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CERTIFICATES/TRAININGS ACQUIRED:

- -Certificate in Agro forestry, Trees for the future Inc. USA, 2004.
- -B. Sc. Zoology/Wildlife, University of Uyo, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria, 2005.
- -Certificate in Data Collection; University of Uyo- Lancaster Uuiversity Link Program,c/o Geography Dept, University of Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, 2004.
- -Certificate on Sustainable Land Management practices, WOCAT-Centre for Development and Environment, University of Bern, Switzerland, 2007.

Nkanta has over 15 years experience in nature conservation, community education, community forest restoration and management **His areas of interest are:** Environmental management, wildlife conservation, sustainable agriculture and working with local/indigenous people to improve their livelihoods. He has attended numerous related workshops/trainings/conferences in Africa, Asia and Europe. Over the years he has worked with some local communities to conserve primates, turtles, manatees and community forests.

Current position-Executive Director, Tropical Research and Conservation Centre (an NGO), Nigeria. He is also a local Coordinator/Representative for some international environmental initiatives/programs/organizations in Nigeria e.g Global landcare, Australia; WOCAT (World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies)-Switzerland; People Resources and Conservation Foundation, PRCF, USA.

Some past and present partners/funding organizations for his projects include: Akwa Ibom State Department of Forestry and Environmental Conservation; Akwa Ibom State Ministry of

Agriculture; Niger Delta Biodiversity Project; Landcare International/World Agro Forestry Centre; People Trust for Endangered Species, UK; Sequoia zoo, USA; World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies (WOCAT); Pittsburgh Zoo, USA; Sacramento Zoo, USA, Pittsburgh Zoo, USA; Network for Social Change ,UK; ;The Alongside Wildlife Foundation, USA, GEF/UNDP Small Grant Program, New Community Prolect ,USA, People Resources and Conservation Foundation (PRCF), USA; , USA; , Myelen, Czech Rep , pozible etc.

Some projects coordinated/managed by Ikponke Nkanta:

- (1)-WOCAT (World Overview of Conservation Approaches and Technologies), Documenting some Soil Land Management Practices in Nigeria Period: 2007 to 2012
- (2)-Conservation of Itu Wetlands harbouring an important primate species (Sclater's guenon) and many important bird speices.

Period: 2008 till date

(3)-Conservation of Ikpa River Basin (harbouring an endangered primate speices (Red cappped Magabey) and other species (pottos, bush baby, Angwanitigbo etc_)

Period

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Advocacy, community sensitization and secondary stakeholders engagement across the 31 Local Government Areas of Akwa Ibom State (covering over 150 communities/Sub communities, and reaching over 50 thousand locals) in preparation for **Akwa Ibom State Rural Acess and Agricultural Marketing Project (AK-RAAMP)**:

Period: 2020

(5) TRCC Niger Delta Manatee Conservation Project.

Activities: Manatee education(in manatee communities), local capacity building in protection and monitoring.

Period: 2015 till date

(6) TRCC Niger Delta Sea Turtle Project.

Activities: Sea Turtle education(in coastal communities), local capacity building in protection and monitoring.

Period: 2014 till date

(7) TRCC Mangrove Planting Project

(with 2M mangrove trees planted)

(8) TRCC -Niger Delta Clean cooking Project

(promoting adoption of clean cookstoves to replace tradtional open cooking with firewood(Period: 2015 till date.

Some projects coordinated/managed by Ikponke Nkanta are published in the following partners' sites:

https://www.pozible.com/project/184517?srsltid=AfmBOopKtgsx2H1nQudSJhQWBvrz 36tykoXM6W637hNjVbfeKQds077K

https://alongsidewildlifefoundation.org/grants/funded-projects/

https://globallandcare.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/August2015ALCI_newsletter.pdf

https://www.myelen.com/en/content/9-nigeria-mangroves-project-

https://www.reforestationworld.org/projects/tropical-research-and-conservation-centre-trcc/#:~:text=Description,or%20the%20West%20Africa%20manatee.

https://explorer.land/x/project/mangroves/posts

https://scistarter.org/niger-delta-mangrove-citizen-science-project

https://cleancooking.org/sector-directory/tropical-research-and-conservation-centre/

https://naccnigeria.org/author/nigeriacleancooking/page/9

http://www.newforestsproject.org/pdfs/Projects%20Update%20-%202008.pdf

https://www.sharkteamone.org/nominees-announced-for-worldrsquos-leading-animal-conservation-award.html

https://www.vantienhovenfoundation.com/projects/primate-inventory-and-conservation-in-ikpa-river-basin-southern-nigeria/