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BIODATA

Full name Kolawolé Valère SALAKO
Nationalty Beninese
Date and place of birth 28 Avril 1986, Kpédékpo, Benin
Sex Male
Title Agronomist, Forester and Biostatistician
PhD, Plant Ecology and Conservation
Msc. Biostatistics
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EDUCATION

Dec 2012 – Feb 2016 University of Abomey-Calavi, Faculty of Sciences and Techniques
PhD, Plant Ecology and Conservation
Nov 2014 – Apr 2017 University of Abomey-Calavi, Faculty of Agronomic Sciences
M.Sc., Biostatistics
Mar 2011 – Apr 2012 University of Abomey-Calavi, Faculty of Agronomic Sciences
M.Sc. Natural Resources Management and Biodiversity
Nov 2009 – Feb 2011 University of Abomey-Calavi, Faculty of Agronomic Sciences
Agricultural Engineer degree, Management of Natural Resources
Nov 2005 – Sep 2009 University of Abomey-Calavi, Faculty of Agronomic Sciences
General agronomy degree

RESEARCH AREAS

2011- now Forest methods — Plant Population and Community Ecology — Conservation
Biology — Traditional agroforestry systems — Ethnobiology — Climate change —
Biostatistics

RESEARCH INTEREST

2011 - now My research interests are threefold: **Forest methods and Biostatistics** (plot size optimization and multivariate methods for plant community data analyses); **Population and community ecology** (synergistic effect of Non-timber forest products harvest and climatic conditions on population structure and demography of plants, plant-animal interactions, plant-plant interactions, forest community ecology, and climate change); **Biodiversity, ecosystems services and conservation of plants in traditional agroforestry systems** (focus on parklands and home-gardens). Ecosystems of interest are natural forests (woodland, semi-deciduous dense forest, and mangroves), and agroforestry systems (parklands, farmlands and homegardens).

RESEARCH AND TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mar 2016 – now *Researcher and Lecturer,*
Ecology, Forestry and Biostatistics

- Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin
- Mar 2016 – now* Post-doctoral fellow,
RUFORUM Project (sustainable baobab leaves production) [RU 2015 GRG-135]
Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin.
Writing of deliverables, scientific report and scientific publications
- Feb 2006 – now* *Assistant of the coordinator of a Danida research and development project,*
(SCOPA, Organic Cotton for Employment, Growth and Environment?)
Writing of deliverables, scientific report and scientific publications
- Dec 2015 – now* *Scientific coordinator,*
Laboratory of Biomathematics and Forest Estimations (www.labef-uac.org), Faculty
of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey Calavi, Cotonou, Benin.
- Feb 2011 – Oct 2015* *Junior researcher and assistant in Biostatistics lectures*
Laboratory of Applied Ecology, Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey
Calavi, Cotonou, Benin.

CONTRIBUTION TO (INTER)NATIONAL FORESTRY AND CONSERVATION (AS CONSULTANCIES)

- Mar 2016 – Apr 2017* Elaboration of the Benin strategy for sustainable management of mangroves,
Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) [TCP/BEN/3502]
Associate consultant.
- Nov 2016 – Apr 2017* Reference study for agro-ecology in Benin,
Oxford Committee for Famine Relief (OXFAM)
Associate consultant
- Jan 2016 – Jul 2016* Elaboration of knowledge product,
African capacity building foundation (ACBF)
Principal Consultant
- Dec 2014 – Apr 2016* Data analyst within the project Food-Africa (WP4),
Bioversity International
Principal Consultant
- May 2015 – Sep 2015* Identification of specific conservation strategies for priority threatened species,
National Forestry Department (DGFRN)
Associate consultant
- Mar 2015 – Mar 2016* Elaboration of the strategic plan for ecological restoration of the gallery forests along the
Ouémé River'
United Nations for Development Program (UNDP)
Associate consultant
- Feb 2015 – Aug 2015* Elaboration of the national strategy for capacity building for the implementation of the
strategic plan 2015-2020 of the Convention on Biological Diversity.
United Nations Program for Environment (UNPE),
Associate consultant
- May 2014 – Sep 2014* Elaboration of the Benin National Strategy for the sustainable use and valorization of
Non timber Forest Products.
United Nation Organization for Food and Agriculture (FAO),
Associate consultant
- Jan 2014 – Jun 2014* Elaboration of the Benin 5th National Report for Convention on Biological Diversity.
United Nations Program for Environment (UNPE),
Associate consultant

RESEARCH AND TRAVEL AWARDS / FELLOWSHIPS / DISTINCTIONS

- 2017*
- ITTO Fellowship Programme (N° 094/17A)
 - The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS) – Young Affiliateship (2017 – 2021)
 - Sud Expert Plantes Développement Durable (SEP2D) research grant.
- 2016*
- African-German Network of Excellence in Science (AGNES) Grant for Junior Researchers
 - African capacity building foundation, grant to develop 2016 AfCOP knowledge products.

