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Session Goals

Describe some of the ongoing conservation work between WCU and the Forest of Hope Association in the Gishwati-Mukura National Park in western Rwanda.

Invite colleagues to consider engaging in research, teaching, and service in Rwanda with the Forest of Hope Association and the surrounding communities.



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Agenda for Today

- ~What is happening in E. Africa? Why did WCU build a research station in Rwanda?
- ~What is our relationship with the Forest of Hope Association?
- ~What are the opportunities for multidisciplinary involvement?
- ~What are the resources to WCU students, staff, and faculty?
- ~How does it work? How can you get involved?
- ~Questions and Answers



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“ I believe that for travel to be sustainable, there must be a harmonious interaction between travelers, host communities, and the planet, with respect to many physical, sociopolitical, economic, and other factors.”

- Alissa Murray, [Sustainable Travel Manifesto](#)

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Why Rwanda?

[Visit Rwanda](#)

[Forest of Hope Association](#)

[Gishwati Mukura National Park](#)

[Shinehouse Gishwati Research Station](#)



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Engage local communities in conservation and restoration of Giswhati Forest and other protected areas (FHA Mission).



The Forest of Hope Association

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Multidisciplinary Participation



COLLEGE OF ARTS AND HUMANITIES - African lit, Genocide studies, dance, arts and crafts, dance, languages/linguistics, history and mass communication

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT – marketing, international business, environmental/urban planning, criminal justice, and public management/admin (Grad)

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK – field placements/experiences, literacy, environmental/experiential learning, social work and community engagement

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES – food/nutrition, public health policy

COLLEGE OF THE SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS – astronomy, earth science, political science, animal behavior, anthropology, engineering, tourism

WELL SCHOOL OF MUSIC – East african music, instruments, history

OTHER UNITS/DEPTS– athletics, libraries, retreats, conferences, leadership opportunities

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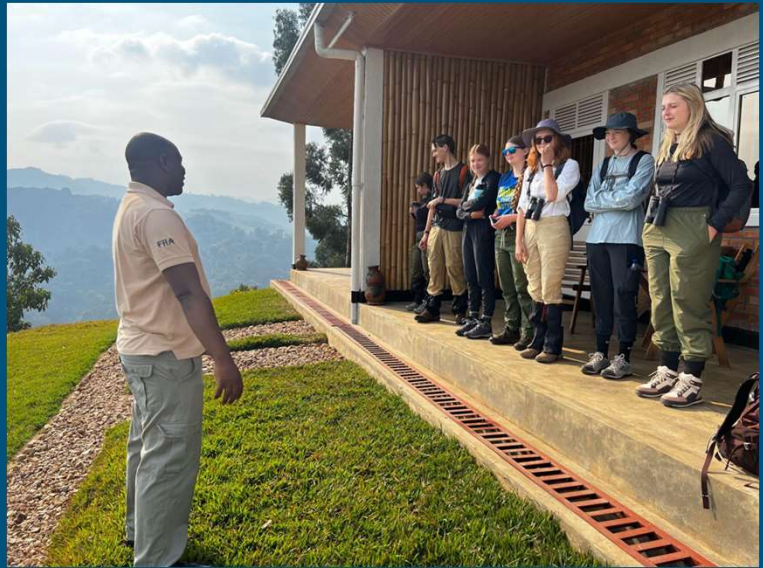
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Academics, Successes, Exemplars, Research, Teaching



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Q/A

Thank you.....

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