

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Key qualifications

Social and institutional aspects of natural resource management and -governance. This includes impacts of policy and project interventions on the poorest; natural resource conflicts and collaborative mechanisms; decentralisation and participatory/community-based approaches. Particular experience within local aspects of climate change (adaptation and mitigation), forestry, biodiversity conservation, water and coastal resources. Also multilateral collaboration, multidisciplinary education and research, and applied policy- and sector analysis. Experience from programme and project design, review and implementation for DANIDA, the World Bank and various NGOs. Techniques include Participatory Rural Appraisal, Social Impact Assessment and socio-economic baseline studies. Country experience from Southeast Asia and Africa, including Cambodia, Vietnam, Lao PDR, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Mali, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

Languages

Danish Mother Tongue
English Excellent
French Fair
German Fair

Education

2007 PhD, Environment and Development, Roskilde University, Denmark
1997 Master of Social Science in International Development and Environmental Planning, Roskilde University, Denmark
1992 Bachelor in Social Science, Roskilde University, Denmark

Employment

- 2007-current Senior Researcher (from 2010), Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS). Project coordination and analysis of the social and institutional dynamics of natural resource management in collaboration with partners in Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- 1999-2010 Social and Institutional Specialist, Nordic Agency for Development and Ecology (Nordeco). Consultancies for DANIDA and other organisations (20+ assignments). Management, design and review of environment & development programmes and projects. Also coordination and participation in applied analysis and studies.
- 2001-2006 Research Fellow, Dept. of Environment, Technology and Social Studies, Roskilde University (part time, integrated with consultancy work). PhD Research and teaching of International Masters Students from Africa, Asia and Latin America.
- 1997 - 1999 Research Associate, National University of Laos. Posted under the DANIDA-funded Resources Policy Support Initiative. Support to capacity development for multidisciplinary applied research in environment and development in Lao PDR and Vietnam.
- 1995 - 1996 Research Assistant under the Communal Areas Management Programme for Indigenous Resources (CAMPFIRE), Zimbabwe. Based in a Rural District Council. Responsible for coordinating and undertaking PRA-studies at household level.
- 1988-1989 Project Assistant, Mellempfolkeligt Samvirke (Danish NGO). Administration of International Cultural Exchange Programme.

Major research projects and programmes

- 2012-ongoing "Rural Institutions and Climate Change" Collaborative research programme on local institutional responses to climate change in Nepal, Uganda, Vietnam and Zambia. Danish lead researcher on Zambian component. Funded by the Danish Research Council for Development Research.

- 2007-2011 “Competing for Water”. Research on local water resources conflict and cooperation, undertaken in collaboration with partners in Vietnam, Zambia, Mali, Bolivia and Nicaragua. Project coordination; Danish lead researcher on Zambian component. Funded by the Danish Research Council for Development Research.
- 2006-2010 “Monitoring Matters”. Collaborative research programme with Universities and Gvt agencies in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Comparative assessment and development of community-based natural resource monitoring, including options for monitoring forest carbon emissions under forest and climate change schemes. Fieldwork in Tanzanian component. Funded by the Danish Research Council for Development Research.
- 2001-2007 “Power and Participation in Community Based Natural Resource Management”. PhD research on the social dynamics of community-based natural resource management. Included 6 months of field research in a wetland conservation project in Thailand, and collaboration with Thai academics (integrated with consultancy work). Funded by DANIDA.
- 2001-2003 Danish University Consortium for Environment and Development (DUCED). Collaborative capacity building and research activities with Universities in Malaysia, Thailand and Denmark. Interdisciplinary aspects of strategic environmental management in coastal and urban environments.
- 1997-2001 “Resources Policy Support Initiative”. Collaborative policy research programme with the World Resources Institute and partners in Lao PDR, Cambodia, Vietnam and Thailand. Project Manager from 1999-2001. Field research with multiple partners in Laos and Vietnam 1997-1999 on social change and forest and water -management in an upland environment. Funded by DANIDA.

Commissioned work/consultancies

- 2011 - current** **Global**
Policy study: “Addressing climate-related conflict in development Cooperation”. Review of experiences from conflict prevention and resolution in natural resource management, and its relevance for climate-related conflict. Emphasis on African continent. Commissioned by DANIDA.
- 2011 - current** **Zambia**
Support to research capacity development at University of Zambia, under the DANIDA Water Sector Programme in Zambia. Supervision

of PhD students and short term technical input on water governance research/studies.

