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### **Professional Experience**

- **Volunteer Warden** at Ainsdale national nature reserve, **Natural England**. June, 2009 to present
- **Volunteer Educational Co-ordinator** at **Project African Wilderness**. June, 2009 to present
  - Working with registered UK based charity, Project African Wilderness which aims to protect Mwabyi wildlife reserve and promote rural livelihoods in Malawi. Registered charity 02208662
- **Visiting Scholar** at **Environmental Law Institute**
  - Reducing emissions from deforestation and degradation (REDD); Washington DC USA July 2008
- **Research Intern** at **Stockholm Environmental Institute**
  - Arkansas state climate change analysis; Boston USA August 2008
- **Research Assistant** at **Centre for climate change and sustainable energy policy**
  - Residential monitoring to decrease energy use and carbon emissions in Europe; Budapest Nov '07 – April '08
- **Research Assistant**
  - Standby consumption of basket of products; Budapest 2007-08
- **Technical Officer** at **Ministry of Environment and Forests, Government of India**
  - Implementing joint forest management and afforestation projects in association with national afforestation and eco-development board; New Delhi 2004-06
- **Research Associate** at **Agriculture Finance Corporation Ltd**
  - In association with national medicinal plant board; 2003-04
- **Education Assistant** at **Bombay natural history society**
  - Developing innovative environmental educational resources; 2002-03
- **Research Fellow** at **World Wide Fund (WWF)**; New Delhi
  - Western ghat rain forest conservation project; 2001-02

### **Academic Training**

- **Climate change: An interdisciplinary enquiry**; Budapest Hungary, Central European Summer University - 2008
- **Joint forest management; New Delhi, India**, Indira Gandhi national Open University - 2006

### **Key Achievements**

- Erasmus Mundus scholarship holder; 2007-09
- Best student award from Cadet Welfare Society; New Delhi 2001
- Awarded Lydia Press memorial trust fund for the Best thesis.

### Certified professional participation

- International Conference on **Vulture Conservation** organized by Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India in collaboration with Royal Society for Protection of Birds (UK); New Delhi May 2005
- Field surveys in Kerala as a part of **Important Bird Area Programme** by Indian Bird Conservation Network; Kerala India, March - Sep 2001
- **Wildlife population estimation programme** organized by Kerala Forest Research Institute and Kerala Forest Development; Kerala Sep – Oct 1998

### Education

- M.Sc. **Environment Science, Policy and Management**; University of Manchester, 2009  
Central European University, 2008
- Post-graduate Diploma **Environment Science and Sustainable Development**;  
Indira Gandhi national Open University, 2007
- B.Sc. **Forestry**  
Kerala Agriculture University, 2001

### Personal Information

- Languages
  - ✓ English
  - ✓ Tamil
  - ✓ Malayalam
  - ✓ Hindi
- ICT
  - ✓ MS Office
  - ✓ Database search
  - ✓ SPSS
  - ✓ GIS
- Hobbies and Interest
  - ✓ Travelling and Trekking
  - ✓ Reading
  - ✓ Swimming, Badminton
  - ✓ Bird Watching
  - ✓ Listening to music

## References

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