
Curriculum Vitae



Rachelle Bong A Jan

Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Nationality: **Surinamese**

FORMAL EDUCATION

1982 – 1987 Lager Onderwijs-LO (Primary school)
St. Aloysiusschool, Paramaribo

1988 – 1990 MULO (Secondary school)

Subjects/classes: Dutch, English, Spanish, Mathematics, Physics, Biology, History, Algebra, Art Class, Geography, Physical Education.

Hendrikschool, Paramaribo

1991 – 1993

VWO (High school)

Subjects/classes: Dutch, English, Physics, Biology, Mathematics, Chemistry, Geography, Sociology.

Mr. Dr. J.C. de Miranda Lyceum, Paramaribo

Diploma awarded: July 1994

1994 – 2005

University (Bachelor of Science)

Study: Agricultural Production

Specialization/orientation: Agronomy

Subjects: Chemistry, Physics, Statistics, Botany, Microbiology, Ecology, Agricultural Economics, Rural Development, Crop Protection, Cartography and Remote sensing, Biochemistry, Soil Sciences (fertility, tillage etc.), Agricultural Law, Plant Physiology, Biotechnology, Landscape Architecture, Crop Processing and Storage, Seed Technology, Agricultural Policy, Agricultural Extension.

Anton de Kom University of Suriname- Faculty of Technological Sciences, Paramaribo

Diploma Awarded: June 2005

2011 – current

University (Master of Science)

MSc Program: Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Development in the Caribbean

Courses: Characteristics of Biodiversity, Threats to Tropical Biodiversity, Management and Analysis of Environmental Data, Conservation and Management of Biodiversity, Socio-Ecology and Natural Resource Management, Taxonomy and Bioinformatics, Principles and Practice of Geoinformatics, Sustainable Use and

Management of Natural Resources, Environmental Resource Policy, Environmental Impact Assessment.

University of the West Indies- St. Augustine Campus, Trinidad and Tobago

- **Currently in third academic year. Oral and written examination completed in April 2014. Awaiting MSc degree award.**

WORK EXPERIENCE

2001 – 2004 Dental assistant at Dental Center

July 2005 Employee at Neotropical Butterfly Farm (Lelydorp)

2006 – 2013 Land Management Coordinator at Foundation Amazon Conservation Team Suriname

July 2013-current Independent consultant with Attune

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Familiar with Microsoft Office applications
- Experience in working with a GPS (Global Positioning System) instrument
- Acquainted with ArcGIS software use (see annex 1)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 2006** Partook in a 5-day training course concerning Food and Food security, organized by the Center for Agricultural Research in Suriname, CELOS, and the Wageningen UR.
- 2006 and 2007** Participation in several “Indigenous Park Ranger” training courses related to environmental conservation and protection in Macapa, Brazil as an instructor (see annex 2).
- 2007** Participation in the 2nd Trans-boundary meeting Suriname-Brazil to discuss cross-border conservation related issues between representatives of NGOs, Government institutions and Indigenous Organizations of both countries (see annex 2).
- 2008** Participation with the ATBC (Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation) Congress held in Paramaribo, Suriname. Poster and oral presentation executed.
- 2009** Completed the ‘Forest Carbon Project Development Course’, provided by Conservation International.
- 2009** Participation at the 6th World Rangers Congress in Santa Cruz, Bolivia (see annex 3).
- 2011** Participation in the training course “Production of Organic Chili Pepper” at Celos (Center for Agricultural Research in Suriname) and executed by an IICA (Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture) specialist in Organic Agriculture.
- 2012** Participation in a training course titled ‘Economics and Ecosystems’ (see annex 4) organized by the Ministry of ATM and Tropenbos International Suriname.
- 2013** Participation in the “Strategische Impact Analyses van grootschalige infrastructurele werken” Training Workshop organized by WWF and CEDLA (Centre for Latin American Research and Documentation).
- 2013** Conducted a 3-day workshop on project proposal writing for various CBOs on behalf of the UNDP Suriname and NIMOS (National Institute for the Environment and Development in Suriname).

2013

Offered support services for the participation of indigenous communities in the 3rd International Congress on Biodiversity of the Guiana Shield on behalf of the organizing institution IGSR (Institute for Graduate Studies and Research).

2014

Attended a 5-day course on 'Impact Assessment and Decision Making in Suriname', organized by the NIMOS (National Institute for the Environment and Development in Suriname) with support from the International Association for Impact Assessment (IAIA).