- 2011**
(3 weeks) **Kenya**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, Danida. Technical Review of the DANIDA 2010-2014 Environment Programme to Kenya, and the Fast Start Climate Change activities. Focus on the Arid and Semi Arid Lands.
- 2010**
(3 weeks) **Cambodia**
Consultant Sociologist, DANIDA. Appraisal of the DANIDA 2011-2014 Environment Programme to Cambodia, including support to forest and fisheries at local, district and national levels.
- 2009**
(3 months) **Global**
Policy study: “Low Carbon Development and Poverty Alleviation in Least Developed Countries: Options and approaches”. Emphasis on agriculture, energy and forestry, including an additional study on potential REDD impacts on the poor. Commissioned by Danida.
- 2008**
(3 weeks) **Kenya**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, DANIDA. Annual Sector Review of the DANIDA/SIDA 2006-2010 Environment Programme to Kenya, focused on institutional development at national and district levels.
- 2006**
(2 weeks) **Indonesia**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, WWF. Technical Assistance to preparation of a project for community based biodiversity conservation
- 2005**
(5 weeks) **Tanzania / Global**
Team Leader, DANIDA. Feasibility Study of an information-sharing and capacity enhancement programme under the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF)
- 2005**
(6 weeks) **Indonesia**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, DANIDA. Appraisal and subsequent finalization of DANIDA’s 2006-2008 Environment Programme to Indonesia
- 2005**
(6 weeks) **Indonesia**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, World Bank/GEF. Identification of a GEF component on community-based resource management and biodiversity conservation in 40 Districts
- 2005**
(5 weeks) **Kenya**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, DANIDA. Preparation of the DANIDA/SIDA 2006-2010 Environment Programme to Kenya, incl component on community based natural resource management

- 2005**
(2 weeks) **Malawi**
Preparation of proposal for technical assistance to civic awareness and democratization in Malawi through UNOPS, incl. baseline survey of civic education in rural areas.
- 2004**
(3 weeks) **Southern Africa / Global**
Review of case studies on participatory biodiversity monitoring, and input to design of monitoring community based natural resource management under the WWF Southern Africa Regional Programme.
- 2004**
(6 weeks) **Zambia**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, DANIDA. Identification and Formulation of a Natural Resources Management Component under the Special Environmental Assistance to Zambia. Emphasis on national and local capacity-building for community based natural resource management
- 2004**
(4 weeks) **Global**
Policy study: "Addressing water conflicts: Governance, institutions and functions". Review of experiences from addressing water conflicts at global, national and local levels. Commissioned by DIIS/DANIDA.
- 2004**
(2 weeks) **Zambia**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, DANIDA Mid Term Review of a community-based natural resource management and agricultural development project in Mumbwa District. Focus on participation aspects and capacity development
- 2003**
(5 weeks) **Thailand**
Team Leader on preparation of Nordeco proposal to the four-year DANIDA funded component on "Joint Management of Protected Areas". Fact-finding mission, and design of proposed methodology
- 2002**
(2 weeks) **Thailand**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, WWF. Mid Term Review of Community Based Natural Resource Management project, which works in close collaboration with local NGOs in Southern Thailand.
- 2002**
(7 weeks) **Thailand**
Consultant Participation Specialist, DANIDA. Preparation and formulation of "Component on Joint Management of Protected Areas" under the Thai-Danish environment programme in Thailand
- 2001**
(8 weeks) **Global**
Desk study of 18 Integrated Conservation and Development Projects (ICDPs), as part of a wider review of ICDPs funded by the Nordic Fund for Development and Ecology. The study reviewed stakeholder participation issues in project design and implementation, and made recommendations for enhanced ICDP design

- 2001**
(3 weeks) **Global**
Consultant Editor, CARE Denmark. Responsible for editing and contributing to the book "Conservation and Development: New Insights and Lessons Learnt"
- 2001**
(4 weeks) **Cambodia / Vietnam / Lao PDR /Thailand**
Team Leader and Institutional Specialist, DANIDA. Design and formulation of a regional project entitled "University Support to Environmental Planning and Management in Cambodia, Vietnam and Lao PDR" (USEPAM)
- 2000**
(5 weeks) **Lao PDR**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, DANIDA. Identification and Formulation of a Component on Protected Area Management in Southern Laos
- 2000**
(5 weeks) **Cambodia / Vietnam / Lao PDR**
Consultant Institutional Specialist, WWF. Technical assistance to Evaluation of the WWF/UNDP "Transboundary Biodiversity Forum Project", including scoping for a phase II.
- 1999**
(3 weeks) **Malaysia**
Consultant Participation Specialist, DANCED. Technical assistance to the design and formulation of the project "Capacity Building for the Wildlife Department, Sabah"

