



## **TOM BLOMLEY**

**Forestry, natural resources and climate change specialist**

### **KEY QUALIFICATIONS:**

Tom Blomley has over twenty years of development experience, of which fourteen have been spent living and working in East Africa. Throughout this period, he has been responsible for designing, managing and implementing community based natural resource management programmes, and integrated conservation and development projects. Between 2003-2008 he undertook a long-term support position with Danida working in the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism in Tanzania as Participatory Forest Management (PFM) Adviser, where he advised on the scaling up of PFM within 61 districts across Tanzania through national and local government institutions. Since 2008 he established and directs Acacia Natural Resource Consultants Ltd, providing short-term consulting services to a range of governmental, inter-governmental and NGO clients relating to forest governance, forest management, energy and climate change/REDD+ in East and Southern Africa and South East Asia.

### **EDUCATION:**

M.Sc., Natural Resource Management (Departmental Prize Winner), 1988, University of Edinburgh (UK) B.A. (Hons), Geography, 1987, University of Durham, England

### **AGE, NATIONALITY, RESIDENCE:**

52 years old, British citizen, resident in Reading, UK

### **LANGUAGES:**

English (native), Kiswahili (good), Danish (good), French (fair)

### **RELEVANT GEOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE:**

**Long Term Assignments:** Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Denmark

**Short Term Assignments:** Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Niger, Ghana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Zambia, South Africa, Mozambique, Liberia, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, Papua New Guinea, Cambodia and Nepal.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

January 2008 to present. **Director: Acacia Natural Resource Consultants Ltd** ([www.acacia-natural-resources.co.uk](http://www.acacia-natural-resources.co.uk)). Reading, United Kingdom. Selected assignments include:

#### **Conservation, environment & livelihoods**

- Production of a study that assessed conservation-development linkages around two national parks in south-western Uganda, known as important gorilla habitats (in partnership with CARE, International Gorilla Conservation Programme and Uganda Wildlife Authority). Client – International Institute for Environment and Development
- Facilitated two symposiums (Uganda and Indonesia) on best practices on integrating livelihoods and poverty concerns into conservation programmes working with Great Apes (Client: International Institute for Environment and Development)

- Preparation of a policy brief / issues note on the linkages between sustainable forest management and food security (Client: Food and Agricultural Organisation)
- Identified opportunities for improving co-ordination, collaboration and communication among NGOs working on bonobo conservation in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and linking these organisations with national and regional initiatives related to environment and development (Client - Arcus Foundation, USA)
- Documented rights based approaches in natural resource management, drawing on experiences from Uganda, Ghana and Nepal (Client: Rights and Resources Institute / CARE International)
- Documentation of pro-poor approaches to participatory forest management (Tanzania and Nepal) (Client: CARE International)
- Team leader for design of five-year Natural Resources Management Programme in Cambodia (Client: Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Team member for appraisal of Environmental / Natural Resources Sector Programme in Zambia (Client: Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Team member for review of Natural Resources Management Programme in Kenya (Client: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Denmark)
- Strategic and thematic review of IUCN's Forest Conservation Programme and its links with renewable energy (Client: IUCN-Gland)
- Final evaluation of the Participatory Environmental Management Project implemented by World Wide Fund for Nature and Nature Uganda (Client – Worldwide Fund for Nature – Denmark)
- Mid Term Evaluation of Allanblackia II project in Ghana, that is supporting the development of a socially, economically and environmentally viable supply chain for Allanblackia tree oil. (Client – International Union for the Conservation of Nature)
- Review of lessons learned in the implementation of the Equitable Payments for Watershed Services Project, implemented by CARE and WWF in Morogoro, Tanzania
- Final evaluation of the Equitable Payments for Watershed Services Project implemented by CARE and WWF in Morogoro Tanzania (Client – CARE Denmark)
- Mid Term evaluation of the Securing Livelihoods from Watershed Payments project implemented by Wildlife Conservation Society of Tanzania (Client – Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, UK)
- Developed a (successful) full proposal submission to the European Union involving biodiversity conservation and sustainable livelihoods, with a particular emphasis on participatory forest management (Client – Tanzania Forest Conservation Group)
- Annual reviews (in 2014 and 2015) of the Indonesia Environment Programme (Phase III), with particular focus on forests, natural resource management and climate change adaptation (Client: Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Appraisal of the IUCN-implemented “Mangroves For the Future programme” (Phase III) that works across Tsunami-affected coastal communities in SE Asia (Client: Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Final evaluation – IRDNC Sustainable Land and Natural Resource Use in Namibia / WWF-UK Big Lottery Project. (Client: IRDNC, Namibia)
- Team leader on mid term evaluation of the Mangroves for the Future (Phase III) programme working across South and South-east Asia. Involved field visits to Thailand, Bangladesh and Vietnam. (Client: IUCN Regional office for Asia)

