

AT A GLANCE

25 years

Environmental policy, biodiversity and natural-resource governance

24+ years

Collaboration with the Swiss Federal Office for the Environment

Nearly 10 years

Collaboration with UNEP-WCMC and UNEP

100+ countries

Experts reached through international training and knowledge processes

5 staff

Line-management responsibility, alongside consultant and partner coordination

CORE EXPERTISE

- Biodiversity policy, GBF and NBSAP implementation
- MEA synergies and environmental governance
- Monitoring, indicators, dashboards and national reporting
- Nagoya Protocol, ABS and compliance
- Capacity development, facilitation and stakeholder processes
- Programme leadership, quality assurance and partner management

INSTITUTIONAL PERSPECTIVE

- Swiss federal administration
- International cooperation and the UN system
- Multidisciplinary engineering and consulting
- Independent advisory and company management

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Senior environmental policy and governance expert with 25 years of experience supporting public institutions, international organisations and development partners. Combines strategic policy analysis with the design of practical governance arrangements, monitoring systems, reporting tools and participatory processes. Brings an unusual perspective gained from working inside the Swiss federal administration, in international cooperation, in a major multidisciplinary engineering company and as an independent consultant and managing director.

RECENT SELECTED ASSIGNMENTS

2025-2026 | Central African Republic | Agreco

National MEA implementation and governance

Assessed implementation of biodiversity-related MEAs, identified legal, institutional and reporting constraints, and proposed corrective measures to reduce the risk of CITES trade restrictions. Developed a governance assessment and baseline dashboard for coordinated implementation.

2025-2026 | Madagascar | GIZ

NBSAP alignment and strategic monitoring

Supported alignment of the national biodiversity strategy with the Global Biodiversity Framework; facilitated intersectoral consultation; strengthened the capacities of 160 experts; and developed a strategic dashboard covering implementation and financing.

2024-2026 | Switzerland | Federal Office for the Environment

Nagoya Protocol implementation and compliance

Co-developed implementation guidance translating legal requirements into practical instructions and visual tools. Coordinated contributions from administration, industry, professional associations and research, and supported compliance reviews and standardised assessment reporting.

DISTINCTIVE CONTRIBUTION

- Translates international commitments into workable national systems and decision-support tools.
- Connects policy, law, institutions, data, reporting and capacity development rather than treating them as separate workstreams.
- Produces concise, decision-oriented outputs: diagnostics, guidance, indicators, dashboards, national reports and negotiation briefs.
- Leads multidisciplinary assignments from methodology and work planning through partner coordination, quality control and delivery.

EARLIER ACHIEVEMENTS

- Helped develop the Swiss Biodiversity Strategy and later assessed how the Global Biodiversity Framework should shape national policy and action.
- Designed approaches for modular biodiversity reporting and national biodiversity-finance reporting that improved reuse, consistency and traceability of information.
- Co-led policy evaluations whose recommendations contributed to a revised Swiss fire-blight policy and the establishment of the Swiss Plant Breeding Center.

SELECTED EXPERIENCE AND IMPACT**2016-2024**FOEN | UNEP-
WCMC | UNEP**DaRT - digital knowledge and reporting for MEAs**

Conceived and led the development and international rollout of DaRT. Coordinated UNEP, MEA secretariats, national administrations and IT partners. The platform supports institutional coordination, knowledge management, implementation monitoring and reuse of information across reporting processes.

2015-presentSwiss Federal
Office for the
Environment**National biodiversity reporting and integrated information systems**

Prepared or supported national reports under the CBD, CMS, AEWA, Raptors MoU, Ramsar and Bern Convention. Developed modular reporting concepts based on the principle "report once, reuse many times" and coordinated inputs from federal authorities, science and civil society.

2017-2023

FOEN | SCNAT

Strategic support to Swiss biodiversity policy and negotiations

Supports the Swiss delegation to the Bern Convention and provides technical review of GEF biodiversity and climate projects. Analysed the relevance of the Global Biodiversity Framework for Switzerland; the findings contributed directly to the second phase of the Swiss Biodiversity Action Plan.

2012-2013Swiss Federal
Office for the
Environment**Biodiversity finance reporting methodology**

Designed a national methodology to identify, structure and report biodiversity-related financial resources under the CBD resource-mobilisation strategy. The approach was institutionalised and, with updates, continues to underpin Swiss reporting.

2016-2017

Swiss FOAG | PPC

Agriculture, innovation and public-policy evaluation

Co-led the assessment of Swiss fire-blight policy and the design of institutional options for a national plant-breeding centre. Recommendations contributed to the Swiss Plant Breeding Center becoming operational in 2024.

2007-2015

Gruner SA

Team leadership and integrated environmental consulting

Led a biodiversity unit of five staff, with responsibility for workload, budgets, recruitment, quality and client delivery. Managed assignments supporting the Swiss Biodiversity Strategy, national CBD and FAO reporting, biodiversity trend assessment and environmental impact studies for major infrastructure and industry clients.

CAREER HISTORY

2015-present Founder & Managing Director, NatureConsult
2022-2024 UNEP Associate Expert, Law Division
2007-2015 Team Leader & Senior Consultant, Gruner SA
2003-2007 Scientific Officer, Terra Consult
2002-2003 Scientific Trainee, Swiss FOEN

EDUCATION & LANGUAGES

- PhD in Natural Sciences, University of Bern (2004)
- Master's degree in Biology, University of Bern (1996)
- French and German: native proficiency
- English: C2 professional proficiency

DIGITAL & TECHNICAL

- Microsoft Office, MS Project, Drupal and digital knowledge, monitoring and reporting tools
- Authorised national user of the CBD Biosafety and ABS Clearing-Houses

REGIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assignments and institutional engagement across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe, including work with national authorities in Cameroon, the Central African Republic, China, Colombia, Ghana, Jordan, Kenya, Madagascar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Tanzania, Togo and Tunisia.

SELECTED ANALYTICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Key entry points for cooperation and collaboration among MEAs (Bern III Conference)
- Elements for modular reporting on the Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- Policy and indicator analyses supporting Swiss biodiversity action planning