

Joseph Daniel Onoja, PhD

Director General – Nigerian Conservation Foundation

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Initiative-taking, result-oriented leader, resourceful and independent personality with excellent communication and strong interpersonal skills. Expert presenter and able to forge solid relations with strategic partners and build consensus across multiple organizational levels.

Core Competencies include:

Protected Area Management • Community Conservation • Ornithology • Biodiversity Conservation • Research & Monitoring • Team Building and Leadership

Skills

- Competent and comfortable with the following computer packages: SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Sciences), Distance, Microsoft Office (Word, Power Point and Excel).
- Willingness to learn and acquire new and challenging skills
- Ability to work with little or no guidance
- Dependable, trustworthy, honest and self-motivated
- Good team player and leadership skills
- KBA Assessor (in progress)
- IUCN Redlist Expert (in progress)

Experience

Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF)

August 2022 – to date.

Director General

- Member, Nigerian National Council on Climate Change
- Board Member, National Forestry Trust Fund (Technical Committee)
- Board Member, Nigeria National Park Service
- Steering Committee Member, National Plastic Action Partnership
- Member, Key Biodiversity Areas National Coordination Group (Secretary)
- Board Member, GEF Global Biodiversity Framework Fund (Observer status)

Nigerian Conservation Foundation (NCF)

April 2015 – July 2022.

Director Technical Programmes

Achievements

- Lead the implementation of all NCF's technical projects focusing on Environmental Education, Policy & Advocacy, Species & Habitat, and Climate Change
- Lead the implementation of the policy component of the Foundation's work
- Provide leadership in the organization as a Director, mentoring upcoming conservationist

- Netted over \$1,500,000 worth grants for Reserve management and other conservation work that looks at the community livelihoods
- Currently the Assistant Regional Focal Point for KBAs in West Africa

Research / Consultancies

- A Biodiversity survey of Wonegizi Proposed Protected Area Lofa County Liberia for Fauna and Flora International (FFI) (completed).
- A Biodiversity Survey of Ologbo Forest Reserve Benin for PRESCO Plc (completed).
- Habitat Utilization by Birds and Mammals in Yankari Game Reserve, Bauchi Nigeria: An Evaluation of the Extent and Impact of Anthropogenic Activities on the Reserve (Completed).
- An assessment of the rate of Wildlife Mortality on Ahmadu Bello Way, Yankari Game Reserve, Bauchi Nigeria (Completed).
- The ecology of Abdim's Storks *Ciconia abdimii* in Nigeria: Population size, breeding biology and migratory movements (Completed).

Conferences and Workshop attended

- Visiting Scholar (2015). University of St. Andrews School of Biology, Institute of Behavioural and Neural Sciences, St. Andrews University, Scotland UK. Data analysis for my PhD.
- Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS) internship at School of Biology, Institute of Behavioural and Neural Sciences, St. Andrews University, Scotland UK
 - Topics: Biodiversity Cost of Road Construction in Protected Area.
 - Tropical Roadkill: A Review of the effects of African Roads on Biodiversity conservation.
- Student Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS) 2013, Dept. of Zoology, Cambridge University, Cambridge UK
 - Paper presented: Biodiversity cost of road Construction in Protected Area: a Case Study of Yankari Game Reserve, Bauchi Nigeria.

Publications

J. D. ONOJA, M. AMINU-KANO, A. OGUNSESAN, J. Dazi, A. G. AWOYEMI (2021). *Narina's Trogon* *Apaloderma narina* at the Lekki Conservation Centre: the importance of a restoring urban forest in Lagos, Nigeria

A. G. AWOYEMI., **J. D. ONOJA**., O. OLASUPO., Stella EGBE., & A. AJAYI (2020). Recent sightings of the African Woollyneck *Ciconia microscelis* in southern Nigeria

Education

UNIVERSITY OF JOS, PhD in Conservation Biology (2015)

A.P. Leventis Ornithological Research Institute, UNIVERSITY OF JOS, MSc. in Conservation Biology (2010)