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Education	PhD Geography; University of Cambridge, UK	2022-date
	Sustainable sourcing policies for biodiversity protection, climate mitigation and improved livelihoods in the cocoa sector	
	Funding: Cambridge Trust Scholarship , Biodiversa Research Grant and £1,500 raised for fieldwork.	
	Expected submission date: 31 December 2025	
	PhD Humanities, Social and Political Sciences, ETH Zurich, CH	2021-2022
	Transferred to the University of Cambridge	
	MSc Climate Change, Biodiversity, Conservation and Sustainable Agriculture; UFHB, CIV	2016-2018
	Funding: International Climate Initiative (IKI)	
	BSc in Plant Science, UNA, CIV	2013-2016
Work Experience	Assistant Field Supervisor, UFHB, CIV	2020-2021
	West Africa Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Facilitate French/English speaking group discussion of 10 to 15 on biodiversity conservation and protection- Train master's degree students in 'Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services' in the protocol of capture and identification of bees- Supervise undergraduate students' research proposal writing	
	Graduate Research Student Intern, Goethe University Frankfurt, Germany	2019-2020
	Institute für Bienenkunde	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Comparing bee species motor responses to chemical mixtures (glyphosate and imidacloprid) using the ARENA test and electromyography (EMG)- Preparing stock solution and binary chemical mixture combinations- Developing and applying experimental design and toxicity test protocols- Data analysis for mixture toxicity experiments using MATLAB 9.6	
Affiliations	Postgraduate Student , University of Cambridge Conservation Research Group (CRI), Cambridge	2022-date
	Postgraduate Student , Downing College, Cambridge	2022-date
	Member , Global Land Programme	2025-date
Awards & Funding (details here)	Philip Lake Fund £1,510 University of Cambridge	2024
	Cambridge Trust Scholarship	2022
	Swiss National Science Foundation Research Grant	2021
	WABES Best Student Conference Poster Award	2019
Talks & Outreach	Invited Talk Cambridge Global Food Security	2025
	"Lunchtime Conversation: Socio-economic levers to scale up more sustainable farming"	
	Conference Presentation Global Land Programme	2024
	5th Open Science Meeting "Pathways to Sustainable and Just Land Systems"	
	"Identifying enablers for just sustainability transition to scale up cocoa agroforestry in West Africa"	

Publications

Published	
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Addoah, T., Lyons-White, J., Cammelli, F., Kouakou, P. , Carodenuto, S., Thompson, W. J., Renier, C., & Garrett, R. D. (2025). Is the Implementation of Cocoa Companies' Forest Policies on Track to Effectively and Equitably Address Deforestation in West Africa? Sustainable Development, 33(4), 5197–5213. https://doi.org/10.1002/sd.3380	

Cammelli, F., Addoah, T., Furrer, N. A., **Kouakou, P.**, Lyons-White, J., Renier, C., Thompson, W., & Garrett, R. D. (2025). Scaling out agroforestry and forest conservation in West Africa requires more transformative policy interventions in cocoa supply chains. *Environmental Research: Food Systems*, 2(3), 033001. <https://doi.org/10.1088/2976-601X/adf117>

Others (Inc. manuscripts in review)

Kouakou, P., Lyons-White, J., Addoah, T., Thompson, W.J., Cammelli, F., Blaser-Hart, W.J., Maguire-Rajpaul, V., Dawoe, E., & Garrett, R. D. Existing sustainability interventions are insufficient to scale up cocoa agroforestry in West Africa. ***In Review (Sustainable Development)***

Journal Peer-reviews

Journal for Nature Conservation