

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Gender Female | Date of birth 11/02/1977 | Nationality Belgian

WORK EXPERIENCE

14/04/2012 - recent

Coordinator of the Belgian Biodiversity Platform/ Science-Policy Expert

Funded by the Belgian Science Policy Office

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (Vautierstraat 29, 1000 Brussel - Belgium)

- **Coordination of the Belgian Biodiversity Platform** (www.biodiversity.be), a neutral and interest-free “science-policy interface” connecting (Belgian) researchers to major national, European, international & intergovernmental biodiversity and ecosystem services initiatives. This includes ensuring coherence amongst project initiatives, management and quality control, outreach activities, stakeholder engagement, organisation of workshops/events, proposal writing, promotion of interdisciplinary & policy relevant research, and linkage with national/EU/international biodiversity policy arena
- **Belgian National Focal Point for the Intergovernmental Platform for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services** (IPBES; www.ipbes.net), including active follow-up of IPBES Secretariat requests, Head of the Belgian Delegation in IPBES Plenary meetings, reinforcement of stakeholder engagement and capacity building activities amongst national focal points (e.g. www.ipbes.eu)
- **Vice-Chair of the BiodivERsA Partnership** (i.e. a pan-european network of national agencies and ministries funding and programming research on biodiversity and ecosystem services; www.biodiversa.org), supported by the European Commission. In addition to assisting the day-to-day coordination of BiodivERsA and advising on strategic directions for the network (as Vice Chair), I am in charge of the Work Packages/Tasks on science-society/science-policy/science-business interaction; and Mapping & Strategic foresight activities. I have also been appointed to coordinate a new 5 year EU funded COFUND Action on biodiversity & climate change (starting mid-2019).
- **National Focal Point for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN;** www.iucn.org), including the strengthening engagement of IUCN members, individual experts and other stakeholders in IUCN's work; communication/outreach activities; and exchange of best practices in the field of nature conservation
- **Councillor to the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN;** www.iucn.org), since September 2016. IUCN Council is the principal governing body of IUCN. I am involved in the IUCN Governance and Constituency Committee, the World Conservation Congress Preparatory Committee (up to Marseille 2020), and also chairing the Council Task Force on the post-2020 global biodiversity strategy. Also involved in the Technical Subgroup & Taskforce on the development of an IUCN policy on synthetic biology ([IUCN WCC-2016-Resolution 086](http://www.iucn.org/2016/09/2016-Resolution-086))
- **Chair of the IUCN European Policy Advisory Group**, since February 2019 advising the IUCN European regional office on policy matters. (member of this group since 2016)
- **Co-hosting/support to the EKLIPSE Secretariat**, since 2015. EKLIPSE (<http://www.eclipse-mechanism.eu/>) is a knowledge and learning mechanism on biodiversity and ecosystem services, funded by the European Commission.

Expertise: science-policy and science-society interfacing, (biodiversity) research programming and promotion, horizon scanning, science communication and outreach, stakeholder engagement, project coordination and management, communities of practice, EU/international biodiversity/environmental policies, biodiversity & conservation issues, ecosystem functioning and resilience

1/10/2010 – 14/4/2012 **Science Officer/Project Manager**

Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (Vautierstraat 29, 1000 Brussel – Belgium)

- Project Coordinator of a Belgian Science Policy Office Action 1 Programme on Afrotropical Biodiversity
- Linkage with Global Change Programmes; IPCC; local community initiatives (Rwenzori Mountains, Uganda; and Mount Kenya, Kenya)

Limnology Unit, Dept. of Biology, Ghent University (K.L. Ledeganckstraat 35, 9000 Gent – Belgium)

- Principal Investigator: "Fossil Chironomidae (Insecta: Diptera) in lake sediments as quantitative indicators for past climate in tropical Africa and Indonesia " funded by the Fund of Scientific Research Flanders
- Expedition leader of (1-month) field campaigns to the Bale Mountains Ethiopia (2), Rwenzori Mountains Uganda (4), Mount Kenya Kenya (2), Uganda/Kenya lowlands (6), and Eastern Java (1)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1/10/1999 – 16/03/2004 **PhD Biology/Ecology**

Limnology Unit, Dept. of Biology, Ghent University (K.L. Ledeganckstraat 35, 9000 Gent – Belgium)

