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## **Research and professional focal areas**

### **Ecology and climate**

Coral life history strategies, ecological resilience and climate change impacts. My research focuses on coral bleaching responses and long-term recovery dynamics, the role and assessment of ecological resilience, and how ecological systems respond and adapt to a changing climate. A growing focus is to use this knowledge to predict hazards related to short term climate variability and build adaptive capacity to possible climatic changes that affect vulnerable ecosystems and the people that depend on them.

### **Evolution and biogeography**

Understanding the evolution and maintenance of coral reef biogeographic patterns in the western Indian Ocean, as a basis for regional scale planning for marine conservation and sustainable use of marine natural resources.

### **Livelihoods and adaptation**

Through support to and coordination of projects focused on fishing communities on coral reefs, my objectives are to understand how users perceive their environment and make decisions, in order to foster more sustainable practices and improve peoples' welfare. The approach focuses on understanding people-environment interdependencies, building capacity for participatory monitoring, research and management to empower people in decision-making, and working towards strategies for adaptation of livelihoods to climate change.

### **Building capacity**

Through networking, communication, publication and capacity building in science to build capacity to identify solutions to environmental problems, and through engaging in stakeholder, policy and management circles, to put solutions into practice.

For people dependent on natural resources, to develop opportunities for further education to empower them to independently improve their livelihood security, and take advantage productively of opportunities offered in their wider socio-economic and political setting.

Coral reefs are a highly vulnerable ecosystem that provides a model system to understand how people and the environment interact and affect one another, that can help predict dynamics in other, less vulnerable ecosystems. Increasingly, natural systems are becoming so altered, that maintaining the necessary ecosystem resilience and services that support human society is becoming an increasingly urgent imperative.

## **Current roles and responsibilities**

### **CORDIO**

*1999 to date.* Founding Director of CORDIO East Africa. Activities include primary research, monitoring and coordinating partners in studies on the implications of coral bleaching and mortality on coral reef biophysical and socio-economic parameters, fundraising and capacity building for coral reef science in the Western Indian Ocean.

### **IUCN**

International Union for the Conservation of Nature:

*Commissions* – Chair, Coral Specialist Group, Species Survival Commission. *2008 to present.*

*Programme* – Chair, Working Group on Climate Change and Coral Reefs. Global Marine Programme. *2006 to present.*

– East Africa Marine programme – partner and contributing member, 1999 to present.

*Membership* – CORDIO East Africa is a member since 2008.

### **Phoenix Islands Protected Area (PIPA) Kiribati**

*2000 ongoing,* as a Senior Research Associate, Global Marine Programs, New England Aquarium, USA. Chief scientist on coral reef and marine biodiversity surveys of the Phoenix Islands leading to designation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest MPA and largest World Heritage site in the world, and endowment funding for conservation. Project leader, Dr. Gregory Stone, Conservation International, USA. Hosted by Phoenix Islands Steering Committee/Ministry of Environment Lands and Agricultural Development, Government of Kiribati, and New England Aquarium, USA.

### **Kwetu Kenya**

Kwetu Training Center for Sustainable Development, Mtwapa, Kenya. Board member since 2000, Chairman of the Board since 2007. A non-profit-making NGO providing training and applied research on sustainable livelihoods in rural coastal areas.

**Main projects (2011)**

<i>Coral reef resilience assessment</i>	Principal investigator and project leader, advice to management partners and NGO/INGOs, CORDIO and IUCN-CCCR.
<i>Core biodiversity region for the Western Indian Ocean</i>	Principal investigator, CORDIO, and advisor for regional seascape planning, Conservation International.
<i>Regional coral species conservation strategies</i>	Principal investigator and project leader, IUCN-CSG, CORDIO, in partnership with Zoological Society of London.
<i>Coral bleaching alerts for the Western Indian Ocean</i>	Principal investigator, CORDIO, in partnership with University of Cape Town and Kenya Meteorology Department.
<i>Social vulnerability to short term climate hazards</i>	Principal investigator, CORDIO, in partnership with IUCN East and Southern Africa Regional Office
<i>Ecosystem Services for Poverty Alleviation</i>	Partner, CORDIO, with York University/Stockholm Environment Institute, and Plymouth Marine Laboratories (UK)