- Final evaluation of the IUCN-implemented “Mangroves for the Future Programme “ (Phase III) working across South East Asia. Client: IUCN South-East Asia Regional Office, Bangkok)
- Institutional and capacity assessment of Tropenbos, Netherlands, a Dutch NGO working in Latin America, Central Africa and SE Asia on forest management and protection.

#### **Forest Governance and forest sector reform processes**

- Team Leader on evaluation of the EC-funded Forest Governance Learning Group initiative, being implemented across ten countries in Africa and Asia (with visits to Mozambique, Uganda and Vietnam) (Client: International Institute for Environment and Development – UK)
- Team member on appraisal of Finnish government support to the forest sector in Kenya (Client: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland)
- Team leader on re-design of forest sector reform programme in Kenya (Miti Mingi Maisha Bora) (Client: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland)
- Appraisal of Finnish government support to the National Forest Programme in Tanzania, with particular emphasis on community based forest management (Client: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland)
- Design of a national conditional block grant mechanism to local governments with the objective of supporting community based natural resources management across mainland Tanzania (Client – Government of Norway)
- Team member on a scoping study for the preparation of a National Biomass Energy Strategy in Tanzania (Client: GTZ, Germany)
- Prepared a policy brief on the importance of stakeholder participation in the development of National Forest Programmes (Client: Food and Agriculture Organisation, Rome, Italy)
- Final Evaluation of the World Bank funded Growing Forest Partnerships programme, implemented by the International Institute for Environment and Development, Food and Agriculture Organisation and the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Field visits to Liberia, Indonesia and Nepal. (Client: International Institute for Environment and Development, UK)
- Appraisal of a 24 month project supporting the National Forest Programme in Tanzania, emphasising forest governance reforms and community based forest management (Client: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Finland)
- Team leader for external review of The Forests Dialogue, for the period 2000 – 2013. (Client, Yale University School of Forestry and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature)
- Evaluation of the work of the DFID-EU funded Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Facility, hosted by the European Forest Institute (Client: Department for International Development, UK)
- Team leader for final evaluation of the WWF Denmark / FAO-FLEGT Facility-funded Sustainable Forest Management Programme implemented by Worldwide Fund for Nature, Uganda Country Office (Client: WWF Uganda Country Office)
- Team leader for a five-country study to assess timber trade flows, actors and impacts of illegal logging with a view to developing appropriate FLEGT actions for WWF UK and partners in Indonesia, Malaysia, Ghana, Central African Republic and Colombia (Client: WWF UK)

- Team leader for evaluation of the EU-FAO FLEGT Programme that supports forest governance reforms and voluntary partnership agreement (VPA) processes in 33 countries worldwide. Field visits to Ghana, Cameroon, Uganda and Vietnam (Client: FAO-Rome)
- Team leader for mid term evaluation of the DFID-funded Multi-stakeholder Forestry Programme (Phase III), Indonesia (Client: Tripleline Ltd, on behalf of DFID-London)
- Team leader for Evaluation Management Unit, Forest, Lands and Governance Programme, Indonesia. Contract over 36-month period to provide real-time evaluation support to the UK government's flagship climate and forests programme in Indonesia. (Client: Tripleline Ltd, on behalf of DFID/UK Climate Change Unit, UK Embassy, Jakarta)