- 2015 • Tropical Biology Association full bursary for field training in Tropical Conservation in Kirindy Forest (Madagascar).
- 2015 Society for Conservation Biology Travel Awards Winner
- RUFORUM Graduate Research Grant (Co-Applicant).
- IDEA-WILD equipment grant.

- 2013 • IFB-DNRST (Institut Français du Bénin-Direction Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique et Technique). Best scientific poster of the year 2013 in Benin.
- IFS (International Foundation for Science) research Grant N° D/5448-1.
- University of Abomey-Calavi PhD research fellowship.
- Conservation Science Group of the University of Cambridge. Full bursary to attend the 14th Student Conference on Conservation Science and a short course on data mining using R in Cambridge.
- SADA (Applied Statistics for Development in Africa). Full bursary to attend the 2nd edition of the SADA Conference in Benin.

- 2012 • Coopération Universitaire pour le Développement (Belgium) - Prize of the best Student.

- 2011 • Belgium-West African countries master program (RESBIO). Full scholarship for M.Sc. studies in Management of Natural Resources and Biodiversity.
- “Africa Scientific Rebirth” Prize. Prize for the Best Engineer Dissertation of the academic year 2009-2010.

- 2005 • Full national five years scholarship for Agricultural Engineer degree studies.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Peer review journal papers

In Journals with Impact Factor

1. Agbani P.O., Kafoutchoni K.M., **Salako K.V.**, Gbedomon R.C., Kégbé A.M., Karen H., Sinsin B. 2018. Traditional ecological knowledge based assessment of threatened woody species and their potential substitutes in the Atakora mountain chain, a threatened hotspot of biodiversity in Northwestern Benin, West Africa. *Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13002-018-0219-6>
2. Mensah S., **Salako V.K.**, Assogbadjo A.E., Glèlè Kakai R. 2018. Differential Responses of Taxonomic, Structural, and Functional Diversity to Local-Scale Environmental Variation in Afromontane Forests in South Africa. *Tropical Conservation Science* 11: 1–13. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1940082918762372>
3. Rashid N., Gbedomon R.C., Ahmad M., **Salako V.K.**, Zafar M., Malik K. 2018. Traditional knowledge on herbal drinks among indigenous communities in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Pakistan. *Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine* 14:16 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s13002-018-0217-8>
4. **Salako V.K.**, Kénou C., Dainou K., Assogbadjo A.E., Glèlè Kakai R. 2018. Impacts of land use types on spatial patterns and neighbourhood distance of the agroforestry palm *Borassus aethiopicum* Mart. in two climatic regions in Benin, West Africa. *Agroforestry Systems*, (In press), 1-15. [10.1007/s10457-018-0205-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10457-018-0205-y)
5. Gbedomon R.C., **Salako V.K.**, Fandohan A.B, Idohou R., Glèlè Kakai R., Assogbadjo A.E. 2017. Functional diversity of home gardens and their agro-biodiversity conservation benefits in Benin, West-Africa. *Journal of Ethnobiology and Ethnomedicine* 13(1):66
6. Goudégnon E.O.A, Vodouhé F.G., Gouwakinnou G.N., **Salako V.K.**, Oumorou M. 2017. Ethnic and generational differences in traditional knowledge and cultural importance of *Lannea microcarpa* Engl. & K. Krause, in the sudanian savannah of Benin. *Bois et Forêts des Tropiques* 334(4): 5-15.
7. Padonou E.A., Tovissodé F.C., Idohou R., **Salako V.K.**, Fantondji L., Vihotogbé R., Fandohan B., Assogbadjo A.E. 2017. Pilot assessment of locally acknowledged morphotypes of *Irvingia gabonensis* (Aubry-Lecomte) Baill in the Southwestern Benin (West Africa). *Fruits* 72(5), 306–316.
8. Gbedomon R.C., **Salako V.K.**, Adomou A., Glèlè Kakai R., Assogbadjo A.E. 2017. Plants in traditional home gardens: richness, composition, conservation and implications for native biodiversity in Benin. *Biodiversity and Conservation*. DOI 10.1007/s10531-017-1407-8.

