

Conservation World Remembers CASS Director, Phanel Mugabe

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Phanel Mugabe (Ph.D.) Director for the Centre for Applied Social Science has been laid to rest. Dr Mugabe died on Sunday, July 10 in Harare.

Dr Mugabe scaled the conservation agenda for Zimbabwe, Africa and beyond to greater heights in the nearly 20 years that he worked as both an academic and committed conservationist.

Born in Zaka district in 1960, Dr Mugabe was educated in the United States of America, Germany and in Zimbabwe. He specialised in Rangeland ecology and Geographic Information Systems applications.

Dr. Mugabe also received training in Watershed modelling, Environmental Law and Environmental Impact Assessment.

At CASS, Dr Mugabe taught Human Ecology within the Masters in Tropical Resource Ecology Programme. He worked with rural communities on projects that sought to generate incomes through sustainable use of wildlife and ecotourism. Dr. Mugabe's research interests were broad, and included policy research in Southern Africa on common pool resource management, and development of conservancies and community parks.

He will be greatly missed for his contributions in the environment sector by numerous organisations where he made tremendous contributions. Amongst many organisations that he worked with, Dr. Mugabe will be especially remembered for his work with the Breaking New Ground project, The Centre for Applied Public Policy Programme, the Leadership Regional Network for Southern Africa (LeaRN) program, the International Conference of Agricultural Sciences and Technology (ICAST), the International Association for the Study of Common Property Conference, the CBNRM Regional Network, the Ministry of Environment and Tourism in Zimbabwe, the World Conservation Union and the Centre for Applied Social Sciences at the University of Zimbabwe.

IUCN extends sincere condolences to Dr. Prisca Mugabe, and the entire Mugabe Family.

May His Soul Rest in Peace

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