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## **PROFILE HIGHLIGHTS**

- Robust experience in environmental, resource, energy, and development economics.
- Proven track record in research, project design, implementation and evaluation with focus on ocean, marine, coastal resources, ecosystem, climate change, risk and adaptation.

## **RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

***President*** 2008-present  
***Sustainable Oceans and Coasts, LLC***

Providing assistance to the World Bank for project design, supervision and evaluations.

### East Africa

Guided the United Republic of Tanzania in the design of a Deep-Sea Fishing Policy and Implementation Strategy.

Acted as an adviser to the government of Grenada and partner countries in the Caribbean on a Blue Economy Strategy.

### East Asia

Assisted the design of the regional Coral Triangle Initiative as the adviser to the Nature Conservancy. The 6-country initiative covers Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste.

### Western Indian Ocean

Supported the development of a sustainable financing instrument for the Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) as a board member.

### South Asia

Assisted the World Bank on developing a Blue Economy strategy for Sri Lanka with a particular focus on fisheries.

Provided technical advice on a local level for the design, launch and supervision of a livelihood, empowerment, credit and savings program for the Sri Wanitha Association, a women's organization in the southern coast of Sri Lanka.

Operated on a regional level for the United Nations Environmental Program (UNEP) and South Asia Environmental Cooperation (SACEP) to design a regional policy and strategy for marine biodiversity management.

***Senior Environmental Specialist,***  
***The World Bank, Multiple locations in Africa and Asia***

1987-2007

Led the Bank team supporting the government in the design of the Tanzania Marine and Coastal Environmental Management Project in Tanzania, a US\$61m project that was at the time the largest such project in the fisheries sector in the World Bank.

Attained key achievements of legislative and institutional reform.

Increased transparency and accountability in the governance of offshore fisheries and support for 1700 coastal villages to improve their livelihoods and to promote sustainability.

Executed the preparation of two publications; Tanzania Growth and Environmental Linkages; and Blueprint 2050: Sustaining the Marine Environment of Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar to promote awareness of the need to promote environmental and social sustainability and sound governance.

Managed similar projects in the region including the Marine and Coastal Biodiversity project in Mozambique and the Coastal Zone Management Project in Namibia both of which focused on spatial planning, integrated coastal management and protected areas.

Provided the design and implementation of fisheries, mangrove reforestation, and shoreline stabilization components in the Emergency India Tsunami Rehabilitation Project in India.

Directed research projects which were Ghana Coastal Zone Management Strategy; Managing the Marine and Coastal Environment of Sub-Saharan Africa: Strategic Directions for Sustainable

Development; community forestry, evaluation of the Lower Kihansi Environmental Management Program; biodiversity components of the Nigeria Local Empowerment and Environmental management project.

## **EDUCATION**

PhD, Marine Policy, Integrated Coastal Management Law of the Sea and Fisheries University of Delaware, Newark, DE	1999
M.A., International Development, Environmental Management American University, Washington, DC	1989
LLB, International Law, Commercial Law, Law of Property, Jurisprudence University of Sri Lanka, Colombo, Western Province, Sri Lanka	1977
Attorney-at-law, Sri Lanka- Admitted to the Bar Sri Lanka	1978

## **CREDENTIALS**

Member Steering Committee, Global Oceans Forum (2008 – present)  
Member, PEW Foundation Marine Scholars Advisory Board (2013-2016)  
Member, Board, Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association ( 2013-2015)  
Founding Partner, Sri Wanitha Association, Southern Province, Sri Lanka (2008 – present)  
Founding Partner, Foundation for Sustainable Livelihoods with Human Values (2000-present)

## **SKILLS**

Proficiency in research, project planning, design implementation, support and evaluation  
Client orientation  
Participatory planning and development  
Community development  
Results-focused  
Training and capacity building for government, non-government, and community

## **SELECT PUBLICATIONS**

Hewawasam, I. and Mclean, B. 2014. Ocean and Coastal Policy Processes in Sub-Saharan Africa: Issues, Opportunities and Strategic Options, Handbook on National and Regional Ocean Policies, Routledge.

Hewawasam, I. Mclean, B. Ngoile M. Maraboli, L. Virdin, J. 2007. Sub-Saharan Africa Ocean and Coastal Policy Processes: Issues, Opportunities and Suggestions for the Way Forward World Bank, 2007.

Ruitenbeek, J., Cartier C., Hewawasam, I., Utz, R. Tanzania: Putting Tanzania's Hidden Economy to Work: Reform, Management, and Protection of its Natural Resource Sector.

National Research Council of the National Academies. Increasing Capacity for Stewardship of Oceans and Coasts: A Priority for the 21st Century (Contributing Author): International capacity building for the Protection and Sustainable use of Oceans and Coasts, National Academies Press, Washington, DC, 2005.

Ruitenbeek, Hewawasam, Ngoile. Blueprint 2050: Sustaining the Marine Environment in Mainland Tanzania and Zanzibar World Bank, 2003.

Hewawasam, I. et al. Nigeria: Poverty and Environment Linkages in the Natural Resources Sector- Empirical Evidence from Nigerian Case Studies with Policy Implications and Recommendations World Bank, 2001.

Hewawasam, Indu. Integrated Coastal management in Sub-Saharan Africa: Lessons Learned and Strategic Directions Journal of Ocean and Coastal Management. 1998.

Hewawasam, Indu. A Gateway to Advance Knowledge in Coastal Zone Management World Bank.

Hewawasam, I. et al. Towards an Integrated Coastal Zone Management Strategy for Ghana (Co-Author), World Bank, 1994.

## **FUNDED RESEARCH**

Grants from the Global Environmental Facility for preparation of the Nigeria Protected Areas and Biodiversity project (2000) – World Bank Team Leader

Grant from Japan (Policy and Human Resource Development Grant) to support livelihoods of coastal communities in Tanzania – World Bank Team Leader

Grant from the Global Environmental Facility to support the Eastern Arc Mountains Biodiversity Management Fund in Tanzania – World Bank Team Leader

Grants from the Global Environmental Facility and Japan to prepare the Tanzania Marine and Coastal Environmental Management Project – World Bank Team Leader

Grant from the United Nations Environment Protection (UNEP) and South Asia Cooperation for Environmental

Protection (SACEP) to design a Marine Biodiversity conservation and management strategy for South Asia – President, Sustainable Oceans and Coasts

Grants from the Asian Development, Global Environmental Facility, USAID and US government to design the East Asia Coral Reef Initiative – as Marine Adviser in The Nature Conservancy