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I am currently pursuing Master's degree in Biodiversity Conservation and Natural Resources Management at the University of Rwanda. I previously received a Bachelor's degree in Conservation Biology, and am a nature enthusiast. As the Collection Manager for the National Herbarium of Rwanda, I am familiar with the collection and mounting of plant specimens, databasing and digitizing specimen records using Symbiota software. I have great interpersonal skills and am a team player. I am fluent in both Kinyarwanda and English languages with a desire to gain knowledge in French and Swahili.

Education

University of Rwanda – 2015-2019
BSc. with Honors in Conservation Biology

Thesis: Diversity of small mammals according to habitat type and disturbance level in Arboretum of Ruhunde.

Groupe Scolaire Saint Joseph Kabgayi (Advanced level) – 2012-2014

Qualification – Completed Mathematics, Chemistry, and Biology (MCB) combination.

Groupe Scolaire Marie Merci de Kibeho (Ordinary level) – 2009-2011

Ecole Primaire de Ngoma Adventiste – 2002-2008

Qualification – Elementary education studies.

Placements and Projects

ARCOS Network, Kigali-Rwanda

August – September 2019

Research Assistant in the project “Wetland ecological integrity assessment in Rwanda” implemented by Albertine Rift Conservation Society (ARCOS Network).

Center of Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resource Management, (CoEB) University of Rwanda.
2021 – present

Herbarium Collections Manager and Honorary Research Fellow at the National Herbarium of Rwanda

- Specimen collecting, processing, barcoding, databasing, and digitization
- 2022-2023 Summer Biodiversity Fields School participant in Nyungwe National Park
- Site manager at One Acre Fund Rwanda, Agroforestry Trees Distribution in Gatsibo and Ngoma districts, Eastern Province, 2020-2021.

Awards and Recognition

- 2023 Certificate of completion “African Plants Georeferencing: Train the Trainers Workshop”, held from 3 July to 21 July 2023, by Biodiversity Institute & Natural History Museum, The University of Kansas.
- 2022 Poster Award Competition recipient for the conference “Taking Action in Conservation of Mountain Rainforests”, by Cyamudongo Project.
- Certificate of completing the spring 2021 Strategic Planning for Herbaria offered by iDigBio and the Society of Herbarium Curators
- Certificate of Attending Justice for Peace through Traditional Knowledge Systems and Conservation: Recognition, Revitalization, and Reconciliation Kigali-Rwanda 16-18 June 2021
- Certificate of completion: Site manager at One Acre Fund Rwanda, Agroforestry Trees Distribution 2020 -2021

Interests

I am interested in nature, education, community services, sports, networking, and technology.

References

Beth Kaplin, PhD

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