

Project Seminar Tuesday 20th of August 2024

Venue: Geitaskarð 201, second floor, AUI Keldnaholt

- 09:00-09:05 Welcome by acting GRÓ LRT director.
- 09:05-09:20 Bakari Matano Mwachakure (Kenya). Watershed analysis for ecosystem restoration planning at ward level: A case of Sabarwawa landscape in Kenya.
Supervisors: Amir Hamedpour (Svarmi) & Jóhann Þórsson (L&F Iceland)
- 09:20-09:35 Oyuntugs Tegsheebaatar (Mongolia). Enabling conditions and barriers to land restoration in Mongolia: Perspectives of land specialists.
Supervisor: Mary Frances Davidson (Marine and Freshwater Research Institute).
- 09:35-09:50 Ludwick Adjei Henaku (Ghana). Water pollution and mitigation measures in mining communities in Ghana.
Supervisor: Eydís Salóme Eiríksdóttir (Marine and Freshwater Research Institute).
- 09:50-10:00 *Coffee break*
- 10:00-10:15 Motsiri Phillip Thee (Lesotho). Factors affecting stakeholder participation in rangeland management at Matlameng, Lesotho.
Supervisor: Karl Benediktsson (University of Iceland).
- 10:15-10:30 Uhunwa Precious Igbo-Osagie (Nigeria). Temporal and spatial trends in the distribution of non-native vascular plant species in Iceland.
Supervisor: Pawel Wasowicz (The Icelandic Institute of Natural History).
- 10:30-10:45 Taalai Mambetov (Kyrgyzstan). Soil organic carbon measurements in different Icelandic soils.
Supervisors: Utra Mankasingh & María Svavarsdóttir (AUI).
- 10:45 – 11:00 *Coffee break*
- 11:00 - 11:15 Tsepang Makhetha (Lesotho). How to get people involved in grazing associations? A case study of Palaneng/Bokong Range Management Area
Supervisor: Tamar Melanie Heijstra (University of Iceland).
- 11:15-11:30 Dominic Awukuvie (Ghana). Assessing stakeholder perception and challenges of the Modified Taungya System: A case study of Juaboso Forest District, Ghana
Supervisor: Tamar Melanie Heijstra (University of Iceland).
- 11:30-11:45 Mercy Nyambure Ngure (Kenya). Towards sustainable land management in Kenya: Analysis of policies and legal frameworks.
Supervisor: Þórunn Wolfram Pétursdóttir (Environmental Scientist).
- 11:45 -12:00 Caroline Mbabazi (Uganda). An analysis of stakeholders' attitude towards the conservation and restoration of wetland ecosystems in Uganda. A case of Kakindo wetland system in Rukungiri District.
Supervisor: Þórunn Wolfram Pétursdóttir (Environmental Scientist).

Project Seminar Wednesday 21st of August 2024

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- 09:00-09:05 Welcome by acting GRÓ LRT Director.
- 09:05-09:20 Chifundo Staubi (Malawi). Land restoration challenges in Malawi: Stakeholders' engagement, roles and capacity in the Climate Smart Enhanced Public Work Program (CS-EPWP) in Thyolo District.
Supervisor: Jón Geir Pétursson (University of Iceland).
- 09:20-09:35 Turtulga Belgedemberel (Mongolia). Effects of shelterbelts on wheat field and soil.
Supervisor: Erla Sturludóttir (AUI).
- 09:35-09:50 Watson Jali (Malawi). Factors affecting adoption of agroforestry in Kaluluma EPA, Kasungu District, Malawi.
Supervisor: Sarah Christine Olson (University of Iceland)
- 09:50-10:00 *Coffee break*
- 10:00-10:15 Eredia Anamsey Anueka-Toah (Ghana). Integrating traditional ecological knowledge with modern agricultural practices for sustainable land management in Iceland.
Supervisor: Jóhann Helgi Stefánsson (L&F Iceland).
- 10:15-10:30 Doston Tuvalov (Uzbekistan). Monitoring in Icelandic rangelands.
Supervisors: Rán Finnsdóttir & Bryndís Marteinsdóttir (L&F Iceland).
- 10:30-10:45 Madalitso Chinduwi (Malawi). Adaptability assessment of soil amendments and revegetation techniques from road and energy projects in Iceland for restoring gravel and sand mines in Malawi.
Supervisors: Steinunn Garðarsdóttir & Utra Mankasingh (AUI).
- 10:45-11:00 *Coffee Break*
- 11:00-11:15 Bridget Babirye (Uganda). Limitation of the adoption of sustainable land management practices in Kamuli District, Uganda.
Supervisor: Guðrún Guðjónsdóttir (University of Iceland).
- 11:15-11:30 Prince Addai (Ghana). Vegetation assessment in different ecological habitats in Iceland.
Supervisors: Vigdís Freyja Helmutsdóttir & Rán Finnsdóttir (L&F Iceland)
- 11:30-11:45 Cosmos Kule (Uganda). Community willingness to contribute to nature-based solutions around Budongo Central Forest Reserve Landscape, Western Uganda.
Supervisor: Johanna Raudsepp (University of Iceland).
- 11:45 -12:00 Nagima Alimbekova (Kyrgyzstan). GIS-based identification of high-value pasture areas, Kun-Chygysh aiyl aimagy, Kyrgyzstan.
Supervisor: Michaela Hrabalíková (National Land Survey of Iceland).
- 11:45-13:00 *Lunch*

- 13:00-13:15 Salemane Mallane (Lesotho). Perception of local stakeholders towards the Renoka-Integrated Catchment Management Programme for land and water management in Lesotho.
Supervisor: David Cook (University of Iceland).
- 13:15-13:30 Kennedy Sones Nazombe (Malawi). Modelling land use and land cover dynamics of Chikwawa district, Malawi.
Supervisor: Emmanuel Pierre Pagneux (AUI).
- 13:30-13:45 Sherzod Nizamov (Uzbekistan). Assessment of Uzbekistan Resilient Landscapes Restoration Project: Alignment with Society for Ecological Restoration Standards
Supervisor: Katrín Valsdóttir (L&F Iceland).