

# 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.*

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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) – <a href="http://fundacionmontecito.org">fundacionmontecito.org</a>
Dates & location	From June 2010 – to present. NGO located in Sogamoso and <i>Lago de Tota</i> , Colombia.
Job Title	<i>Director</i> . 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. <i>Grey Globe</i> award in 2012: <a href="http://bit.ly/ggt-fm">bit.ly/ggt-fm</a> ; naked lake in 2012: <a href="http://bit.ly/nakedlake">bit.ly/nakedlake</a> ; pursuing a Ramsar designation from 2012: <a href="http://bit.ly/lt-ramsar">bit.ly/lt-ramsar</a> ; or the most recent Green Destination <i>Top100</i> and #3 <i>Best-in-Americas</i> award in 2017/2018: <a href="http://bit.ly/lt-dv">bit.ly/lt-dv</a> ), with important media coverage along these years (i.e. <i>BBC World</i> 2012: <a href="http://bit.ly/bbc-lt">bit.ly/bbc-lt</a> ).
Communications	My role includes being responsible for all communications and media ( <i>websites, blogs, essays, reports, social media, radio program, videos, podcasts</i> ) produced by this non-profit. It all can be reviewed through my publications portfolio (annex), in which most of it is of my own production & edition, and related to this NGO   From 2010 to present.
Projects	Inside our NGO and under my coordination   [EN]: <a href="http://bit.ly/fm-prj">bit.ly/fm-prj</a> .
Conservation	As a participatory science commitment, with endemic Apolinar's Wren: <a href="http://a1.abctota.org">a1.abctota.org</a> . Leading an initiative for a Private Nature Reserve at La Hondura Canyon: <a href="http://bit.ly/h-can">bit.ly/h-can</a> . Creating an integrated example of sustainability at Xieti Nature Reserve: <a href="http://bit.ly/xieti">bit.ly/xieti</a> .
Recognitions	Some awards and honours obtained by our NGO: <a href="http://bit.ly/fm-pyr">bit.ly/fm-pyr</a>   [EN]: <a href="http://bit.ly/fm-aw">bit.ly/fm-aw</a>
Organization:	UNIVERSIDAD DE BOYACÁ, Sogamoso – <a href="http://www.uniboyaca.edu.co">http://www.uniboyaca.edu.co</a>
Date	2014 (July to November, 1 semester).
Job Title	<i>Environmental Education Teacher</i> , on a BSc Environmental Engineering program.
Company:	FINCA SAN PEDRO, Hostel – <a href="http://fincasanpedro.com">http://fincasanpedro.com</a>
Dates	2001 to 2020.
Job Title	<i>Legal representative</i> , 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	<i>Manager</i> . Legal representative, and in charge of a broad variety of responsibilities.
Others:	[1994 – 1996] CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Sogamoso. <i>Administrative Board Member</i> . [1988 – 1990] SIKA ANDINA S.A (Sika Colombia). <i>Technical Assistant and Sales</i> .

**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 – <a href="http://www.escuelaing.edu.co">www.escuelaing.edu.co</a>
Complimentary #1:	Short Course: <i>Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)</i> – Feb/2020, Uganda (Africa).
» Certificate	Center for Development Innovation (CDI) of Wageningen-UR – <a href="http://wageningenur.nl/cdi">wageningenur.nl/cdi</a>
Complimentary #2:	Short Course: <i>Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)</i> – 2013, The Netherlands.
» Certificate	Center for Development Innovation (CDI) of Wageningen-UR – <a href="http://wageningenur.nl/cdi">wageningenur.nl/cdi</a>
Complimentary #3:	Diploma Course: <i>Community Participation on Integrated Water Management</i> – 2013, COL.
» Diploma	Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia (UPTC) – <a href="http://www.uptc.edu.co">www.uptc.edu.co</a>



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Sogamoso (COL), 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, 2021



## Publications

-Non-scientific

-Driven by commitment and participatory processes

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

Publication	Tags	Date	Short Link
Posts related to the social-environmental work of NGO Fundación Montecito. Number of publications: 284 posts Last one: 22.9.2021	Environmental, Social, Conservation, Governance, Commitment, Wetlands	From 2010 to 2021	<a href="http://bit.ly/fm-bg">http://bit.ly/fm-bg</a>
Posts related to water governance at Lake Tota, through the so-called "Causa Tota". Number of publications: 429 posts Last one: 15.8.2021	Lake Tota, Governance, Sustainability, News, Conservation, Agriculture, Aquaculture, Tourism, Management	From 2011 to 2021	<a href="http://bit.ly/ctb-lt">http://bit.ly/ctb-lt</a>
Personal reflections. My inner thoughts about environmental issues. Number of publications: 37 posts Last one: 05.5.2021	Reflections, Personal, Social, Environmental, Civil society	From 2010 to 2021	<a href="http://bit.ly/ecosentir">http://bit.ly/ecosentir</a>
El Guaque de Oro Description of a recognition: 2016	Muisca culture, Ancestral, Meaning	19.12.2016	<a href="http://bit.ly/quaque-oro">bit.ly/quaque-oro</a>
La Entrevista en las Nubes [The interview in the clouds]	Lake Tota, Reflections	23.9.2016	<a href="http://bit.ly/e-nubes">http://bit.ly/e-nubes</a>
Lake Tota overview	Lake Tota, Overview	15.8.2016	<a href="http://bit.ly/lt-overview">bit.ly/lt-overview</a>
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.	Lake Tota, Governance, Education, Ethics, Commitment	02.11.2015	<a href="http://bit.ly/c-agua">http://bit.ly/c-agua</a>
Carta del Lago de Tota [Letter from Lake Tota]	Lake Tota, Reflections	03.6.2014	<a href="http://bit.ly/cartota">http://bit.ly/cartota</a>
Del Lago de Tota – Relatos de un peregrinaje del siglo XIX, y del pasado indígena y español	History, Lake Tota, XIX century	31.7.2010	<a href="https://bit.ly/hist-lt">https://bit.ly/hist-lt</a>

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	<a href="#">f</a> <a href="#">t</a> <a href="#">b</a>
NGO Fundación Montecito	<a href="#">www</a> <a href="#">f</a> <a href="#">t</a> <a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">y</a> <a href="#">t</a> <a href="#">v</a> <a href="#">t</a> <a href="#">m</a> <a href="#">b</a>
Environmental cause for Lake Tota (Causa Tota, and group Mocilato)	<a href="#">www</a> <a href="#">f</a> <a href="#">t</a> <a href="#">b</a>
Nature Reserve – La Hondura Canyon	<a href="#">www</a> <a href="#">f</a> <a href="#">t</a> <a href="#">b</a>
Nature Reserve – Xieti, Lake Tota	<a href="#">www</a> <a href="#">f</a> <a href="#">t</a> <a href="#">i</a> <a href="#">y</a> <a href="#">t</a>