

Profile



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Position:

Research Fellow/Gender
Consultant

Organization:
CIFOR-ICRAF

Field of research:
Ecology and Natural
Resource management

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Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science

Preserving Protected Species through Alternative Livelihood Activities



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Eponle Sylvie is a research fellow and gender consultant at CIFOR-ICRAF, where she is conducting a baseline study on livelihood activities under the Sustainable Wildlife Management project. Her role is crucial in understanding and assessing the livelihoods of the local communities and proposing alternative livelihood activities to preserve protected species.

When she joined the AWARD Leadership Program for Emerging African Women in Science, Eponle wanted to acquire skills that could help her to advocate for the rights and well-being of women, youths, and other minority groups through science. "The program's focus on gender-responsive solutions, scientific research competencies, and effective leadership has not only bolstered my abilities but also aided my goal to promote women in agricultural research and development," she says.

To younger women considering joining AWARD's program, she says, "Overcome the self-doubt, acknowledge the significance of diverse representation in science, and seize the opportunity for comprehensive leadership training, mentorship, and a supportive peer network."