1/10/1995 – 30/06/1999 **MSc Biology**

Department of Biology, Ghent University - Belgium

PUBLICATION RECORD

H-INDEX: 17 (total citations 1197 in jan 2019)

48 peer-reviewed publications (since 2003, of which 30 1st, 2nd or last author) – few examples from last 5 years:

- Habel, J. C., H. Eggermont, S. Günter, R. Mulwa, M. Rieckmann, L. P. Koh, S. Niassy, J. W. H. Ferguson, G. Gebremichael, M. Githiru, W. W. Weisser and L. Lens. 2014. Towards more equal footing in north–south biodiversity research: European and sub-Saharan viewpoints. *Biodiversity and Conservation* 23:3143-3148.
- H. Eggermont, E. Balian, J.M.N. Azevedo, V. Beumer, T. Brodin, J. Claudet, B. Fady, M. Grube, H. Keune, P. Lamarque, K. Reuter, M. Smith, C. van Ham, W.W. Weisser, X. Le Roux. 2015. Nature-based Solutions: New Influence for Environmental Management and Research in Europe. *GAIA Ecological Perspectives*, 24/4: 243-248.
- J.C. Habel, M. Teuchel, R.K. Mulwa, W. Haber, H. Eggermont & L. Lens, 2016. Nature Conservation at the edge. *Biodiversity Conservation* 25: 791-799. DOI 10.1007/s10531-016-1073-2
- E. Balian, L. Drius, H. Eggermont, B. Livoreil, M. Vandewalle, S. Vandewoestijne, H. Wittmer, J. Young, 2016. Supporting evidence-based policy on biodiversity and ecosystem services: recommendations for effective policy briefs. *Evidence & Policy* 12(3): 431-51
- A. Watt et al. 2019. EKLIPSE: engaging knowledge holders and networks for evidence-informed European policy on biodiversity and ecosystem services. *Evidence & Policy* <https://doi.org/10.1332/174426418X15314036194114>

13 book chapters & booklets (since 2003, of which 11 1st or 2nd author) – few examples from last 5 years:

- P. Gambette, H. Eggermont & X. Le Roux. 2014. Mapping the biodiversity research landscape with the BiodivERA database: temporal and geographical trends in the type of biodiversity research funded on a competitive basis in European Countries. *BiodivERsA booklet*, 33 pp.
- Lemaitre F., Bridgewater P., Eggermont H., Gardner S., Hueso K., Niemelä J., Paloniemi R., Pereira Martins I., Thornton A. & Le Roux X. (2018). *BiodivERsA guide on policy relevance of research and on effective science-policy interfacing in research proposals*. *BiodivERsA report*, 80 pp. <http://www.biodiversa.org/1543>
- X. Le Roux, H. Eggermont, H. Lange, and Biodiversa partners (2016). *The BiodivERsA strategic research and innovation agenda (2017-2020) - Biodiversity: a natural heritage to conserve, and a fundamental asset for ecosystem services and Nature-based Solutions tackling pressing societal challenges*. *BiodivERsA*, 86 pp. (download here)

Full list available at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/m0t9n3ts2ttod2y/Publication%20List%20H%20Eggermont%2031122018.pdf?dl=0>

Science-Society/Science-Policy/Communication skills

- Good knowledge of current environmental and biodiversity science and policy issues (both national and international), concepts of ecosystem services/nature's contributions to people, nature-based solutions
- Science-policy interfacing/knowledge broker
- Experience in international negotiations (pilot for SBSTTA and CBD-COP dossiers; IPBES Head of Delegation for Belgium; IUCN Councillor)
- Experience with Communities of Practice or likewise networking, stakeholder engagement and capacity building initiatives, Horizon scanning exercises, project databases
- Event management: planning & organization of seminars, project meetings, information sessions, conferences with international participation
- Genuine interest in, and enthusiasm for, biodiversity/conservation research and policy
- Experience in scientific writing, and policy writing

Organisational / managerial skills

- Team management (currently responsible for a team of 12 people), and personnel recruitment
- Coordination of national and multinational/european collaboration projects, including administrative and financial management, monitoring, evaluation and reporting
- Design and deployment of monitoring and evaluation tools in project management
- Drafting of project proposals; good knowledge of EU funding schemes