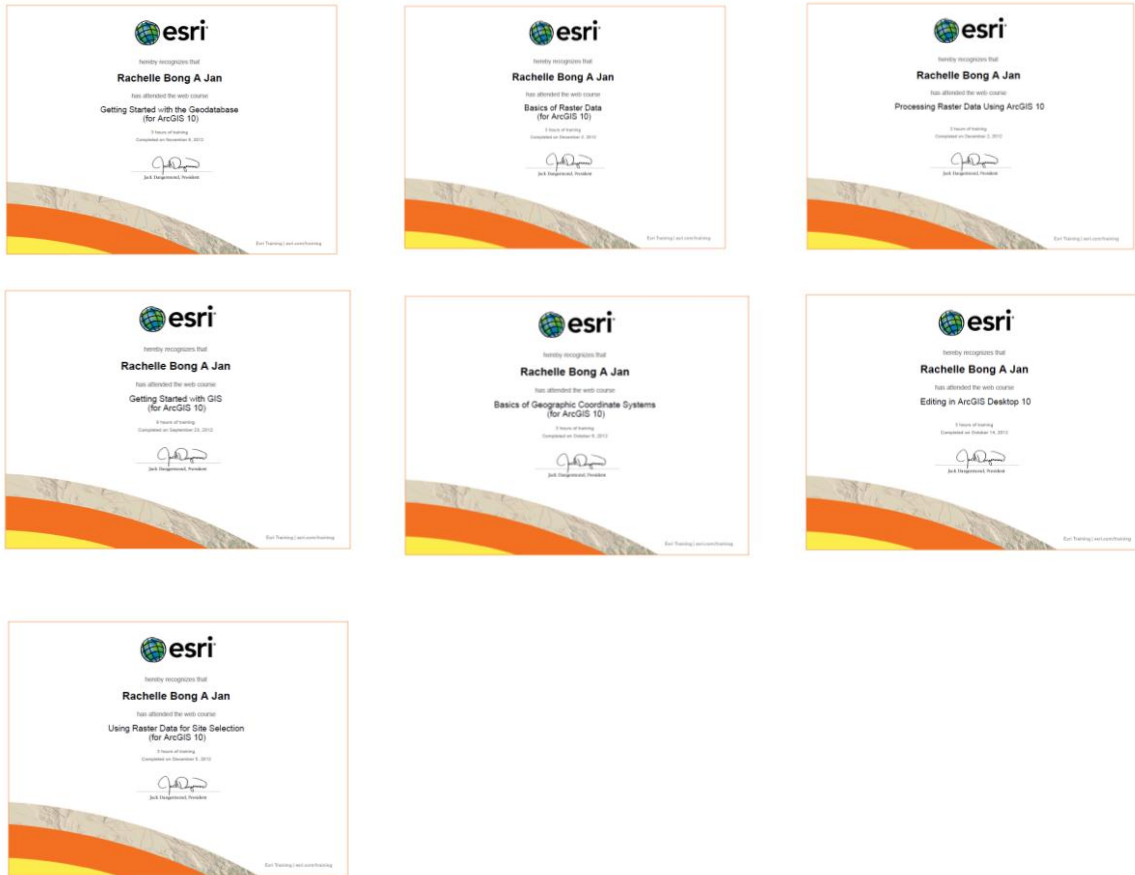
2006-2013

As a Land Management Coordinator working for the Amazon Conservation Team Suriname, I was responsible for the implementation of various multiyear projects such as "Dried Pepper Production for Sustainable Livelihoods Income Generation for Female Farmers of Peleletepu" and the coordination of annual training courses (2008-2011) together with the Nature Conservation Division of the Ministry of Physical Planning, Land and Forest Management, for the capacity building of several members originating from seven Indigenous communities in Southern Suriname. With the support of lecturers from the Anton de Kom University of Suriname and staff from CELOS, several training courses in Vegetable Growing were held for Indigenous female farmers stemming from various Trio and Wayana communities located in the remote interior of South Suriname. In 2008, organize and partake in biodiversity research "Inventory of Macro-Fungi Diversity" with the National Herbarium of Suriname (BBS), CELOS and local communities. Support was given to the ACT team with efforts on writing and submission of project proposals.

OTHER INTERESTS

- Leisure activities include reading books and solving puzzles
- Avid interest for architecture and the arts
- Enjoy: music and dance

ANNEX 1. TRAINING CERTIFICATES ESRI



ANNEX 2. CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (BRAZIL)



ANNEX 3. WORLD CONGRESS OF PARK RANGERS (BOLIVIA)



ANNEX 4. CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION TRAINING COURSE 'ECONOMICS AND ECOSYSTEMS' (SURINAME)