### **Forests and climate change**

- Participated as REDD+ specialist in the first global evaluation of the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (with country visits to Mexico, DR Congo and Nepal) (Client: World Bank in collaboration with Baastel, Canada)
- Prepared an application for EU support towards an NGO project in Uganda and Tanzania that links community forestry with carbon payments under "Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation" (REDD) (Client: CARE International)
- Prepared a concept note for the EC for forest governance, PFM and REDD in East Africa working through the Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda Forest Working Groups (Client: CARE International)
- Team leader for preparation of "Issues Note" on social issues related to the Tanzanian governments preparation for REDD-plus (Client: World Bank)
- Prepared a successful application to the Norwegian Government that links participatory forest management with funding from REDD through the voluntary market in north eastern Tanzania. (Client: Tanzania Forest Conservation Group)
- Supported the development of a REDD-plus scoping / screening tool, designed to identify potential projects in the public, private or NGO sectors with the potential to generate positive outcomes for both people and forests (Client: Forest Trends, USA)
- Wrote chapter on community engagement for "Building Forest Carbon Projects - A Step-by-Step Guide" (Client: Forest Trends, USA)
- Supporting the Tanzanian and Nepal governments to develop a unified roadmap for the implementation of social and environmental safeguards in national REDD-plus programmes (Client - CARE International and Community Climate and Biodiversity Alliance)
- Team member for assessment of opportunity costs related to REDD+ in Tanzania with particular emphasis on costs related to improved forest management, including community forestry (Client - UN-REDD Programme)
- Inception review and appraisal of the Harapan Rainforest REDD project in Sumatra, Indonesia. (Client – Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs)
- Organised and facilitated an experts meeting on "Social Impact Assessment of National REDD+ programmes, on behalf of the Learning Initiative on Social Impact of REDD (LISA-REDD) (Client - USAID/Forest, Carbon Markets and Communities Programme)
- Undertook an Africa-wide review of community forestry, with a view to extracting key lessons of relevance to REDD+ processes at project and national levels, and presented key findings to regional training events in Brazzaville and Lusaka (Client: USAID/Forest Carbon and Markets and Communities Program)

- Prepared a briefing paper on REDD+ benefit sharing, to guide the development of a methodological framework for the Carbon Fund, administered by the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Client - World Bank)
- Mid term and final evaluations of Norad support to the national REDD Readiness process in Tanzania (Client: Norwegian Embassy, Tanzania, in collaboration with Nordeco, Denmark)
- Design of second phase of support to the national REDD Readiness process in Tanzania (Client: Norwegian Embassy, Tanzania)
- Prepared a “state of knowledge” review on Benefit Sharing in National REDD+ Programmes” for an IUCN project that aims to establish pilot benefit sharing mechanisms in Peru, Mexico and Ghana. (Client: IUCN, Gland)
- Leading the development of national social and environmental REDD+ safeguards for the government of Papua New Guinea (Client: UN-REDD)
- Supporting the UN-REDD International Secretariat to develop a coherent theory of change for their 2016-2020 programme strategy as well as an accompanying Results Based Management framework (Client: UN-REDD)
- Undertook an evaluation of nine REDD+ pilot projects implemented by NGOs across Tanzania designed to inform the national REDD+ readiness process, preparing a synthesis report as well as an overall lessons learned review document. (Client: Embassy of Norway, Tanzania)
- Due diligence review for IFC regarding the issue of bonds for the purchase of emission reduction credits for the Kasigau/Wildlife Works REDD+ project in Taita Taveta, Kenya. (Client: IFC)
- Undertook Mid Term Review of the Uganda government’s REDD+ readiness activities for submission to the World Bank’s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility. (Client: Ministry of Water and Environment, Government of Uganda)
- Preparation of REDD+ readiness assessment (“R-Package”) on behalf of the government of Ghana for submission to the World Bank’s Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (Client: Forestry Commission of Ghana)

#### **Community Based Natural Resource Management**

- Intermittent, backstopping support to the Tanzanian government’s Participatory Forest Management programme (Client: Danida / Government of Tanzania)
- The development of a component document for Danida and other development partners support to Decentralised Natural Resource Management, Tanzania. 2009 – 2012. (Client: Danida)
- Preparation of a study designed to assess the poverty / livelihood impacts of community forestry and community fisheries in Cambodia (Client: Danish Embassy, Phnom Penh, Cambodia)
- Designed a national conditional block grant mechanism to local governments with the objective of supporting community based natural resources management across mainland Tanzania (Client: Embassy of Norway, Tanzania)
- Undertook a review of Community Based Natural Resources Management in East and Southern Africa (Client: International Institute for Environment and Development, UK)
- Supported WWF in Democratic Republic of Congo to critically review their CBNRM strategy at project, landscape and national levels and develop a more coherent approach (Client: Worldwide Fund for Nature, USA)

