

FRANCES TAYLOR

URBAN ECOLOGIST

PUBLICATIONS

2022 - <u>Basic ecological</u>
<u>knowledge left behind in the</u>
<u>urban greening rush</u>, in:
Biodivercities by 2030 eds. Mejía,
M A & Amaya-Espinel, J D

2021 - <u>Fynbos Corridor Strategy</u>, Van Zyl, N. and Taylor, F. Fynbos Corridor Collaboration

2020 - The Untraceable City, Taylor, F. and Hoekman, P. Book chapter in: <u>Urban</u> <u>Infrastructure: Reflections for</u> <u>2100</u> edited by Derrible S. and Chester M.V.

EDUCATION

2019 - Science, Nature & Democracy, Anthropology Dept., University of Cape Town

2015 - MPhil Environment, Sustainability and Society, University of Cape Town

2008 - BSc Hons Ecology, University of Witwatersrand

PROFILE

I am a driven self-starter who has learned a lot from founding and leading a grassroots non-profit over the past 7 years. I have focussed primarily on combining collaborative ecological restoration with social justice. My set of skills is well suited to translate grassroots restoration action into strategic collaboration and policy. I am very passionate about piecing together existing projects into a holistic vision, so as to repair our socio-ecological landscapes entirely.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Co-Founder, Untraceable University, Colombia and South Africa

JUL 2022 - PRESENT (PART-TIME)

 Project conceptualisation, design, partner network building, and pilot preparation

Co-Founder and Director, <u>Communitree</u>, South Africa JAN 2016 - JUN 2022 (FULL-TIME)

- I started and grew this organisation from scratch
- We created a network of 18 community urban restoration gardens along two urban riverine corridors
- I trained diverse community groups in scientificallysound ecological restoration principles, skills and care
- We successfully reintroduced 2 endangered species through community-run restoration
- I managed, trained and mentored a team of four full-time staff
- Our work was featured on CNN and Deutsch Welle

CONFERENCES

2022 - **Nature of Cities**, virtual, presenter

2021 - Nature of Cities, virtual

- attendee

2020 - Nature of Cities, Paris - attendee

2020 - **Society for Ecological Restoration**, Cape Town - presenter

2019 **- Fynbos Forum**, Western Cape - presenter

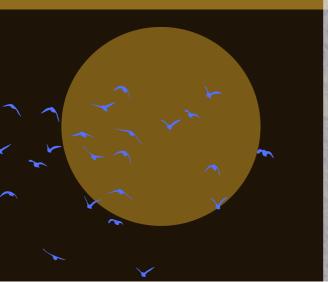
LANGUAGES

English Mother tongue: fluent Afrikaans 1994 - 2004: school Spanish 2021 - present: level B1 Dutch 2022 - present: beginners Zulu 2023 - present: beginners

TRAVEL

*South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Zambia, Tanzania, Kenya, Zanzibar, Ghana, Senegal, Thailand, Cambodia, India, Czech Republic, Netherlands, Sweden, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, *Colombia, Peru, *Panama

* > 6 months



Co-Founder, <u>Fynbos Corridor Collaboration</u>, Cape Town JAN 2019 - JUN 2022

- I initiated and co-founded a city-wide collaborative effort to:
 - co-ordinate existing greening efforts across the city,
 - build access to high quality green spaces for all income brackets.
 - raise the standard of greening to fall in line with international ecological principles of the Society of Ecological Restoration.
- I co-authored a city-wide greening strategy
- I co-developed online tools to make key ecological knowledge accessible to the public.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVISM

Observatory River Club Development Protest (2019-2021)

supported the movement by representing environment matters in the tribunal proceedings

Open Awkward Conversations (2014-2015)

started and led a student departmental working group to uncover and communicate issues around race, gender, class, and sexuality

SKILLS

- ability for collaborate and work across social divides
- ability to translate scientific and complex social ideas for highly diverse audiences
- knowledge of, and experience applying the international standards of ecological restoration
- team coordination, leadership and mentorship
- network building between disciplines
- environmental education content creation and training

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