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Affiliated Scientist, C₂O Consulting

Director & Lead Scientist, Ecothropic (Latin America)

Qualifications

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| 2012 | Master of Science, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources
Colorado State University |
| 2012 | Master of Science, Conservation Leadership (with honors)
El Colegio de la Frontera Sur |
| 2009 | Permaculture College Australia
ermaculture Design Course, Permaculture Cert IV, Advanced Design Skills |
| 2005 | Bachelor of Arts Anthropology with honors.
University of Colorado |

Certifications and Additional Training

- Water in the West, University of Colorado Boulder with Coursera, 2015
- Conservation Action Planning Workshop, The Nature Conservancy, 2011
- Primeros Auxilios en Lugares Remotos, Emergency Care and Safety Institute, 2017
- Wilderness First Responder, NOLS, 2008/2015
- Open Water Scuba Instructor, PADI, since 2000
- Emergency First Response Instructor, PADI 1998

Languages

- English and Spanish (fluent in both written and verbal communications)

Consultancy & Research Grants

Community-Based Climate Change Adaptation in Cuba

2017 – 2020

Humboldt National Park, Guáantanamo, Cuba: Design and facilitation of Community Participative Vulnerability Assessments and Adaptation Planning with Vermont Caribbean Institute.

Mini-Documentary (Change-Making Media): The Water Gang

2017 – 2020

Project in San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, México working with local school children, experiential education and film to help solve a humanitarian and ecological crisis.

Creating Sustainable Futures in the Face of Climate Change **2017 – 2018**

Design and instruction of accredited field study to Baracoa, Cuba for Portland State University.

Community-Based Climate Change Adaptation Solomon Islands **2016 – 2017**

Integrating climate change planning into community-based adaptation to reduce vulnerability in Solomon Island communities, Rendova Island, Western Province.

Agricultural Adaptation to Climate Change in Chiapas, Mexico **2014 – 2017**

Adjunct Faculty, Sterling College Vermont, Chiapas, Mexico.

Sustainable Tourism Strategy for Protected Areas in Mexico **2016**

Translation and editing of the strategy for the *National Commission of Natural Protected Areas*, funded by GIZ and presented at the 13th Conference of the Parties (COP) on the Convention on Biological Diversity in Cancun, México.

Adaptation Planning Facilitator: Uplift Climate Conference **2016**

Workshop design and facilitation of Regional “Breakout Groups: Resilience and Collaboration Planning”, Grand Canyon Trust.

Climate Change Adaptation Specialist, Vanuatu **2015 – 2018**

Design and management of community consultations for situation analysis and project planning for RESCCUE Project (Restoring Ecosystem Services and Climate Change Adaptation in North Efate, Vanuatu).

Climate Change Adaptation through Community Collaboration **2015 – 2016**

Guest Lecturer for Diploma in Ecological Restoration and Mangrove Management (collaboration between Pronatura Sur, El Instituto de Ecología, el Colegio de Posgraduados, and NatureServe), Mexico.

Community-Based Climate Change Adaptation in Melanesia **2014**

Design and pilot community-based adaptation planning processes suitable to Melanesian countries in Solomon Islands (Temotu Province), Vanuatu (Torba Province) and Matapouri, New Zealand.

Monitoring and Evaluation of Climate Change Adaptation **2013**

Design and implement innovative M&E mechanisms for a Cooperative Climate Change Adaptation Program in the Sierra Madre and the Coast of Chiapas, Mexico (The Nature Conservancy).

Program for Disaster & Risk Reduction Capacity Building **2011 – 2012**

Annual Strategic Planning and evaluation of methodologies and recommendations for community capacity building; United Nations Development Program, Chiapas, Mexico.

Climate Change Adaptation Planning, US National Parks **2011**

Bridging Boundaries: Adaptation Planning for Grasslands & Forests in the Black Hills & Plains, South Dakota, USA.

National Geographic Student Expeditions **2008 – present**

Expedition Leader and Instructor designing curriculum, teaching students and leading expeditions to Morocco, Japan, Iceland, Switzerland, France, Costa Rica, Ecuador, India, Australia, Spain, and Belize.

Honors and Awards

- National Geographic Traveller Rewind: 14 Must Reads from 2014
- El Colegio de la Frontera Sur Mención Honorífica. 2012
- National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship Honorable Mention. 2011
- Anderson Fellowship. 2011
- Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología Graduate Scholarship. 2011
- University of Colorado Dean’s List. 2010
- Earthquest Youth Photography World Travel Scholarship. 1995

Professional Reports and Academic Papers

Basel, B., Goby, G. and Johnson, J.E. (in review). Community-based adaptation to climate change in Western Province, Solomon Islands. Issue: Ecosystem resilience and human impact in the Pacific Oceanscape: Current status and future directions. *Marine Pollution Bulletin*.

Johnson, J.E., Allain, V., Basel, B., Bell, J., Chin, A., Dutra, L.X.C., Hooper, E., Loubser, D. Lough, J., Moore, B., and Nicol, S. (2019; in press). Chapter 10: Impacts of climate change on marine resources in the Pacific Island Region. In: *Climate Change Impacts in the Pacific*, Lalit Kumar (Editor), Springer Publishers

Johnson, J.E., Basel, B. (2017). *Vulnerability Assessment & Local Early Action Planning (VA-LEAP): Community-based Assessments on Rendova Island, Solomon Islands*. Report to the Pacific-American Climate Fund (PACAM), USAID Program, March 2017.

