

# Curriculum Vitae



## FELIPE ANDRÉS VELASCO

- *Civil Engineer (Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería, 1988)*
- *Environmentalist, NGO Fundación Montecito (from 2010)*
- *Conservationist, participatory science and protection (from 2019)*

Date of birth: *Sogamoso (COL), 20.4.1967*  
Marriage status: *Married* | Family: *Wife and one son.*

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Languages: Spanish (native)  
English (B2)

**Synopsis:** Since our family NGO was founded, I define myself in one single phrase: *Apprentice of a good citizen.*

## Professional experience:

**Organization:** FUNDACIÓN MONTECITO (nonprofit, environmental) – [fundacionmontecito.org](http://fundacionmontecito.org)  
*Dates & location* From June 2010 – to present. NGO located in Sogamoso and *Lago de Tota*, Colombia.  
*Job Title* *Director.* Responsible of the whole portfolio of activities inside this family non-profit – main field of work is water governance (at Lake Tota), and private nature reserves.  
*Activities & results* Our NGO has played an uninterrupted leading role in a civil society commitment at Lake Tota, with results in raising awareness from society, and leading initiatives to engage private and public stakeholders into sustainability and integrated management (i.e. *Grey Globe* award in 2012: [bit.ly/ggt-fm](http://bit.ly/ggt-fm); *naked lake* in 2012: [bit.ly/nakedlake](http://bit.ly/nakedlake); pursuing a Ramsar designation from 2012: [bit.ly/lt-ramsar](http://bit.ly/lt-ramsar); or the most recent Green Destination *Top100* and #3 *Best-in-Americas* award in 2017/2018: [bit.ly/lt-dv](http://bit.ly/lt-dv)), with important media coverage along these years (i.e. *BBC World* 2012: [bit.ly/bbc-lt](http://bit.ly/bbc-lt)).

*Communications and Media work* My role includes being responsible for all communications and media (*websites, blogs, essays, reports, social media, radio program, videos, podcasts*) produced by this non-profit. It all can be reviewed through my publications portfolio (**annex** – table 1&2), in which most of it is of my own creation, related to this NGO | From 2010 to present.

*Projects* Inside our NGO and under my coordination | [EN]: [bit.ly/fm-prj](http://bit.ly/fm-prj)  
*Conservation* - As a participatory science commitment, with endemic Apolinar's Wren: [a1.abctota.org](http://a1.abctota.org)  
- Leading an initiative for a Private Nature Reserve at La Hondura Canyon: [bit.ly/h-can](http://bit.ly/h-can)  
- Creating an integrated example of sustainability at Xieti Nature Reserve: [bit.ly/xieti](http://bit.ly/xieti)  
*Recognitions* Some awards and honours obtained by our NGO: [bit.ly/fm-pyr](http://bit.ly/fm-pyr) | [EN]: [bit.ly/fm-aw](http://bit.ly/fm-aw)

**Organization:** UNIVERSIDAD DE BOYACÁ, Sogamoso – <http://www.uniboyaca.edu.co>  
*Date* 2014 (July to November, 1 semester).  
*Job Title* *Environmental Education Teacher*, in a BSc Environmental Engineering program.

**Company:** FINCA SAN PEDRO, Hostel – <http://fincasanpedro.com>  
*Dates* 2001 to 2020.  
*Job Title* *Legal representative*, co-administrative duties. It is a family hostel, in my home town.

**Company:** URBOY LTDA. – Small construction company (family owned), based in our city.  
*Dates* 1992 to 1997, and 1999 to 2010.  
*Job Title* *Manager.* Legal representative, and in charge of a broad variety of responsibilities.

