

Curriculum Vitae

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Summary : I am passionate about nature conservation and community development, along with 13 years of experience in the fields of project management, conservation of protected areas, national forest monitoring, land use planning and research. I am a proactive professional who works with little supervision.

Languages:

- Spanish (native language)
- English (GRE test)
- French (Baccalauréat français)

Professional experience

1. Environmental Researcher at Sustainable Economic Observatory. Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (January 2023 to date).
2. UN-PAGE National Coordinator for Guatemala. United Nations Institute for Training and Research -UNITAR- (June 2020-August 2022).
3. Grant Specialist at Fundación Defensores de la Naturaleza (September 2015-December 2019).
4. GIS Specialist at the National Forest Institute of Guatemala (October 2011-December 2014)
5. Geographical Studies Consultant. National Planning Office of Guatemala (October 2009-September 2011).
6. Protected Areas Specialist. National Council of Protected Areas of Guatemala (June 2007-August 2008).
7. Research assistant. Landslide dynamics and vegetation cover at Sierra de las Minas Biosphere Reserve. University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras and Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (October 2006 - June 2007).
8. Lecturer of Biology at the Faculty of Engineering at University of San Carlos of Guatemala (January- June 2007).
9. Specialist of GIS and Remote Sensing. GIS and Remote Sensing Laboratory, Center for Environmental Studies, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (September-December 2006).
10. Seagrasses monitoring coordinator (Volunteer). Program for the Synoptic Monitoring of Seagrasses and Mangroves, Mesoamerican Barrier Reef Systems Project (January 2003 - December 2004).

Education

1. Master on Development and Land Use Planning at the National Museum of Natural History of Paris, AgroParisTech and the University of Montpellier II, France (2008-2009).

2. Specialization on Community Forestry at the Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences –FLACSO–, Guatemala (2006).
3. Bachelor's degree and Undergraduate Thesis of Biology (*Licenciatura en Biología*) at Universidad del Valle de Guatemala (2006). Distinguished Scholar from 2001 to 2006.

Skills:

- Organizational and project management skills
- Experienced managing in-person and online workshops and public events.
- Experienced with meeting platforms (Zoom, MTeams, Google Meet).

International Training Courses

1. Landscape functions and people: applying strategic planning approaches for natural resource governance. Kasetsart University, Bangkok, Thailand April 23-May 4, 2012.
2. Economic Tools for Conservation. University of California, Berkeley. College of Natural Resources. International and Executive Programs and Conservation Strategy Fund (19-30 June 2017).
3. UNCC-Learn. Open Online Course on Gender and Environment. November 2018.
4. UNCC-Learn: Financing Climate Change Action. December 2019
5. UNCC-Learn: Green Fiscal Policy e-learning course, UNITAR. February 2021.
6. Introduction to Green Economy e-learning course, UNITAR. March 2021.
7. Sustainable Consumption and Production Hotspot Analysis Tool (SCP-HAT), March 2021.
8. Global Academy on Green Economy, ITC-ILO, May 2021
9. Macquarie University Human Research Ethics Online Training Module for the Social Sciences and Humanities. June 2023.

Publications

Galán X. 2006. "Seagrasses: community composition, biomass and morphometry of *Thalassia testudinum* in two sites of La Graciosa Bay, Izabal, Guatemala". Bachelor Thesis in Biology.

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Professional References:

1. Benjamín Leiva, Sustainable Economic Observatory, Universidad del Valle de Guatemala. Email: bnleiva@uvg.edu.gt
2. Javier Márquez, Fundación Defensores de la Naturaleza. Tel. 23102922. Email: jmarquez@defensores.org.gt
3. Karin Slowing Umaña. Slowing Public Sector and Development Consulting. karin.slowing@gmail.com