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CAREER OVERVIEW



Interpretation Program at Kushiro Wetland National Park

38 years of experience in four phases:

1. Local Park Ranger in Hokkaido
2. National Policy-making: Ministry of the Environment
3. Global CBD Secretariat, Global Coordinator
4. Academic Professor & Chairperson (2017–present)

LOCAL: GUARDIAN OF NATURE IN HOKKAIDO

- National Park Ranger
 - Akan National Park
 - Rishiri-Rebun-Sarobetsu National Park
- National Park/Wildlife Manager
 - East Hokkaido/Kushiro Nature Conservation Office
- Chairperson, Hokkaido Environment Council
- Maruyama Zoo Vision 2050 & Sapporo City Zoo Ordinance
- Kushiro Wetland Nature Restoration Committee



At Sarobetsu Mire National Park

NATIONAL: POLICY-MAKER & FACILITATOR

- 23 years in Ministry of the Environment, Japan
 - National Biodiversity Strategy
 - Satoyama Initiative
 - Endangered species recovery programs
 - Ramsar & World Heritage nominations (e.g., Shiretoko (Hokkaido))
 - Coordinated Japan's international environmental cooperation policies
- Deputy Permanent Representative to UNEP & UN-Habitat



UNEP Headquarters in Nairobi

GLOBAL: CBD SECRETARIAT

- Global Coordinator (2010-2017)
 - Capacity Building Program Management
 - Japan Biodiversity Fund Implementation
- Supported 190 Parties in completing NBSAPs; 140 revised by 2018
- Coordinated global Eco-DRR project with IUCN
- Indigenous Peoples, youth, and local communities engagement
- Sustainable Ocean Initiative



CBD COP12 in Pyeongchang, Republic of Korea

ACADEMIC:



- Professor & Chairperson at Rakuno Gakuen University.
 - International environmental governance.
- Bridging global frameworks with local realities.
- Educating next-generation conservation leaders.

MY VISION FOR IUCN

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- **CONTRIBUTE** toward the realization of a nature-positive society, toward a nature-positive and carbon-neutral society
- **PROMOTE** inter-stakeholder collaboration through IUCN as a hub
- **STRENGTHEN** partnerships with MEAs and international organizations



PRIORITY 1 NATURE-POSITIVE & CARBON-NEUTRAL

- Advance Nature-based Solutions (NbS)
- Promote science-led approaches to “30 by 30”
- Share Asia’s experiences (SEPLS, OECMs)
- Support resource mobilization

PRIORITY 2 INTER-STAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION

- Use IUCN as a hub: IGOs, governments, IPLCs, NGOs, academia, private sector, youth...
- Enhance collaboration & capacity-building
- Strengthen IUCN's educational & academic role

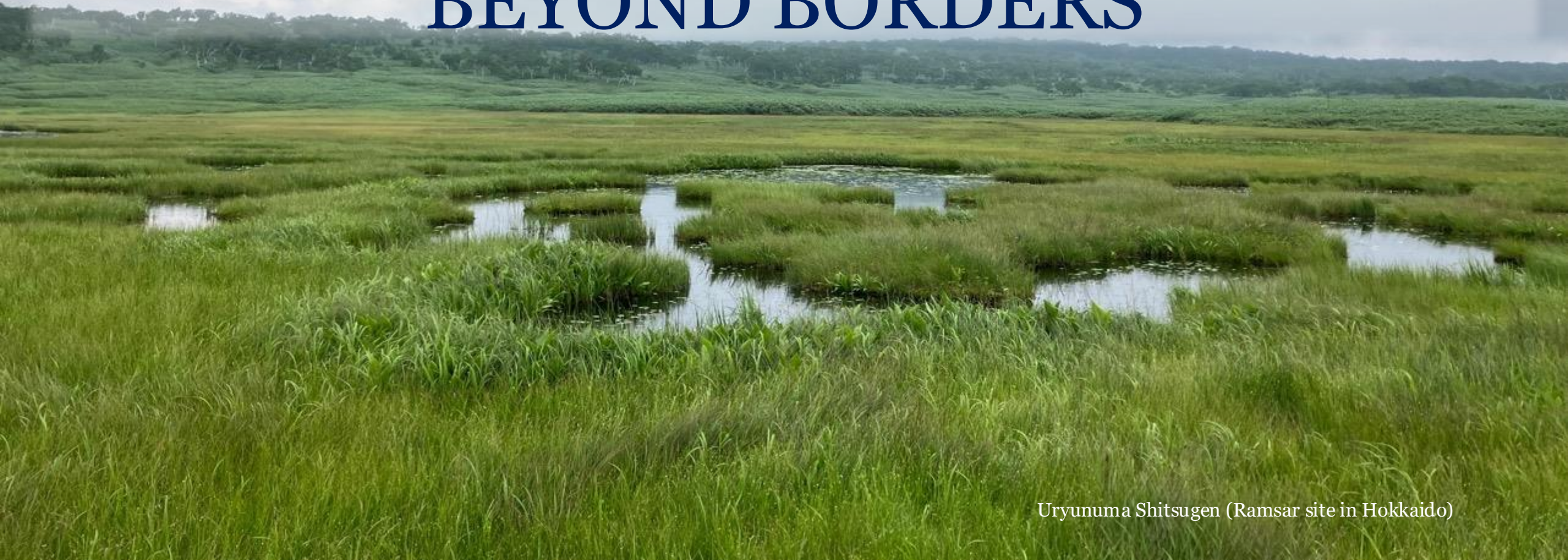
PRIORITY 3

PARTNERSHIPS WITH MEAS

- Strengthen ties with CBD, UNEP, UNDP, Ramsar, WHC
- Promote collaborative programmes
- Provide IUCN's scientific input into MEA processes

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CONNECTING PEOPLE, NATURE, AND KNOWLEDGE BEYOND BORDERS



Uryunuma Shitsugen (Ramsar site in Hokkaido)

Let's work together
for a nature-positive, inclusive, and sustainable Asia

Thank you very much!

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Field research in Shiretoko World Natural Heritage Site