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## EDUCATION

- Jun 2016 **Ph.D. Environmental Science/Studies**, School of Environment, Griffith University, Australia  
**Thesis:** Unintentional human mediated weed seed dispersal
- Jun 2010 **MSc Natural Resources Management**, Department of Biology, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), Norway  
**Thesis:** Primary stakeholders' attitude towards forest management
- May 2007 **BSc (Hons) Natural Resources Management (First Class)**, Faculty of Renewable Natural Resources, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science & Technology (KNUST), Ghana  
**Thesis:** Local communities' willingness to pay for lagoon conservation

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Presents **Lecturer**, Silviculture and Forest Management, FRNR-KNUST, Ghana
- 2013-2015 **Teaching Assistant/Tutor**, School of Environment, Griffith University
- Jun-Oct 16 **Senior Research Assistant**, Griffith University, Australia
- 2012-2016 **Higher degree researcher**, Griffith University, Australia
- 2008-2010 **Research Assistant**, NTNU, Norway
- 2006-2007 **Undergraduate Honours Research**, KNUST, Ghana

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Journal Articles:

- 2016 Pickering, C., **Ansong, M.** & Wallace E. Experimental assessment of weed seed attaching to a mountain bike and horse under dry conditions. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism*, 15: 66-70
- 2016 **Ansong, M.**, & Pickering, C. The effects of seed traits and fabric type on the retention of seed on different types of clothing. *Basic and Applied Ecology*, 17: 516-526
- 2015 **Ansong, M.**, & Pickering, C. What's a weed? Knowledge, attitude and behaviour of park visitors about weeds. *PLoS One*, 10: e0135026
- 2015 **Ansong, M.**, & Pickering, C. & Arthur, M. J. Modelling seed retention curves for eight weed species on clothing. *Austral Ecology*, 40: 765-774
- 2015 Odjer-Bio, N. T., Belford, E. J. D., & **Ansong, M.** What is happening to our Lagoons? The example of Butuah Lagoon in Ghana. *International Journal of Energy Environment and Engineering*, 6: 183-193
- 2014 **Ansong, M.**, & Røskft, E. Local communities' willingness to pay for sustainable forest management in Ghana. *Journal of Energy and Natural Resource Management*, 1: 80-87
- 2014 **Ansong, M.**, & Pickering, C. Weed seeds on clothing: a global review. *Journal of Environmental Management*, 144: 203-211
- 2013 **Ansong, M.**, & Pickering, C. Are weeds hitchhiking a ride on your car? A systematic review of seed dispersal on cars. *PLoS One*, 8: e80275
- 2013 **Ansong, M.**, & Pickering, C. A global review of weeds that can germinate from horse dung. *Ecological Management and Restoration*, 14: 216-223
- 2013 **Ansong, M.**, & Pickering, C. Long-distance dispersal of Black Spear Grass seed on socks and trouser legs by walkers in Kakadu National Park. *Ecological Management and Restoration*, 14: 71-74
- 2011 **Ansong, M.**, & Røskft, E. Determinants of attitudes of primary stakeholders towards forest conservation management: a case study of Subri Forest Reserve, Ghana. *International Journal of Biodiversity Science, Ecosystem Services & Management*, 7: 98-107

### Refereed Conference Articles:

- 2014 **Ansong, M.,** & Pickering, C. Weed hygiene: what do we do with seeds we find on our clothing? In: Proceedings of the 19th Australasian Weeds Conference-Science, 1-4 September, Hobart, Tasmania, Ed. M Baker, pp 42-45. Tasmania Weed Society: Hobart

### Non-refereed Conference/Symposium papers:

- 2015 **Ansong, M.,** & Pickering, C. Clothing as a vector for the dispersal of weed seed. Thirteenth international conference on Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions, Hawai'i Island, USA, 20-24 September
- 2015 **Ansong, M.,** & Pickering, C. Unintentional human-mediated weed seeds dispersal. Student Conference on Conservation Science, Brisbane, Australia, 19-29 January
- 2014 **Ansong, M.,** & Pickering, C. Human-mediated seed dispersal. Environment Futures Research Institute Postgraduate symposium, Gold Coast, Australia, 4 November 2014
- 2014 **Ansong, M.,** & Pickering, C. Unintentional human-mediated weed seeds dispersal. Presented at Annual General Meeting of the Weed Management Society of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia, 22 October
- 2013 **Ansong, M.,** & Pickering, C. Modelling seed retention on clothing. EFRI Postgraduate Symposium, Brisbane, Australia, 20 September
- 2012 **Ansong, M.,** & Pickering, C. Unintentional human dispersal of weeds. EFRI Student Research Symposium, Brisbane, Australia, 21 September

### AWARDS AND HONOURS

- 2015 Outstanding student oral presentation award, EMAPi, Hawaii, USA
- 2015 Scott Pipper Award, highly commended, Brisbane, Australia
- 2015 Postgraduate publication award, EFRI, Gold Coast, Australia
- 2014 Scott Pipper Award, highly commended, Gold Coast, Australia
- 2014 First Prize award, HDR student research symposium, EFRI, Griffith University
- 2014 Best poster award, 19th Australasian Weeds Conference, Hobart, Australia
- 2014 Postgraduate publication award, EFRI, Gold Coast, Australia
- 2013 Postgraduate publication award, EFRI, Gold Coast, Australia

### GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2015 Conference travel grant, GGRS – IEIS, Gold Coast, Australia
- 2015 Conference support grant, EFRI, Griffith University, Australia
- 2015 Scholarship for Excellent Studies at Griffith University, HDR GCAP
- 2015 Professional development and conference grant, GCAP, Gold Coast, Australia
- 2014 Conference support grant, School of Environment, Griffith University, Australia
- 2014 Conference support grant, EFRI, Griffith University, Australia
- 2013 Postgraduate Training grant, Environmental Futures Research Institute, Australia
- 2012-15 Griffith University Postgraduate Research Scholarships, Australia
- 2012-15 Griffith University International Postgraduate Research Scholarships, Australia
- 2008-10 Quota Scholarship, Norwegian Government, Norway

### CONFERENCE/SYMPOSIUM ATTENDED

- 2015 **Oral presentation-** Ecology and Management of Alien Plant Invasions, Hawaii, USA
- 2015 **Oral presentation-** Student Conference on Conservation Science, Brisbane, Australia
- 2014 **Sponsored speaker,** Annual General Meeting of the Weed Society of South Australia, Adelaide, Australia
- 2014 **Oral and poster presentation-** 19th Australasian Weeds Conference, Hobart, Australia
- 2012, 14 **Oral presentation-** EFRI Postgraduate Symposium, Gold Coast, Australia
- 2013 **Oral presentation-** EFRI Postgraduate Symposium, Gold Coast, Australia