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Areas of professional interests

- Better conservation through applied science => generation and dissemination of research for practitioners in-country
- Climate change ⇔ protected area planning, management & governance
- Vulnerability assessments of protected areas
- Sustainable financing of protected areas
- Raising awareness of Govt, donors and others on future threats to PA network and past conservation investments