

CURRICULUM VITAE

MARINUS GEBHARDT

PERSONAL DATA

Name, Family	Marinus, Gebhardt
Name: Nationality:	German
Academic degree:	PhD in Management of Mountain Environment Geographer (Dipl.)
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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

2012 – 2015:	PhD-student in Management of Mountain Environment Free University of Bolzano/Bozen
February 2010:	Degree in geography
2003 – 2010:	Ludwig – Maximilians – University, Munich
2002 – 2003:	Year of professional practical training
June 2002:	General qualification for university entrance

ACADEMIC DEGREE

2015:	PhD in Management of Mountain Environment: <i>The impact of land use on plant diversity of mountain grasslands in the Minor Caucasus and its implications for sustainable range management.</i>
2010:	German diploma in geography: <i>Landschaftsökologische Bestandsaufnahme im Rahmen des WWF Weidemanagements im Lake Arpi & Javakheti National Park.</i>

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

Main subject:	- Geography and landscape ecology
Subsidiary subjects:	- Botany
	- Land tenure and regional development
	- Statistics
Substantiate courses:	- Alpine ecosystems of the world
(Personal topic)	(Geography of the Caucasus and its forelands)
	- Communal and rural development
	(Climate change in the Alpine Foreland)
	- Physical geography of the Alps
	(Geology of the Western Alps)
	- Economic plants
	(Commercial relevance of Poaceae)
	- Integrative environmental management
	(Ecological tolerance of artificial snow)
	- Biodiversity of local vascular plants
	- Anthropogeography of the Alps
	(Farming economy based on dairy produce)
	- Landscape ecology
	(Contamination of soil, air and water including radiation)

PRACTICAL/JOB EXPERIENCES

November 2023 – ongoing:	Grassland restoration expert for SABUKO, Tbilisi: <i>Kakheti steppes: A fragile balance between a living landscape or a future desert (The Endangered Landscapes & Seascapes Programme)</i>
September 2023 – ongoing:	Teacher for Geography in the German International School, Tbilisi
July 2021:	Contributor for Goethe-Institute, Tbilisi: <i>Environmental education within the framework of environmental summer school for children</i>
July 2019 – February 2020:	Consultant for GFA Consulting Group (Georgia) and Agency of Protected Areas of the Ministry of Environment Protection and Agriculture of Georgia: <i>Assessment of the pastures within the territory of Pshav-Khevsureti Protected Areas</i>

January 2019 – October 2023:	International expert for SABUKO, Tbilisi: <i>Grassland assessment and implementation of sustainable management practices within the Chachuna Protected Areas.</i>
April – August 2018:	Consultant and scientific advisor for SABUKO and BirdLife Europe: <i>Restoring gallery forest and grasslands in the Iori River Valley, Georgia (ENDANGERED LANDSCAPES PROGRAMME)</i>
October 2016 – ongoing:	Assistant Professor Ilia State University, Tbilisi
June 2016 – May 2017:	Consultant for CNF-Caucasus: <i>Organization and implementation of the 2016 pasture degradation monitoring program in Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park in Georgia</i>
Sept. – Dec. 2016	Consultant for WWF – Caucasus: <i>Pasture and livestock assessment within the establishment process for Racha and Erusheti planned protected areas</i>
March – September 2016:	Lecturer Ilia State University, Tbilisi: <i>Rangeland Ecology, Assessment and Management</i>
Oct. – Dec. 2015:	Consultant for WWF – Caucasus: <i>Operating range management plans for the pastures adjacent to Chachuna Managed Reserve.</i>
September 2015:	International expert on pasture management: <i>Conference: Practice meets Research – Knowledge, Experience and Tradition of Pasture Management in the South Caucasus.</i>
August 2015:	Consultant for WWF – Caucasus: <i>Training of Javakheti National Park staff on range management.</i>
January 2012 – May 2015:	Elaboration of the dissertation: <i>The impact of land use on plant diversity of mountain grasslands in the Minor Caucasus and its implications for sustainable range management.</i>
January 2012 – May 2015:	Integrative project management: <i>Biodiversity and sustainable management of mountain grassland in the Javakheti Highland, South Caucasus, Georgia (Bioman)</i>

January – February 2014:	Consultant for Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH: <i>Integrated protection against erosion in mountainous areas. (Literature review: „Range management and overgrazing in Georgia“)</i>
July – December 2013:	Consultant and international expert on pasture management for The Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus (REC Caucasus): <i>Sustainable Management of Biodiversity, South Caucasus.</i>
July – December 2011:	Consultant for WWF – Germany/Caucasus: <i>Development of a range management plan for the proposed Javakheti National Park, Georgia.</i>
Nov. – Jan. 2010/2011:	Editing of a project proposal (in cooperation with Prof. Zerbe Free Univ. of Bolzano, Dr. Thevs Univ. of Greifswald): <i>Biodiversity and sustainable management of mountain grassland in the Javakheti Highland, South Caucasus, Georgia (Bioman)</i>
March – April 2010:	Field assistant in Turkmenistan, Univ. of Greifswald, BMU, Succow Foundation: <i>Climatic relevance of Saxaul and the potential of carbon fixation in winter cold deserts and semi deserts of Central Asia.</i>
October 2010:	Laboratory work for own soil samples: C-value, Fe-value, pH-value, grain size
May – September 2009:	Fieldwork for own diploma thesis in Javakheti (Georgia): <i>Landscape ecological characterization of proposed Lake Arpi & Javakheti National Park.</i>
May – August 2008:	Internship in the Borjomi-Kharagauli National Park: <i>Environmental education and development of a trail specific handbook for local guides.</i>
July – August 2007:	Practical training in Obergurgl/Austria: <i>Systematics, ecology and sociology of vascular plants in the alpine zone.</i>
April – July 2007:	Practical training TU-Munich (chair of land tenure): <i>Conceptual planning of inter-municipal flood prevention in Stauden region (regional development in Bavaria).</i>

FILL-INS

May – October 2010:	Company “Holz und Baukultur”: Carpenters work
February – July 2011:	Company “Gebhardt + Gebhardt GmbH”: Site management

MAIN INTERESTS

Research:	Human impacts on alpine and subalpine ecosystems, vegetation geography, high mountain and steppe ecology, transdisciplinary research approaches, range management and last but not least Caucasus.
Adjacent to research:	Environmental education, photography, hiking, travelling, Caucasus, being confronted with new, different, and difficult situations.

LANGUAGES

German (native language)
English (fluently)
Georgian (basics)

COMPUTER SKILLS

Software:	Microsoft Windows and Office ESRI ArcGIS R-statistical software Turbo Veg
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