recently joined WWF-Laos in his first role as Communications Manager for the organization. Nadim graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Mass Communication and Journalism from California in 2002, and is currently in the final stages of completing a Master of Arts in Visual and Media Anthropology with the Freie Universitaet in Berlin. Nadim has experience in finance, administration, business development, donor relations as well as external communication and development communication. His most recent working experience before joining the WWF Team in Laos was with UNICEF in central Africa as a Communication Specialist.



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Susan Mackay is currently the interagency Communications Manager for the United Nations in Viet Nam, where she has been working for the past three and a half years. Prior to that she led Unicef's global advocacy and communication efforts for polio eradication, immunization and health. From the end of 2008 to 2010, she was Strategic Communications Manager for RECOFTC – The Center for People and Forests in Bangkok, helping to professionalize external communications, branding and fundraising functions. From 2003 to mid 2008, Susan was the Regional Communication for Development Specialist for UNICEF's East Asia and Pacific Regional Office, where she supported 14 country office teams in communication for child survival, protection and education. This followed three years working with the WHO in Geneva, designing the global behaviour change strategy for injection safety for HIV and Hepatitis prevention, leading on communications for the Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI), and co-producing the award-winning BBC World Documentary film 'Fragile Lives – Immunization at Risk'. She spent her early career with the BBC, joining as a Studio Manager in 1990, and in 1997 was assigned as a Senior Producer in the BBC World Service Trust (now BBC Media Action) managing projects in distance education by radio in Mongolia for UNESCO; and in leprosy elimination, polio eradication, immunization, trachoma and injection safety for WHO in Nepal, India, Tanzania and Ghana. Susan graduated with a BA (Music Performance) in Violoncello from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama in 1990. She returned to study in 2008 for a Research Masters in Applied Anthropology and Participatory Development.

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Anushae has over 5 years of experience in various work placements relating to environmental information disclosure, corporate water stewardship, waste management and recycling, coastal development and gender integration. She has had two internships with IUCN doing research on gender and coastal resource management. Before starting her job at IUCN, she worked with the Carbon Disclosure Project (CDP) in the Corporate Water Program and worked as an Office Coordinator at British Pakistan Foundation (BPF).

Anushae holds a bachelor's degree (BA.) in Sociology from Durham University, UK, and a Master in Science (MSc.) in Environment and Development from the London School of Economics and Political Science, UK. She attended school in Karachi, Pakistan at the Karachi Grammar School.

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Ms Helene Marre is the second Programme Assistant of the MFF Initiative, working under the overall guidance of Manager Capacity Development to undertake priority activities related to private sector engagement, knowledge management and communications as well as gender integration. Her work at the Secretariat level will involve supporting MFF countries in the process. Helene started working for IUCN in May 2016.

Helene Marre has over 5 years experience in various domains. She started as an International Project Assistant in a non-profit Institute in Germany to produce Master-Plans (renewable energy, waste and wastewater treatment) for targeted regions in Europe and Africa. Then she entered a consulting office in Luxembourg specialised in funding acquisition for renewable energy and environment-related projects. Parallel to her consulting job, Helene was teaching a Fundraising Seminar.

Helene holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Economics from Trier University of Applied Sciences, Germany; a second Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of Metz, France. She also holds a double Master's degree in International Material Flow Management (M. Engineering) from Trier University of Applied Sciences, Germany and International Cooperation Policy (M. Science) from Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Japan.

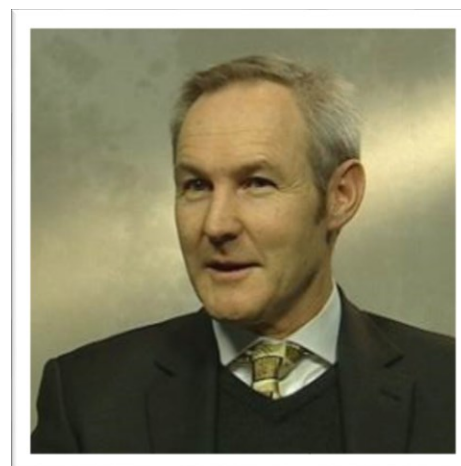
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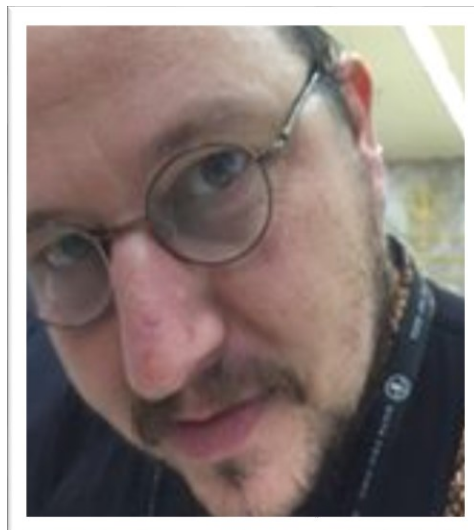
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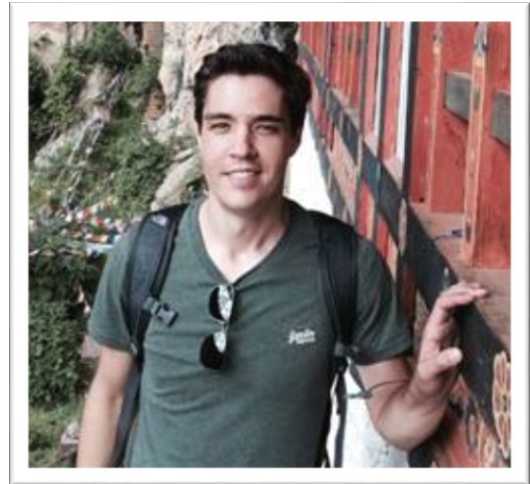
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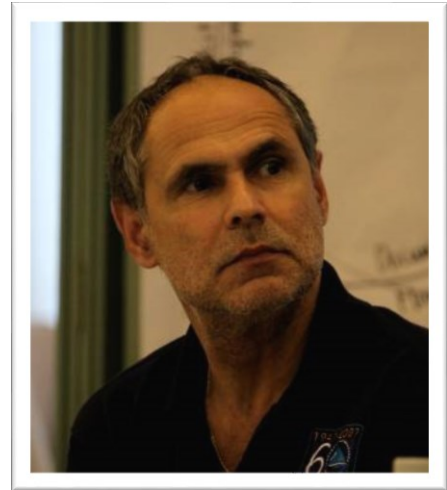


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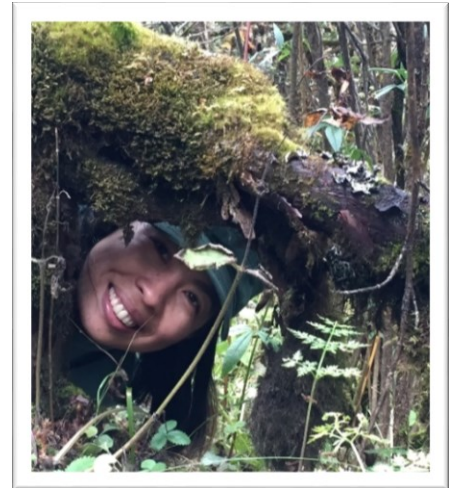
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