**Experience****Academic**

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), Univ. of Miami, USA, 1995. Division of Marine Biology and Fisheries, Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science (RSMAS). Dissertation title: Environmental Stress and Life History Strategies, a Case Study of Corals and River Sediment in Malindi, Kenya. Advisor: Dr. Peter W. Glynn.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) with Honours, Harvard University, USA, 1989. Biology Department. Thesis with Highest Honours.

International Baccalaureate (Distinction), Lester B. Pearson United World College of the Pacific, 1983-85. CIDA fellowship.

**Personal****Grants/Awards**

2007. Fellow of the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association.

2002-05. Rockefeller Foundation. Africa Career Award.

2001-03. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Coral Reef Research grant.

1999-2001. Rockefeller Foundation. Africa Career Award.

1997-98. MacArthur Foundation/American Association for the Advancement of Science, USA.

1997-98. National Geographic Society Committee on Research and Exploration. Conservation Ecology and Health of Corals in Kenya, Indian Ocean.

1992-94. Rockefeller Foundation. Africa Dissertation Internship Award. PhD research.

**Institutional/  
collaborative  
Grants**

2010-12. Adapting to climate change – coping with short term climate variability through seasonal prediction and social resilience. CORDIO, Kenya Meteorological Dept and University of Cape Town. Funded by WIOMSA Marine Science for Management programme

2008-10. Is there an Indian Ocean ‘coral triangle’? CORDIO, University of Cape Town and South African Environmental Observation Network. Funded by WIOMSA MASMA.

2006-8. IUCN Working Group on Climate Change and Coral Reefs. IUCN US and Global Marine Programme. 2 grants, Funded by Macarthur Foundation.

2005-06. CORDIO East Africa – Socio-economic monitoring programme. NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Grants, USA.

2005. CORDIO East Africa – Socio-economic monitoring programme. International Coral Reef Initiative/ICRAN/UNEP.

2005-06, 2004. Phoenix Islands Conservation Project, Planning Grant (New England Aquarium). Global Conservation Fund, USA.

2005. CORDIO East Africa Information Communication Technologies, Sida, Sweden.

2001-02. CORDIO East Africa. Finnish Foreign Ministry, Finland.

1999-2000; 2001-03; 2004-06. CORDIO programme. Sida/SAREC, Sweden

**Links**

*State of the Environment, Coast, Kenya 2006-7* – member of core team.

*IPCC 2006* – expert reviewer - WGII Fourth Assessment report

*GEO-4 2006* – peer reviewer – Global Environment Outlook report.

*International Foundation for Science (IFS)* – application reviewer.

*Research Council, Sweden (FORMAS)* – application reviewer.

**Climate change**

March 2010. Expedition leader – Conservation International Marine Rapid Assessment and Climate resilience study of northeastern Madagascar. Conservation International.

December 2009. Climate change vulnerability surveys of the Nosy Hara marine park,

