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Short Biography

Holds a PhD from Friedrich-Schiller University in Jena - Germany, a Master in Crop protection and Bachelor of Science (Agriculture Education and Extension) both from Egerton University, Njoro. For both Masters and PhD theses, I investigated various aspects of arthropod biology including population genetics, evolution, behavior and ecology. Also held two postdoctoral positions in Sweden at Lunds University and Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences - Alnarp, and researched on insect olfaction and communication, biodiversity and conservation.

Research Interests

Insect – Plant interactions, Insect – Insect interaction, Insect communication, ecology, evolution, biodiversity and conservation.

Publications in Journals:

Larsson MC, Harvey D, Burman J, Svensson GP, Winde I, **Nyabuga FN**, Andersson K, Musa N, Forsmark B, Jansson N, Westerberg L, Andersson F, Hedenstrom E, Bergman KO, & Milberg P. (2015) Pheromone-based monitoring: a game changer for saproxylic insect conservation. *Antenna*.

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Presentation of Papers at Academic and Professional Conferences

AVDRC, The World Vegetable centre in Tainan - Taiwan. (2016). Presented a seminar entitled "*Field abundance patterns and host choice by clover seed weevils*"

International Society of Chemical Ecology in Stockholm - Sweden. (2016). Presented a poster entitled "*Clover seed weevils: Flowers for the females*".

Deutsche Gesellschaft für allgemeine und angewandte Entomologie (DGaaE) in Göttingen - Germany. (2009). Presented a talk on "*The good life and hard times of Lysiphlebus hirticornis*"

International Foundation for Sustainable Development in Africa and Asia conference in Göttingen - Germany. (2007). Presented a poster entitled "*Effect of aphid secondary symbionts on resistance against parasitoids*"

Books/Book Chapters Published

Nyabuga F. (2008). *Sustainable Management of Cabbage Aphid and Bagrada Bugs: case study from Kenya*. VDM Verlag. ISBN 10: 3639087100 / ISBN 13: 9783639087109