

2024 WCN Career Participants

This is the 3rd cohort of the WCN Career Program. To date, we have 18 participants since the program kick started in 2022. across 12 African countries

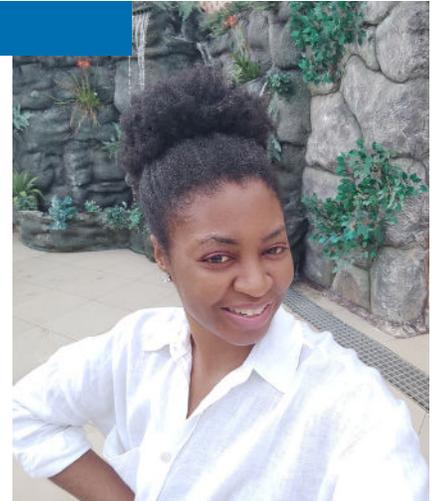
Augusto Junior Nhamossa (Mozambique) - Dugong and Elephant



Augusto is a conservationist who holds a degree in Environmental Sciences and currently works for Associação NATURA in Mozambique, amassing four years of experience as both an implementer and leader of diverse conservation programs, including: Maputo Bay Mangrove restoration, Designing and implementing the Mini-Rangers environmental education course at Maputo National Park, Contributing to the formulation of the National Strategy for Coral Reefs Management. His involvement in wildlife conservation has its roots in a deep-seated love for the environment and a lifelong appreciation for natural settings. Witnessing the improper disposal of solid waste, illegal poaching, and uncontrolled wildfires and their detrimental impacts on the environment has always concerned him deeply. Augusto's ultimate goal is to empower the younger generation with the knowledge and values required to become responsible stewards of the environment.

Ewah Euphemia Fosab (Cameroon) - Pangolin

Ewah studied English Private Law and due to her passion about environmental protection, she started volunteering with the Forest and Environment Development Association (FEDA) – a local NGO in Cameroon, which gave her an insight into contemporary wildlife conservation issues. She is currently working as a wildlife lawyer for TRAFFIC and helped to co-found the Cameroon Pangolin Working Group (CPWG) in 2019. Ewah plans to become a key wildlife law and policy expert working for an international organization on wildlife law enforcement, community-based conservation, and conservation democracy in Cameroon and Central Africa. She believes that a blended law/policy engagement, law enforcement, and demand reduction strategy is a crucial step to improve local community engagement to minimize threats to pangolins and for wildlife conservation in general



Mouhamadou Mody Ndiaye (Senegal) - Lion



Mouhamadou is a Lion Monitor for Panthera and holds a degree in Animal Ecology. As a child, he used to help his grandmother look after her livestock. And he also spent a great deal of his spare time watching wildlife documentaries, which awakened in him a particular attraction to wild animals. One of his teachers introduced him to a documentary titled, "An Inconvenient Truth". It illustrates in an extraordinary way the consequences of human activities in the loss of biodiversity and climate change, and this reinforced in him a desire to do something, a desire to conserve. He is passionate about conserving Lions and hopes to be one of the leading conservationist in Senegal to spearhead operations and train others with collaring, analytical mapping and modelling. His says; "When I work, my primary motivation is to preserve my heritage. I would never wish to tell my grandson that there were lions in Senegal, but to tell him that there are plenty of them, and that I helped to preserve them."



Osvaldo Jacinto Abráo (Mozambique) - Lion, Leopard and Hyena

Osvaldo is a carnivore retention project coordinator for Endangered Wildlife Trust in Zinave National Park. He holds a masters in Conservation Biology. Upon completing his Master's, he took up an internship opportunity in Portugal that revealed the magnitude of Europe's biodiversity loss. This realization prompted him to return to Mozambique, determined to make a difference in conservation. His goal for the Career Program is to contribute to the understanding of large carnivore population and contribute to the African data base while raise community engagement towards this goal.

Rachel Ndabala (Zambia) - Black Rhino

Rachel is the project manager for WeForest Zambia and holds a masters in Climate Change and Sustainable Development. She is passionate about supporting the development of conservation work through community engagement. This arose after she spent her early years in a game management area called Luano that was rich in wildlife but also a poaching hotspot. Her goal for the Career Program is to gain more experience in climate change and sustainable natural resource management so as to continue helping rural communities improve their livelihoods while conserving natural resources with the aim of helping them to adapt to Climate Change while mitigating its impacts.



Remmy Kopeka (Zambia) - Pangolin



Remmy is a conservation data analyst at Wildlife Crime Prevention (WCP) and specialized in wildlife crime analysis with the aid of statistic tools. He is currently in the final stage of completing his Masters of Science in Environmental and Natural Resource Management. He has always loved nature as he was born and raised in a small town called Mumbwa found at the south end of Kafue National Park, the oldest and largest of Zambia's national parks. He is motivated by the belief that by uniting data-driven strategies with community involvement, we can form a potent alliance to protect our precious wildlife and natural ecosystems. His goal for the Career Program is to grow his community outreach and expand his technology proficiency which will enable him to stay at the forefront of data analysis techniques in conservation effort.