9. Assogba G.A., Fandohan A.B., **Salako V.K.**, Assogbadjo A.E. 2017. Ethnobotanique de *Bombax costatum* (Malvaceae) dans les terroirs riverains de la Réserve de Biosphère de la Pendjari, Bénin. *Bois et Forêts des Tropiques*, 333 (3) : 17-29.
10. **Salako V.K.**, Houéhanou T.T., Yessoufou K., Assogbadjo A.E., Akoègninou A., Glèlè Kakai R.L. 2017. Patterns of elephant utilization of *Borassus aethiopum* Mart. and its stand structure in the Pendjari National Park, Benin, West Africa. *Tropical Ecology*, 58(2): 425–437.
11. Houndonougbo J.S.H., **Salako V.K.**, Idohou R., Azihou F.A., Assogbadjo A.E., Glèlè Kakai R. 2017. Local perceptions of elephant-*Borassus aethiopum* Mart (Arecaceae) interactions in the Pendjari National Park in Benin. *Bois et Forêts des Tropiques* 331: 33-43.
12. Gandji K., **Salako V.K.**, Assogbadjo A.E., Orekan V.O.A., Glèlè Kakai R.L., Sinsin B. 2017. Evaluation of the sustainability of participatory management of forest plantations: The Case study of the Wari-Marô Forest Reserve, Benin (West Africa). *Southern Forests: a Journal of Forest Science*: 79(2): 133–142.
13. Gbedomon R.C., Assogbadjo A.E., **Salako V.K.**, Fandohan A.B., Glèlè kakai R. 2016. Exploring the spatial configurations of home gardens in Benin. *Scientia Horticulturae* 213: 13–23.
14. Agbahoungba S., Assogbadjo A.E., Chadare F.J., Idohou R., **Salako V.K.**, Agoyi E.E., Glèlè Kakai R.L. 2016. Ecological diversity and conservation of Wild Edible Fruit Trees species in the Lama Forest Reserve in Benin (West Africa). *Bois et Forêts des Tropiques* 329: 53-65.
15. Gbedomon, R.C., Floquet A., Mongbo R., **Salako V.K.**, Fandohan A.B., Assogbadjo A.E., Glèlè Kakai R. 2016. Socio-economic and ecological outcomes of community based forest management: A case study from Tobé-Kpobidon forest in Benin, Western Africa. *Forest Policy and Economics* 64:46-55.
16. Mensah S., Assogbadjo A., **Salako V.K.**, Ago E., Glèlè Kakai R. 2016. Accounting for tree spatial distribution in a comparison of plot sizes and shapes in dense forest and woodland in Benin (West Africa)". *African Journal of Ecology* 54: 87–94.
17. **Salako V.K.**, Assogbadjo A.E., Adomou A.C., Agbangla C., Glèlè Kakai R.L. 2015. Latitudinal distribution, co-occurring tree species and structural diversity of the threatened palm *Borassus aethiopum* (Arecaceae) in Benin, West-Africa. *Plant Ecology and Evolution* 148 (3): 335–349.
18. **Salako V.K.**, Azihou A.F., Assogbadjo A.E., Houéhanou T.T., Kassa B.D., Glèlè Kakai R.L. 2015. Elephant-induced damage drives spatial isolation of the dioecious palm *Borassus aethiopum* Mart. (Arecaceae) in the Pendjari National Park, Benin. *African Journal of Ecology*. 54 (1): 9-19.
19. Gbedomon R.C., Fandohan A.B., **Salako V.K.**, Idohou A.F.R., Glèlè Kakai R., Assogbadjo A.E. 2015. Factors affecting home gardens ownership, diversity and structure: A case study from Benin. *Journal of Ethnomedicine and Ethnobiology* 11:56.
20. Gnonlonfoun I., Glèlè Kakai R., **Salako V.K.**, Assogbadjo A.E., Ouédraogo A. 2015. Structural analysis of regeneration in tropical dense forest: combined effect of plot and spatial distribution patterns. *Acta Botanica Gallica*. **162 (1)**: 79-87.
21. Tovissodé F.C., Honfo H.S., **Salako V.K.**, Gnanglè C.P., Mensah S., Glèlè Kakai R. 2015. Population structure of two bamboo species in relation to topographical units in the Republic of Benin (West Africa): implications for sustainable management. *Acta Botanica Gallica*. **162 (1)**: 89-96.
22. **Salako V.K.**, Fandohan B., Assogbadjo A.E., Idohou F.A.R., Gbedomon R.C., Chakeredza S., Dulllo M.E., Glèlè Kakai R. 2014. Home gardens: An assessment of their biodiversity and potential contribution to conservation of threatened species and crop wild relatives in Benin. *Genetic Resources and Crop Evolution* **61**: 313–330.
23. **Salako V.K.**, Glèlè Kakai R., Assogbadjo A.E., Fandohan B., Houinato M., Palm R. 2013. Efficiency of inventory plots patterns in the quantitative analysis of vegetation: case study of tropical woodland and dense forest in Benin. *Southern forests* 75 (**3**): 137–143.
24. Houéto G., Glèlè Kakai R., **Salako V.K.**, Fandohan B., Assogbadjo A.E., Sinsin B., Palm R. 2013. Effect of inventory plot patterns in the floristic analysis of tropical woodland and dense forest. *African Journal of Ecology* **52**: 257–264.