**Others:** [1994 – 1996] CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Sogamoso. *Administrative Board Member.*  
[1988 – 1990] SIKA ANDINA S.A (Sika Colombia). *Technical Assistant and Sales.*

**Publications:** [From 2010]. Non-scientific. Driven by commitment & participation. *Table attached.*

## Academic background:

**University (BSc):** Civil Engineer – 1988.  
» *Undergraduate degree* Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería “Julio Garavito”, Bogotá – [www.escuelaing.edu.co](http://www.escuelaing.edu.co)  
**Complimentary #1:** Short Course: *Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)* – Feb/2020, Uganda (Africa).  
» *Certificate* Center for Development Innovation (CDI) of Wageningen-UR – [wageningenur.nl/cdi](http://wageningenur.nl/cdi)  
**Complimentary #2:** Short Course: *Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)* – 2013, The Netherlands.  
» *Certificate* Center for Development Innovation (CDI) of Wageningen-UR – [wageningenur.nl/cdi](http://wageningenur.nl/cdi)  
**Complimentary #3:** Diploma Course: *Community Participation on Integrated Water Management* – 2013, COL.  
» *Diploma* Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia (UPTC) – [www.uptc.edu.co](http://www.uptc.edu.co)

Felipe Andrés Velasco  
Sogamoso (COL), 21<sup>st</sup> of January, 2023
























## Publications

- Non-scientific
- Driven by commitment and participatory processes

Table 1. List of publications written by: Felipe A. Velasco

Publication	Tags	Date	Short Link
<p>» <b>Blog – Fundación Montecito</b> Posts related to the social-environmental work of NGO Fundación Montecito.</p> <p>Number of publications: 295 posts Last one: 12.12.2022</p>	Environmental, Social, Conservation, Governance, Commitment, Wetlands	From 2010 to 2022	<a href="http://bit.ly/fm-bg">http://bit.ly/fm-bg</a>
<p>» <b>Blog – Causa Tota</b> Posts related to water governance at Lake Tota, through the so-called “Causa Tota”.</p> <p>Number of publications: 439 posts Last one: 13.1.2023</p>	Lake Tota, Governance, Sustainability, News, Conservation, Agriculture, Aquaculture, Tourism, Management	From 2011 to 2023	<a href="http://bit.ly/ctb-lt">http://bit.ly/ctb-lt</a>
<p>» <b>Blog – Personal</b> Personal reflections. My inner thoughts about environmental issues.</p> <p>Number of publications: 38 posts Last one: 24.3.2022</p>	Reflections, Personal, Social, Environmental, Civil society	From 2010 to 2022	<a href="http://bit.ly/ecosentir">http://bit.ly/ecosentir</a>
<p>» <b>Text</b> El Guaque de Oro Description of a recognition: 2016</p>	Muisca culture, Ancestral, Meaning	19.12.2016	<a href="http://bit.ly/guaque-oro">bit.ly/guaque-oro</a>
<p>» <b>Essay</b> La Entrevista en las Nubes [<i>The interview in the clouds</i>]</p>	Lake Tota, Reflections	23.9.2016	<a href="http://bit.ly/e-nubes">http://bit.ly/e-nubes</a>
<p>» <b>Text</b> Lake Tota overview</p>	Lake Tota, Overview	15.8.2016	<a href="http://bit.ly/lt-overview">bit.ly/lt-overview</a>
<p>» <b>Essay</b> Comunicar sobre el agua: En código «conectar con la acción». Cómo desarrollar gobernanza. Reflexión desde el caso Lago de Tota (Colombia), y su Causa Tota.</p>	Lake Tota, Governance, Education, Ethics, Commitment	02.11.2015	<a href="http://bit.ly/c-agua">http://bit.ly/c-agua</a>
<p>» <b>Text</b> Carta del Lago de Tota [<i>Letter from Lake Tota</i>]</p>	Lake Tota, Reflections	03.6.2014	<a href="http://bit.ly/cartota">http://bit.ly/cartota</a>
<p>» <b>Text</b> Del Lago de Tota – Relatos de un peregrinaje del siglo XIX, y del pasado indígena y español</p>	History, Lake Tota, XIX century	31.7.2010	<a href="https://bit.ly/hist-lt">https://bit.ly/hist-lt</a>

Table 2. Websites, social media and blogs, managed by: Felipe A. Velasco

Topic	Social media <i>(please click to hyperlinked icons below, to explore for content and details)</i>
Personal	  
NGO Fundación Montecito	         
Environmental cause for Lake Tota (Causa Tota, and group Mocilato)	   
Nature Reserve – La Hondura Canyon	   
Nature Reserve – Xieti, Lake Tota	