

# 2023 WCN Career Participants

This is the 2nd cohort of the WCN Career Program. To date, we have 12 participants since the program kick started in 2022. across 11 African countries

## Anita Grant (Liberia) - African Golden Cat



Anita is a conservationist with a bachelor's degree in Biology with emphasis in Environmental science from the University of Liberia. Following her graduation in 2018, Anita took upon the responsibility on herself to engage in conservation work by taking on a volunteer experience at the Wild Chimpanzee Foundation (WCF), she is now the field supervisor in charge of community awareness and data collection. Additionally, Anita is the 26th and most recent partner of the African Golden Cat Conservation Alliance and Working Group (AGCCA & WG) where she is working to reduce poaching of the African Golden Cat in the protected areas of Liberia. She aspires to establish a community-based conservation Organization (CBO) during her time with the career program and aims to inspire other girls and women in Liberia to take up a conservation career.

## Dalley-Divin Saa-Sita (DR Congo) - Gorilla & Bonobo

Dalley-Divin is a co-founder and president of the Congo Biotropical Institute in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). He holds a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Kinshasa. He is a French speaking primatologist researcher, specializing in great apes and community conservation and management of natural resources and forestry. During his time with the career program, his goals are to become fluent in English, reconcile scientific and indigenous knowledge of conservation in DRC, and establish well mapped community conservancies. He also has plans to actively support young people encouraging their interest in conservation as well as assist them to get scholarships in the conservation field.



## Dessiew Gelaw (Ethiopia) - Ethiopian Wolf

Dessiew is a Wolf Monitor for the Ethiopian Wolf Conservation Program, he holds a bachelor's degree in Geography and Environmental studies from Wollo University. During his childhood, he saw wildlife negatively as they created problems for shepherds like himself. Later on, while at school, he learned about the importance of wildlife in biology classes. From then on his attitude and interest to wildlife totally changed. During his time with the career program, Dessiew hopes to influence policy and facilitate the implementation of wildlife technology in the field, to be an effective communicator with the authorities, and to help the locals benefit from the wildlife they live with. He aims to play an active leadership role and build capacity in the community and to work with communities through environmental awareness activities.





## Saziso Moyo (Zambia) - Grey Crowned Crane

Saziso is a project assistant for the International Crane Foundation. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Wildlife Management from The Copperbelt University. Her interest in conservation grew when the environmental club she was part of in high school went for a visit at a National Park and she saw a Lion and Elephant for the first time. On her journey with the career program, her goals are to gain professional knowledge on ecological monitoring, to work with communities through environmental awareness activities, and obtain a Master's Degree in Tropical Ecology and Biodiversity.

## Sharnay Wagner (South Africa) - African Penguin

Sharnay is an Environmental Education Supervisor at the Southern African Foundation for the Conservation of Coastal Birds (SANNCOB). She holds a Bachelor's degree in Science from Stellenbosch University with Biodiversity and Ecology as her majors. Her goals with the career program are to complete her Post Graduate Certificate in Education which she started last year, to broaden her reach to under resourced areas around the mainland African Penguin colony in South Africa, to play an active leadership role and build capacity in the environmental education and conservation community, and to start a mobile environmental education program that works alongside the government to host interactive lessons at schools that have limited resources..



## Simbarashe Pride Chatikobo (Zimbabwe) - Lion



Simba is a Projects Director at Wildlife Conservation Action and holds a Post Graduate Diploma in International Conservation Practice from Oxford University and Bachelor of Science in Animal and Wildlife Sciences from Midland State University. His goals with the career program are to work with communities and develop measures that address human carnivore conflict while tapping into indigenous knowledge systems that contribute to community development and sustainable wildlife use, to implement a community camera trapping program, and contribute to building and attaching a positive value to carnivores.