



Robert Ford has over 35 years experience as a professor, administrator, field researcher, development consultant, and conservation scientist. He is fluent in Spanish and French besides English and has Master's degrees in public health and anthropology and a Ph.D in Earth Science/Physical Geography focusing on land conservation, agro-ecosystems, food security and sustainability.

Very early while doing field research on the Sahelian drought and famine of West Africa in the mid-1970s he discovered that the use of GIS (Geographic Information Systems) linked to good photography were crucial in the task of documenting, understanding, and interpreting short and long-term change and the interactions between human society and the broader environment. Furthermore, he has become proficient in the use of social media for promoting positive change and policy development on the wide range of global sustainability issues he works on--see BLOG <http://geobobford.blogspot.com/>.

Among his more significant professional roles he was a Senior Natural Resource Policy Advisor for USAID in Washington DC between 1999-2003 where he focused on the application of geospatial technologies to monitoring and assessing global sustainable agriculture and environmental conservation problems--particularly in Africa and Latin America. He returned to academia between 2003-2007 working primarily on biodiversity assessments in Honduras. In 2008 he served as an adviser to the UAE/Abu Dhabi Environment Agency, then he went to Rwanda for a year to fill the role of Senior Advisor to the Director of the Center for GIS and Remote Sensing (CGIS). In January 2010 he volunteered for six months as Interim Program Director to the Grauer's Gorilla Landscape Conservation and Development Program for the Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund International (DFGFI) working out of its base in Goma, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). From July 2010 March 2012 he took time-off to build a house on his ranch, build fences, and start a consulting and photography business--see <http://2-robert-ford.artistwebsites.com/>.

Most recently (from March-November 2012) with a colleague from The Nature Conservancy--Steve Schill--he carried out conservation science and park management consulting and planning for the Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS) in Katanga/DRC-Congo. We assisted in basic science assessment, infrastructure and management planning and mapping/geospatial analysis to support rehabilitation of two national parks--Upemba and Kundelungu--which are being re-opened after the Central African wars of recent years.

He has done similar consulting and research in other countries including Malawi, Haiti, Pakistan, Ghana, Eritrea, Gabon, The Marshal Islands, Mali, Pakistan, Senegal, Belize, Peru, Bolivia, China and elsewhere. See more: **Biz/Web:** <http://geobobford.com/consulting.html> or **Personal Web:** <http://geobobford.com/> **Email:** [geobobford@gmail.com](mailto:geobobford@gmail.com) or **LinkedIn:** <http://www.linkedin.com/home> **Cell:** 909-363-6332