Le Piodevin, C., Bone, S., Hooper, E., & Basel, B. (2016). *Community-Based Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Planning Year Two: Buma, Vanikoro, Temotu Province, Solomon Islands*. OceansWatch, New Zealand.

Basel, B., Johnson, J., Mullins, K., Fraser, A. (2015) *Initial Diagnosis Document: North Efate, Vanuatu*. RESSCUE Project.

Basel, B. (2014). *Community-Based Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan: Ngadeli, Nandelli, Reef Islands, Temotu Province, Solomon Islands*. OceansWatch, New Zealand.

Basel, B. (2014). *Community-Based Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan: Buma, Te Anu, Vanikoro, Temotu Province, Solomon Islands*. OceansWatch, New Zealand.

Basel, B. (2013). *Monitoreo & Evaluación de Medio Término: Reflexiones sobre lo actuado y recomendaciones para el manejo adaptativo del Proyecto “Mecanismos innovadores para un programa de cooperación dirigido a la adaptación al cambio climático en la Sierra Madre y la zona costera de Chiapas, México.”* The Nature Conservancy.

Basel, B. (2012). *Evaluación de Metodologías y Herramientas para la Prevención y Manejo Integral de Desastre PNUD-PMR*. Programas de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo - Mexico.

Basel, B. (2012). *Evaluación del Plan de Capacitación*. Programas de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo - Mexico.

Basel, B. (2012). *Recomendaciones para la Institucionalización de Género en el PNUD-PMR*. Programas de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo - Mexico.

Basel, B., Bratschun, M., Miller, V., & Fischer, J. (2012). *An evaluation of silvopastoral systems as an integral strategy for climate change adaptation, the conservation of natural resources, and the strengthening of livelihoods: A case study in the Coapa River Watershed, Chiapas, Mexico*.

Basel, B. and Jones, S. (2011). *Situation Assessment and Recommendations*. The Big Thompson Watershed Forum.

Basel, B. and Miller, V. (2011). *Sustainability Planning Toolkit*. The City of Fort Collins Sustainability Program.

Popular Publications, Interviews and Speaking Engagements

El Pequeño Sol, San Cristóbal de las Casas

Presenter and Facilitator. La Pandilla del Agua: ¿Qué podemos hacer para resolver la crisis ecológica y humana ocasionada por las aguas contaminadas de San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, México. Capacity building and strategic planning workshop. January 25, 2019

Educational Travel Consortium (ETC)

Speaker. Destination Deep Dive: “Cuba is Music”
January 29, 2019

Educational Travel Consortium (ETC)

Speaker. BOLD Talk. The Power of Local Knowledge: Communities at the top of the tourism paradigm. “Making Travel Part of the Solution”

January 29, 2019

Educational Travel Consortium (ETC)

Moderator with Aziz Abu Sarah (National Geographic Explorer and TED Fellow). Reconciliation and Dialogue: Facilitating Traveler Conversations in Controversial Locations Worldwide.

January 28, 2019

Millennials Don’t Suck

Podcast interview. Episode 83: Britt Basel (Ecothropic)
October 24, 2018

La Pandilla del Agua.

Speaker. Grand Opening of the Pandilla del Agua. Sala de Bellas Artes, San Cristóbal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico. June 3, 2018

American Renewable Energy Day Conference.

Speaker. Ocean’s Panel: Every breath you take, two or three, come from the sea. June 2017. Snowmass, Colorado.
<http://www.areday.net/media/2017-media/>

America Adapts. Podcast Interview: Community-Based Climate Adaptation.

<http://www.americaadapts.org>

August 29, 2016

Co-Producer: National Geographic Live Facebook Broadcast, 2016.

National Geographic Student Expedition in Reykjavik offers a virtual circumnavigation of Iceland. 805,000+ views. July 26, 2016.

BBC World Service: Climate Change in Vanuatu. Radio Interview.

December 1, 2015

Celebrating Fire.

Mint Lounge. November 2017

Cuba IS Music

National Geographic Traveller India, September 2016

Solomon Islands: Lessons in Laughter

National Geographic Traveller India, November 2015

Stars above and below.

Outdoor Journal, July 2015

Pacific Islanders find hope in the face of climate change

New Zealand Herald, July 16, 2015

Working Together to Take on Climate Change

Resilience.org, Cornell Sailing, May 2015

<http://www.resilience.org/stories/2015-08-19/sailors-and-solomon-islanders-working-together-to-take-on-climate-change#>

Green Wakes: Cruising with a Cause

Cruising World, April 2015

Helping People Help Themselves: Temotu Province, Solomon Islands 2014

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3lh7Je6R4M>

Father, Daughter, and 400,000 Harleys

Washington Post, April 11th, 2014

Reprint: Chicago Tribune April 15th, 2014

Reprint: The Week Magazine Reprint: Dallas Morning News, June 13th, 2014

Reprint: Dallas News

Reprint: NorthJersey.com, May 4th, 2014

Reprint: The New Zealand Herald, May 1st, 2014

Return to Roots: Hidden Depths

National Geographic Traveller India, July 2014

Adopted by the Maasai

Vail Daily, May 8th, 2010

The Summit Daily News, April 25th, 2010

Britt Basel speaks about International Education

KNVF, May 19th, 2010

Changing Times in Northern Tanzania

Vail Daily, May 22nd, 2010

The Summit Daily News, May 1st, 2010

Permaculture and Whole-Systems Design: An Alternative Perspective

The Summit Daily News, June 9th, 2010

Where Lions Roam

Vail Daily, May 1, 2010

The Summit Daily News, April 14th, 2010

Referees

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