

Curriculum Vitae



FELIPE ANDRÉS VELASCO

- *Civil Engineer (Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería, 1988)*
- *Environmentalist, NGO Fundación Montecito (from 2010)*
- *Conservationist, participatory science and protection (from 2019)*

Date of birth: *Sogamoso (COL), 20.4.1967*
Marriage status: *Married* | Family: *Wife and one son.*

Address: Calle 12 # 10-48, Of. 108-A
City: Sogamoso (Boyacá) – COLOMBIA
E-mail: felipe@fundacionmontecito.org
Mobile phone: +57 (310) 772 6819
Personal blog: bit.ly/ecosentir
Languages: Spanish (native)
English (B2)

Synopsis: Since our family NGO was founded, I define myself in one single phrase: *Apprentice of a good citizen.*

Professional experience:

Organization: FUNDACIÓN MONTECITO (nonprofit, environmental) – fundacionmontecito.org
Dates & location From June 2010 – to present. NGO located in Sogamoso and *Lago de Tota*, Colombia.
Job Title *Director.* Responsible of the whole portfolio of activities inside this family non-profit – main field of work is water governance (at Lake Tota), and private nature reserves.
Activities & results Our NGO has played an uninterrupted leading role in a civil society commitment at Lake Tota, with results in raising awareness from society, and leading initiatives to engage private and public stakeholders into sustainability and integrated management (i.e. *Grey Globe* award in 2012: bit.ly/ggt-fm; naked lake in 2012: bit.ly/nakedlake; pursuing a Ramsar designation from 2012: bit.ly/lt-ramsar; or the most recent Green Destination *Top100* and #3 *Best-in-Americas* award in 2017/2018: bit.ly/lt-dv), with important media coverage along these years (i.e. *BBC World* 2012: bit.ly/bbc-lt).

Communications and Media work My role includes being responsible for all communications and media (*websites, blogs, essays, reports, social media, radio program, videos, podcasts*) produced by this non-profit. It all can be reviewed through my publications portfolio (**annex** – table 1&2), in which most of it is of my own creation, related to this NGO | From 2010 to present.

Projects Inside our NGO and under my coordination | [EN]: bit.ly/fm-prj
Conservation - As a participatory science commitment, with endemic Apolinar's Wren: a1.abctota.org
- Leading an initiative for a Private Nature Reserve at La Hondura Canyon: bit.ly/h-can
- Creating an integrated example of sustainability at Xieti Nature Reserve: bit.ly/xieti
Recognitions Some awards and honours obtained by our NGO: bit.ly/fm-pyr | [EN]: bit.ly/fm-aw

Organization: UNIVERSIDAD DE BOYACÁ, Sogamoso – <http://www.uniboyaca.edu.co>
Date 2014 (July to November, 1 semester).
Job Title *Environmental Education Teacher*, in a BSc Environmental Engineering program.

Company: FINCA SAN PEDRO, Hostel – <http://fincasanpedro.com>
Dates 2001 to 2020.
Job Title *Legal representative*, co-administrative duties. It is a family hostel, in my home town.

Company: URBOY LTDA. – Small construction company (family owned), based in our city.
Dates 1992 to 1997, and 1999 to 2010.
Job Title *Manager.* Legal representative, and in charge of a broad variety of responsibilities.

Others: [1994 – 1996] CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Sogamoso. *Administrative Board Member.*
[1988 – 1990] SIKA ANDINA S.A (Sika Colombia). *Technical Assistant and Sales.*

Publications: [From 2010]. Non-scientific. Driven by commitment & participation. *Table attached.*

Academic background:

University (BSc): Civil Engineer – 1988.
» *Undergraduate degree* Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería “Julio Garavito”, Bogotá – www.escuelaing.edu.co
Complimentary #1: Short Course: *Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)* – Feb/2020, Uganda (Africa).
» *Certificate* Center for Development Innovation (CDI) of Wageningen-UR – wageningenur.nl/cdi
Complimentary #2: Short Course: *Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)* – 2013, The Netherlands.
» *Certificate* Center for Development Innovation (CDI) of Wageningen-UR – wageningenur.nl/cdi
Complimentary #3: Diploma Course: *Community Participation on Integrated Water Management* – 2013, COL.
» *Diploma* Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia (UPTC) – www.uptc.edu.co

Felipe Andrés Velasco
Sogamoso (COL), 09th of February, 2022
























Publications

- Non-scientific
- Driven by commitment and participatory processes

Table 1. List of publications written by: Felipe A. Velasco

Publication	Tags	Date	Short Link
<p>» Blog – Fundación Montecito Posts related to the social-environmental work of NGO Fundación Montecito.</p> <p>Number of publications: 287 posts Last one: 28.1.2022</p>	Environmental, Social, Conservation, Governance, Commitment, Wetlands	From 2010 to 2022	http://bit.ly/fm-bg
<p>» Blog – Causa Tota Posts related to water governance at Lake Tota, through the so-called “Causa Tota”.</p> <p>Number of publications: 432 posts Last one: 29.1.2022</p>	Lake Tota, Governance, Sustainability, News, Conservation, Agriculture, Aquaculture, Tourism, Management	From 2011 to 2022	http://bit.ly/ctb-lt
<p>» Blog – Personal Personal reflections. My inner thoughts about environmental issues.</p> <p>Number of publications: 37 posts Last one: 05.5.2021</p>	Reflections, Personal, Social, Environmental, Civil society	From 2010 to 2021	http://bit.ly/ecosentir
<p>» Text El Guaque de Oro Description of a recognition: 2016</p>	Muisca culture, Ancestral, Meaning	19.12.2016	bit.ly/guaque-oro
<p>» Essay La Entrevista en las Nubes [<i>The interview in the clouds</i>]</p>	Lake Tota, Reflections	23.9.2016	http://bit.ly/e-nubes
<p>» Text Lake Tota overview</p>	Lake Tota, Overview	15.8.2016	bit.ly/lt-overview
<p>» Essay Comunicar sobre el agua: En código «conectar con la acción». Cómo desarrollar gobernanza. Reflexión desde el caso Lago de Tota (Colombia), y su Causa Tota.</p>	Lake Tota, Governance, Education, Ethics, Commitment	02.11.2015	http://bit.ly/c-agua
<p>» Text Carta del Lago de Tota [<i>Letter from Lake Tota</i>]</p>	Lake Tota, Reflections	03.6.2014	http://bit.ly/cartota
<p>» Text Del Lago de Tota – Relatos de un peregrinaje del siglo XIX, y del pasado indígena y español</p>	History, Lake Tota, XIX century	31.7.2010	https://bit.ly/hist-lt

Table 2. Websites, social media and blogs, managed by: Felipe A. Velasco

Topic	Social media (please click to hyperlinked icons below, to explore for content and details)
Personal	  
NGO Fundación Montecito	         
Environmental cause for Lake Tota (Causa Tota, and group Mocilato)	   
Nature Reserve – La Hondura Canyon	   
Nature Reserve – Xieti, Lake Tota	