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# Heidrun Simm

## Geographer



### Areas of Expertise

- Sustainable resource and environmental management
- Programme and project management
- Institutional development and capacity building
- Strategic planning, monitoring & evaluation
- Networking and knowledge management

Heidrun Simm spent the last 19 years working in programmes of international development agencies, NGOs, universities, and the private sector. She worked as advisor, project manager and programme director in particular in the fields of sustainable resource and environmental management, community based conservation focusing on forests, protected areas and their buffer zones, as well as integrated coastal resource management, involving multi-stakeholder dialogues and awareness rising. Since 2012, she coordinates the Lake Kivu Zone of the regional PROECCO Programme in Africa's Great Lakes Region, promoting climate responsive production and employment in the Building Material Industry.

## Key data

Qualification (Institute)	MSc Geography, University of Regensburg, Germany
Working languages	German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent)
Years of Experience	19
Nationality	German
Country experience and regional expertise	<b>Asia:</b> Philippines <b>Sub-Saharan Africa:</b> Rwanda, DRC, Burundi, Uganda, Tanzania

- Coordinator of the Lake Kivu Zone of the regional [PROECCO Programme in Africa's Great Lakes Region](#), promoting climate responsive production of construction materials and creation of employment for the building material industry.
- Advisor of Eos Visions, supporting all Eos Visions network members in 6 countries in research, project development, destination management for uniquely tailored tours in developing countries and capacity building programs for groups of international professionals and students, aside from event management, capacity building, team building, and consultancies for tourism development.
- Director of Congo Programs of Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund, responsible for strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation, grant writing, reporting to donors, and governmental organizations, organization and moderation of events, participation in scientific research projects on gorillas, their habitats, as well as any other aspect of relevance to gorilla conservation and the conservation of biodiversity.
- Technical Advisor for Akagera National Park, Rwanda, including strategic planning, M&E, and reporting, as well as GPS & GIS training, research and monitoring of key species, demarcation of park boundaries and buffer zone, establishment of a 5-years park management plan, participative park and buffer zone management, sensitization of the population bordering the park, revenue sharing, eco-tourism development, income generating activities for local communities, and Public Private Partnerships.
- Technical Advisor for GIS for the University of the Philippines in the Visayas Tacloban College (UPVTC) establishing a 'Regional Environmental Information System (REIS)', train the REIS team in GPS, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), cartography, base map production, data collection, data processing, analysis and visualization to support Integrated Coastal Zone Management (ICZM), resource management projects, and district administrations region wide in their land use planning efforts; establishment and coordination of a region wide cooperation of 18 organizations: Provincial Governments, Government Line Agencies and Academic Institutions, called the 'Region 8 GIS Network'.

Select  
projects, roles,  
achievements  
and  
publications

• Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation  
(SDC)

• Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale  
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

## Key clients

• Conservation International (CI)

• Institut Congolais pour la Conservation de la  
Nature (ICCN)

• Global Conservation Fund (GCF)

• US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS)

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