

Curriculum vitea



Thor Hjarsen
Biologist



Name and education: Thor Hjarsen
M. Sc. in conservation biology and sustainable land-use planning
University of Copenhagen, 1997 (Centre for Diversity of the High Andes, DIVA)

Position: Nature interpreter (ranger) and project manager

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Key experiences

- ✓ Education and environmental teaching for children, professionals and volunteers
- ✓ Education and awareness initiatives, e.g. course planning, education materials
- ✓ Sustainable land-use and tropical ecosystem management
- ✓ Environmental and biological assessments, incl. project evaluation and appraisal
- ✓ Field work planning and implementation in tropical, temperate and arctic environments
- ✓ Expedition leading, incl. logistics and safety, in tropical and arctic environments
- ✓ Eco-tourism implementation in tropical and arctic environments

Thor Hjarsen has been working for government agencies in Denmark and Greenland, and for development agencies and environmental NGOs. Currently he is employed by Save the Children Denmark.

Countries of working experience

Denmark (residence), Greenland, The Faroe Islands, Iceland, Finland, Norway and Svalbard, Germany, Scotland and the Scottish Islands, Belgium, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Lithuania, USA, Canada, Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands, Peru, Bolivia, India and Tanzania.

Links

www.redbarnet.dk/natur
www.ecoadvise.dk

Working experience

- 2006 – currently **Denmark**
Project manager and nature interpreter (ranger), Save the Children Denmark ([link](#)).

Lecturer on Arctic issues: Climate change, conservation and environment.
- 2004 – 2009 **Denmark**
Author and editor of bio and geo science text books and materials for Greenlandic primary schools (see left).
- 2007 **Tanzania**
Education and training advisor on conservation issues and nature interpretation for BirdLife Denmark. Training of local conservation volunteers in Arusha, Dar es Salaam and Morogoro.
- 2003-2007 **Denmark**
Consultant for WWF Denmark on Arctic/Greenlandic conservation issues:

Production of environmental education materials (see left) and reports on:
- Greenland management of wildlife ([link](#))
- Fulfillment of major international nature conventions ([link](#))
- 2004-2007 **Denmark**
Consultant to international NGOs, e.g. The Whale and Dolphin Conservations Society, Humane Society, Birdlife International on Arctic conservation issues and communication strategies.
- 2002 - currently **Greenland, Svalbard, Faeroe Islands, Iceland, Scotland**
Tourist expedition leader on ship based expedition cruises for Oceanwide Expeditions, The Netherlands in the North Atlantic: Expedition planning, lecturing, trekking.
- 2002 – 2005 **Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia**
Expedition travel guide for Albatros Travel, Denmark
- 2002 – currently **Denmark**
Owner of EcoAdvise & Communication ([link](#)).
- 2004 **Denmark**
Science teacher at primary school in Gentofte Municipality in terms of gaining teaching experience.
- 2001 – 2002 **Danmark**
International aid project development and management, Scanagri Denmark A/S, Copenhagen.
- 2001 **Lithuania**
Project fomulation mission for DANCEE, Ministry of Environment: International nature conventions, NIRAS.
- 1999 – 2001 **Greenland**
Head of department, Greenlandic Homerule Ministry of Environment and Nature, Nuuk.



Wildlife management, legislation, responsible for national implementation of international agreements and conventions (CITES and Ramsar), participant in international meetings (CAFF, The Waterbird Society, multilateral negotiations), Nordic Council meetings, etc.

- 2000 – 2001 **Greenland**
Occasional whale watching guide for Nuuk Tourism.
External lecturer on Arctic ecology and ornithology at the teacher profession school, Nuuk
- 1999 **Greenland and Denmark**
Consultant for DANCEA (Ministry of Environment, Denmark) on implementation of a Greenlandic CITES information campaign
- 1999 **Denmark**
Development of a CITES training programme in association with the Bolivian CITES management authority and Fundacion Armonia, the Bolivian BirdLife Partner.
- 1998 – 2000 **Denmark**
Head of section, Department of Wildlife Management, The National Forest and Nature Agency, Ministry of Environment, Copenhagen.
Responsible for implementation of the Convention of International Trade with Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES) in Denmark. Task involved management, enforcement, co-operation with national and international authorities, information, training and education, international negotiations, member of EU management and steering committees, etc.
- 1998 **Switzerland and Denmark**
Consultant for the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) og Intercooperation (IC) on integrated nature and forest management in the highlands of the Bolivian Andes.
- 1998 **Denmark**
Advisor for the Charge d’Affaires of the Bolivian Embassy in Denmark on rural development and integrated nature and forest management in the highlands of the Bolivian Andes.
- 1998 **Ecuador**
Speaker and workshop host at *III International Symposium of Sustainable Mountain Development: Understanding Ecological Interfaces of Andean Cultural Landscapes of Management*, Quito.
- 1998 **Denmark**
Research assistant at Centre for Research on the Cultural and Biological Diversity of Andean Rainforests (DIVA), Zoologisk Museum, København.
- 1997 **The Netherlands**
Speaker at *CEDLA Workshop 1997 - Biodiversity and Sustainable Development in Latin America*.
- 1996-1997 **Denmark**
Student employee at DANCED (Danish Cooperation for Environment and Nature), Ministry of Environment, Copenhagen
Responsible for newsletters and annual reports, assistant secretary for the advisory body and DANCED’s Small Grant Facility.
- 1995-1996 **Bolivia**

Biological and anthropological Master study field work in the Bolivian High Andes for six months. Investigation of possibilities for integrated land-use and rural development in high priority conservation areas. Cooperation with Universidad de San Simon, Cochabamba and BirdLife International, Cambridge.

- 1992-1996 **Denmark**
Student employee Department of Wildlife Management, The National Forest and Nature Agency, Ministry of Environment, Copenhagen. Implementation of CITES.
- 1992 **Denmark**
Laboratorial assistant and Danish Fishery Surveys, Charlottenlund.

Education and training

- 2011- Project management, Ankerhus, Copenhagen
- 2009 Supervisor coach, The Kempler Institute, Copenhagen.
- 2007 Nature Interpreter and ranger license ([link](#)), The National Forest and Nature Agency and the Danish Outdoor Council, Denmark.
- 2000 Logical Framework Approach, Course at the Danish Forest School, Denmark.
- 2000 Project management, Course at the Danish Forest School, Denmark.
- 1999 Negotiation techniques, Course hosted by The Danish Association of Masters and PhDs, Denmark.
- 1997 Master of Science in Biology, University of Copenhagen.
Thesis: *High Andean Woodlands and Plantations in Bolivia. Implications for Development of Sustainable Land-use.*
- 1995-1996 Field work: Biological and anthropological field work in the Bolivian High Andes. Six months. University of Copenhagen.
- 1990-1991 Environmental Biology, Module 1 at Roskilde University Centre, Denmark.
- 1989 Field study: Socio-økonomic studies in Ladakh, India on alternative, sustainable energy solutions suitable for montane, rural settlements. Two months. Roskilde University Centre, Denmark.
- 1988-1990 Basic Nature Science Education. Roskilde University Centre.