	<p>northwestern Madagascar. WWF Madagascar.</p> <p><i>January 2008.</i> Madagascar national vulnerability assessment for marine and terrestrial biodiversity. WWF-US and Conservation International, funded by Macarthur Foundation.</p> <p><i>November 2006.</i> IUCN Delegation to 12<sup>th</sup> Conference of Parties of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. Nairobi, Kenya.</p> <p><i>June 2006.</i> Impacts of climate change on marine ecosystems and fisheries. Global Symposium for Africa 2006. Conservation International. Tananarive, Madagascar</p> <p><i>April 2006.</i> Climate change impacts on African tropical marine biodiversity – GBIF conference, Cape Town, South Africa.</p> <p><i>October 2005.</i> Climate change impacts on tropical marine biodiversity - current trends and potential scenarios for scleractinian corals and symbiotic zooxanthellae. Climate Change &amp; Biodiversity in Africa. Royal Society/Natural History Museum/South African National Biodiversity Institute.</p> <p><i>October 2003.</i> Resilience, coral bleaching and MPA design. Plenary address, WIOMSA Third Scientific Symposium, 15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October 2003. Maputo, Mozambique</p> <p><i>October 2003.</i> World Parks Congress, IUCN, Durban, South Africa. Two Sessions: 1) Adaptive responses for nature conservation to climate change. Workshop Stream: Linkages in the Landscape; 2) Building protection of bleaching resistant sites into MPA networks. Session: The Next 20 Years and Beyond: Incorporating Resilience into MPA Design and Management.</p>
Surveys/ expeditions (selected)	<p>2010. Tara Oceans, coral reef resilience scientist – Djibouti, St. Brandons (Mauritius), Mayotte.</p> <p>2009 <i>April.</i> Southern Line Islands, Kiribati. Invited expert, National Geographic Society.</p> <p><i>February.</i> Farquhar atoll, resilience assessment. National Geographic Society.</p> <p>2008 <i>May.</i> Saudi Arabian Red Sea. Living Oceans Foundation.</p> <p><i>March/April.</i> Seychelles resilience assessments. Aldabra atoll, Amirantes group. IUCN/ICS/</p> <p>2006 <i>February.</i> Chagos Archipelago, Indian Ocean</p> <p>2000,02,05,09. Phoenix Islands, Kiribati. New England Aquarium. Kiribati.</p> <p>1998-2006, annual. Kiunga Marine Reserve, Kenya.</p> <p>2005. Northern Line Islands, Kiribati/USA. Invited expert, Scripps Institution of Oceanography.</p> <p>Mayotte, GIS/Lag-May expedition to western barrier.</p> <p>Seychelles - Tsunami impact assessment, UNEP/IUCN/CORDIO.</p>
Environmental Appraisals/Impact Assessments	<p>2007-10. East Africa Submarine Cable project (EASSy), TEAMS and LION2 submarine cable projects, Telkom Kenya.</p> <p>1999. Baseline Ecological surveys and EIA of TIOMIN Resources Inc., Kenya. Coast Environment Services, South Africa</p> <p>1997. Mombasa Wastewater Ocean Outfall–Environmental Assessment. World Bank.</p> <p>1994–95. Rapid Biodiversity Resource Appraisal, Canberra. World Bank–GEF/AusAID.</p>
Geographic	<p>Indian Ocean – Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Seychelles, Comoros, Mayotte, Madagascar, St. Brandons, Chagos.</p> <p>Red Sea/Gulf of Aden – Saudi Arabia, Djibouti, Somaliland.</p> <p>Pacific Ocean – Phoenix Islands, Line Islands, Fiji, Galapagos.</p> <p>Caribbean – Jamaica, Florida.</p>
Languages	English (fluent); French (working); Swahili, Spanish (basic)

### Past positions

- 2006-2009. *Adjunct Senior Lecturer*, Faculty of Biological and Chemical Sciences (Centre for Marine Studies), University of Queensland. Brisbane, Australia.
- 2005-2009. *World Bank-GEF – Coral Reef Targeted Research and Capacity Building project.* Member of the Bleaching Working Group.
- November 2005 ongoing.* WWF US/Tanzania. Project: Coastal Resilience to Climate Change: Developing a Generalizable Method for Assessing Vulnerability and Adaptation of Mangroves and Associated Ecosystems. Climate vulnerability and coral reef consultant.
- 1997–98. Research Fellow, Coral Reef Conservation Program, Mombasa, Kenya
- 1995–96. Senior Conservation Associate, New England Aquarium, Boston, USA

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