- Review of WWF's support to participatory forest management in the Mau-Mara Ecosystem, with a view to developing recommendations for a future, landscape level programme (Client: WWF-Germany)

**August 2003 – December 2007: Senior Adviser (Danida), Participatory Forest Management**, Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Responsible for advising Forestry and Beekeeping Division on “mainstreaming” Participatory Forest Management (PFM) initiatives in 61 districts and over 1,600 villages in Tanzania. This is being implemented as part of the National Forest Programme, and supported by Government of Tanzania, World Bank (IDA), Danida and MFA (Finland). Primary responsibilities include:

- Facilitating the development of formats and guidelines for block grants to districts and action plans in order to “roll-out” PFM nationally
- Supporting the development tools and extension materials for district and community staff on PFM
- Supporting the establishment of a national forest monitoring system embedded in the routine monitoring operations of local and national government institutions, that can track PFM outcomes
- Developing legal instruments, regulations and guidelines to provide a strong legal basis for PFM
- Advising Government of Tanzania on moving towards a multi-donor Sector Wide Approach (SWAp) in forestry at national and district levels
- Developing capacity of district/NGO and technical staff in PFM facilitation across the country
- Facilitating exchange of experiences in PFM between practitioners and policy makers and documenting experiences and emerging lessons learned

January 1999-July 2003, **Conservation and Development Coordinator**, CARE International, Uganda. Responsible for direct supervision and coordination of two Danida-funded integrated conservation and development projects around national parks in south-western Uganda – the Development Through Conservation Project (DTC) working around Bwindi Impenetrable and M'gahinga Gorilla National Parks and the Queen Elizabeth Protected Area Community Conservation Project. Both projects focused on community conservation, community based natural resource management, participatory park planning and management, institutional development, and benefit sharing for local park adjacent communities. Provide ongoing technical support and joint supervision to the USAID-funded Conservation of Biodiversity for Sustainable Development (COBS) Project and the DFID-funded Integrated Lake Management Project.

April 1995-December 1998, **Natural Resources Adviser**, CARE Danmark, Copenhagen, Denmark. Provided technical input to CARE Denmark's field projects in 12 countries and participated in, and contributed towards project design, appraisals, and evaluations. Special responsibilities included monitoring and backstopping CARE Danmark projects in Africa (Uganda, Rwanda, Niger and Ghana).

June 1993-January 1995, **Program Coordinator**, Bellerive Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya. Designed and supervised regional projects for community forestry, environmental education and energy conservation. Drafted and compiled project proposals, budgets, and timetables for submission to donor agencies and their subsequent implementation.

January 1990-June 1993, **Natural Resources Advisor**, Bellerive Foundation, Embu, Kenya. Devised, tested, and evaluated an extension package to facilitate the establishment of fuelwood plantations in boarding schools, with national and regional application. Designed, organized, and facilitated planning seminars with head teachers and teachers on fuelwood conservation, tree nursery management, and tree management.

March 1989-October 1989, **Bio-technician**. U.S. National Park Service, Resource Management Division. Principally involved in environmental and ecological monitoring programmes within natural forest environments.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

- Member of IUCN's Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy
- Member of IUCN's Interim Working Group on Collaborative Management
- Committee Member of Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (a local NGO in Tanzania)
- Trustee and founding member of the African Rainforest Trust (UK)
- Trustee of the M'gahinga and Bwindi Impenetrable Forest Conservation Trust (Uganda) from 2000-2003
- Member of the Forest Partnership Carbon Facility Technical Advisory Panel.
- Associate of the International Institute for Environment and Development (UK)
- Peer reviewer of articles submitted for publication in journals such as *World Development*, *Conservation and Society*, *Oryx*, *International Forest Review*, *Conservation Biology* and others

#### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**

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