



Carl Bruessow

Carl is the current director at the Mulanje Mountain Conservation Trust working in south-eastern Malawi. Third-generation in Malawi, he came into wildlife conservation as a systems analyst, and whilst he has worked both for small not-for-profits and the large donors such as USAID – he has dedicated himself to MMCT for the past 20 years. Though only 600km² in size, Mt Mulanje has an exceptionally high endemic biodiversity and as such is recognised as a Key Biodiversity Area (Priority One) but also an Alliance for Zero Extinction site in consideration of its vulnerable social context. Carl believes that sustainable conservation progress requires a meaningful social contract where positive livelihood and ecological outcomes are catalysed by working closely with commerce on the

mountain's natural resources and environmental services.



Alejandro Diaz

Alejandro Diaz is a Landscape Finance Specialist at Commonland, where he supports landscape partners with resource mobilization, focused on investment opportunities.



Seth Shames

In Seth's role as Managing Director of EcoAgriculture Partners he oversees the work plan, organizational development and staff management.

He also directs EcoAgriculture's work promoting finance for integrated landscape management as well as its policy advocacy. He leads the finance solutions design team of the 1000 Landscapes for 1 Billion People initiative.

Seth has been a leading innovator in the fields of landscape finance and policy. He is the lead author of publications including *Scaling Up Investment Finance for Integrated Landscape Management*, *Public Policy Guidelines for Integrated Landscape Management*, and *Models of Landscape Finance Mechanisms*. He also has worked

extensively on the topic of climate-smart landscapes.

He has co-developed a variety of impactful tools including the Landscape Investment and Finance Tool (LIFT), Landscape Assessment of Financial Flows (LAFF), the Landscape Governance Assessment and the Spatial Modeling of Participatory Landscape Scenarios. Seth is also an experienced presenter, trainer, curriculum developer and workshop facilitator.



Dr. Sara Scherr

Dr. Sara J. Scherr, an agricultural and resource economist, is a prominent voice globally in promoting the restoration of degraded lands. She founded the nonprofit EcoAgriculture Partners in 2002 to promote locally-led agricultural landscape transformation for food security, rural livelihoods and ecosystem services.

A leading innovator in agricultural landscape analysis, planning, policy and finance, she has supported landscape partnerships in Africa, Latin America, Asia and the U.S. and advised landscape programs worldwide. In 2011, she co-founded the global network “Landscapes for People, Food and Nature,” and in 2019 launched and now chairs the global collaborative “1000 Landscapes for 1 Billion People” to accelerate landscape regeneration worldwide. Sara serves on

the Boards of Bioersity International-USA and Solutions from the Land and is a Fellow of the Evergreening Alliance. She also serves on numerous editorial and advisory boards, including those of Commonland and Food Tank, and is a member of the UN Food Systems Summit Action Track on Nature-Positive Production and co-lead for its Governance Action Area. Her research is widely published in scientific and policy literature.



Percy Summers

Mr. Percy Summers is Senior Director of Science and Development at Conservation International (CI) - Peru. He has a Ph.D. in Environmental Design and Planning from Virginia Tech and a MSc in Tropical Forestry from the University of Amazonas in Manaus, Brazil. He joined CI in 2009, first as CI’s Ecosystem Services Coordinator, then Chief of Party for the Sustainable Landscapes Partnership in Peru and also Center for Biodiversity Outcomes Professor of Practice at ASU. He now leads an interdisciplinary team of professionals that support the implementation of projects with a holistic and integrated approach for innovate sustainable development models at scale. These include the sustainable landscapes strategy for the Alto Mayo landscape, the Amazon Business Alliance platform and CI-Peru’s nascent Oceans program. His

interest is centered in the interphase of social and ecological systems including sustainable landscapes, community-based natural resource management, agroforestry systems, nature-based solutions and climate change. He also leads efforts to promote sustainable landscapes approach in CI Peru’s projects and has provided support to CI sustainable landscape programs in Liberia and Guyana.



Annelies Withofs

Annelies Withofs is Programme Manager at the IKEA Foundation since 2014. Ardently working the first years on the 'Reshaping Humanitarian Response' portfolio, she now takes that same drive to help shape and implement the Agricultural Livelihoods portfolio strategy. She is particularly inspired by partnerships that will help farmers to transition to regenerative production systems, that will boost a circular economy for food, and ultimately transform the global agri-food system into one that is good for people and planet.

Before joining the Foundation, Annelies worked on solar energy, WASH, landscape management and SME development. She holds a Master's degree in Cultural Anthropology and Development Sociology, with a specialisation in Environment and Development.



Dr. Daniel Zimmer

Dr Daniel Zimmer is the Sustainable Land Use Lead of EIT Climate-KIC. He developed and supervised the implementation of systemic innovation projects, including several landscape-related ones, aiming to accelerate the transition to a low carbon and climate-resilient economy and society. He has a global experience on climate and water related issues spanning from engineering to geopolitics. He was for 8 years the Executive Director of the World Water Council, an international umbrella organisation of the water sector.