Other experience

- 1991- 1996**
(4 months total) **Cap Verde, Tanzania, Zimbabwe**
Fieldwork in various countries as part of MSc studies in international development and environmental planning
- 1980-1990**
(5 years total) **Zambia / Malawi / Kenya**
Lived in Zambia (2 years), Kenya (2 years) and Malawi (1 year)

Selected publications

- Funder, M. (2010) *The Social Shaping of Participatory Spaces: Evidence from Community Development in Southern Thailand*. Journal of Development Studies, Vol. 46, No. 10, pp 1708-1728.
- Funder, M.; Mweemba, C.; Nyambe, I.; van Koppen, B.; Ravnborg, H.M. (2010) *Understanding Local Water Conflict and Cooperation: The Case of Namwala District, Zambia*. Physics and Chemistry of the Earth 35 pp 758-764
- Burgess, N.; Bahane, B.; Clairs, T.; Danielsen, F.; Dalsgaard, S.; Funder, M. et al (2010) *Getting ready for REDD+ in Tanzania: a case study of progress and challenges*. Oryx, 44(3), pp 339-351

- Mweemba, C.; Nyambe, I., Funder, M.; van Koppen, B. (2010) *Conflict and cooperation in local water governance: Inventory of local water-related events in Namwala District, Zambia*. DIIS Working Paper 2010:15, Copenhagen
- Danielsen, F.; Burgess, N.; Funder, M. et al (2010) *Taking stock of nature in species-rich but economically poor areas: an emerging discipline of locally based monitoring*. In Lawrence, A. (ed) *Taking Stock of Nature* pp 88-112. Cambridge University Press.
- Funder M.; Ravnborg, H. M.; Fjalland, J.; Egelyng, H. (2009) *Reducing poverty through low carbon development*. DIIS Policy Brief, December 2009.
- Funder M. (2009) *Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation: An overview of risks and opportunities for the poor*. DIIS Report 2009:21, Copenhagen
- Funder M.; Fjalland, J.; Ravnborg, H. M.; Egelyng, H. (2009) *Low Carbon Development and Poverty Alleviation: Options for Development Cooperation*. DIIS Report 2009:20, Copenhagen
- Ravnborg, H.M.; Funder M. (2009) *Unpredictability and response – does climate change lead to water conflict?* Den Ny Verden, November 2009 [in Danish]
- Danielsen, F.; Neil D. Burgess, Andrew Balmford, Paul F. Donald, Mikkel Funder et al (2009) *Local participation in natural resource monitoring: A characterization of approaches*. In *Conservation Biology*, Vol. 23, No. 1., pp. 31-42
- Funder, M. (2007) *Tomorrow's people: Power, participation and community based natural resource management in Southern Thailand*. Dept of Environmental, Social and Spatial Change, Roskilde University
- Funder, Mikkel (2005) *Bias, Intimacy and Power in Qualitative Fieldwork Strategies*. *Journal of Trans-disciplinary Environmental Studies*, Vol 4, No. 1
- Funder, M.; Ravnborg, H. M. (2004). *Addressing Water Conflicts: Governance, Institutions and Functions*. DIIS Report 2004:2, Copenhagen
- Funder, M. (2004). *Participation as Symbolic Violence: Social Dynamics of an Environmental Project in Southern Thailand*. In Ribiero, G., Mullins, M., Lund, S. (red.). *Debating Participation: Actors Shaping Sustainable Urban Development*, Copenhagen: Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts
- Funder, M. (2003) *Local Stakeholder Participation in Integrated Conservation and Development Projects: A Review of Design Issues in 18 ICDPs*; Nordic Agency for Development & Ecology, Copenhagen
- Funder, M. (2001). *The Institutional Dynamics of Integrated Conservation and Development Programmes*. In Agersnap, H., Funder, M. (eds). *Conservation and Development: New Insights and Lessons Learnt*. København: Environment and Development Network
- Funder, M.; Khouangvichit, S.; Siripholdej, B.O.; Thongmanivong, S. (2001) *Social and Environmental Impacts of Road Development in the Uplands of the Lao PDR*. In:

Institutions, Livelihoods and the Environment: Change and Response in Mainland Southeast Asia, Nordic Institute of Asia Studies, Copenhagen

Selected other activities

- Member of the Danish Climate Change Task Force
- Member of the Danish Working Group on Poverty & Environment
- Member of the Danish Development Research Network
- Member of the Danish Water Forum