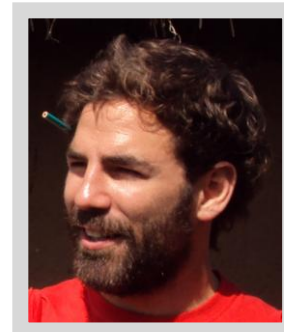


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A dynamic conservation practitioner identified by his enthusiasm, clear communication and versatility, Ben has a wide portfolio of capacity building activities and project management experience in many countries and cultures. He has worked with local, regional and international participants as well as facilitating multi-disciplinary discussions. He takes a thorough yet pragmatic approach to delivering agreed goals and thrives equally in teams or working independently. As a life-long bird watcher with recent interests in lynx and bison ecology, he personally appreciates wilderness areas, their value to humanity and is a passionate advocate of rewilding.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Rewilding Consultant and Educator, Europe

2015 - Present

Work has included advising landowners on ecological restoration and community engagement while also running 'rewilding' education programmes for young people, focussing on human-wildlife interactions, wilderness skills, permaculture and sustainability. Example clients are Heidelberg Cement (rewilding disused quarries), Ark Education Trust (creating outdoor education programmes and wild areas in schools), Transform Evia (strategic planning for large-scale eco-site development) and Roehampton University (mentoring trainee teachers in nature-based education).

Conservation Project Coordinator, Global Canopy Programme, UK/Guyana

2009 - 2014

This was a region-wide wildlife and forest monitoring programme, co-creating monitoring and reporting frameworks (including local resource maps using GIS) with Makushi Amerindians, local business owners, and government agencies, while also facilitating national and international knowledge sharing of the project. It was a pioneering project under the UNFCCC's REDD+ programme, known as Community Monitoring Reporting and Verification, or CMRV. Among the many responsibilities, providing a bridge between the indigenous participants and the national/international partners is of particular relevance.

Conservation Practitioner, Uganda/Sudan/Argentina

2006 - 2009

Over 3 months, ran sustainable enterprise workshops with subsistence farmers throughout Uganda for Kulika, developing alternative livelihoods options; held a short term contract conducting Environmental Impact Assessments on development activities in South Sudan for Tearfund; and worked for a year with a small research team authoring wildlife and management status reports of national parks in Argentina for ParksWatch.

Research Assistant, Scotland/Malaysia/Russia

2002 - 2005

Participated in the planning, data gathering and analysis of a number of larger field projects: the impact of red deer grazing on heather regeneration in Perthshire; the effect of soil biodiversity on ecosystem function in Borneo; and the paleoecology of Ediacarans in the Baikal region of Siberia.

EDUCATION

PhD, Imperial College, London

2009 - 2014

Based in the rainforests of Guyana, the thesis was multidisciplinary and focussed on local expertise, wildlife monitoring and global-national-local conservation. Supervised by EJ Milner-Gulland.

MSc, Imperial College, London

2008 - 2009

Environmental Technology MSc, covering economics, law, wildlife ecology, pollution and risk management. Thesis focussed on sustainability in artisanal farming.

E-Qualitas, London

2006 - 2007

Graduate Teacher Program (GTP) to gain Qualified Teacher Status (QTS)
'Exceeded' all the teaching standards.

BA, Pembroke College, University of Cambridge

2002 - 2005

Natural Sciences (Biological) BA Hons, including cell biology, evolution, geology, animal behaviour, ecology, history and philosophy of science, and population dynamics.