25. Houéto G., Fandohan B., Ouédraogo A., Ago E., **Salako V.K.**, Assogbadjo A.E., Glèlè Kakaï R., Sinsin B. 2012. Floristic and dendrometric analysis of woodlands in the Sudano-Guinean zone: a case study of Belléfoungou forest reserve in Benin. *Acta Botanica Gallica* **159** (4): 387–394.
26. Fandohan B., Assogbadjo A.E., **Salako V.K.**, Van Damme P., Sinsin B. 2012. Which one comes first, the tamarind or the *Macrotermes termitarium*? *Acta Botanica Gallica* **159** (3): 345–355.

In Journals without impact factor

27. Gandji K., Chadare F.J., Idohou R., **Salako V.K.**, Glèlè Kakaï R.L. 2018. Status and utilization of *Moringa oleifera* Lam: a review. *African Crop Science Journal* 26 (1):137 – 156. <http://dx.doi.org/10.4314/acsj.v26i1.10>
28. Savi M.K., Noumonvi R., Chadaré F.J., Daïnou K., **Salako V.K.**, Idohou R., Assogbadjo A.E., Glèlè Kakaï R. 2018. Synergy between traditional knowledge of use and tree population structure for sustainability of *Cola nitida* (Vent.) Schott. & Endl in Benin (West Africa). *Environment Development and Sustainability* <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10668-018-0091-5>
29. Assogbadjo A.E., Idohou R., Chadare F.J., **Salako V.K.**, Djagoun C.A.M.S., Akouehou G., Mbairamadji J. 2017. Diversity and prioritization of non-timber forest products for economic valuation in Benin (West Africa). *African Journal of Rural Development*, 2(1):105-115.
30. Gbedomon R.C., **Salako V.K.**, Chadare F.J., Glèlè Kakaï R., Assogbadjo A.E. 2016. Gendered motivation for home gardening and maintenance of agrobiodiversity: a case study in Benin, West Africa. *Annales des sciences agronomiques* 20 (2): 93-106.
31. Akpona J.D.T., Idohou A.F.R., Assogbadjo A., **Salako K.V.**, Glèlè Kakaï R. 2016. History and Impact of Soil Types on Stand Structure and Growth of the Dry Zone Mahogany (*Khaya senegalensis* (Desr.) A. Juss.) in Plantation in Benin (West Africa). *Environment and Ecology Research*, 4(4), 193-199.
32. Glèlè Kakaï R., **Salako V.K.**, Padonou E.A., Lykke A.M. 2016. Méthodes statistiques multivariées utilisées en écologie. *Annales des Sciences Agronomiques* 20: 139-157.
33. Glèlè Kakaï R., **Salako V.K.**, Lykke A.M. 2016. Techniques d'échantillonnage en étude de végétation. *Annales des Sciences Agronomiques* 20: 1-13.
34. Camara M., Gbemavo C.D.S.J., **Salako V.K.**, Kouamé F.N., Sambou B., Glèlè Kakaï R.L. 2016. Woody plant species diversity in the last wild habitat of the Derby Eland (*Taurotragus derbianus derbianus* Gray, 1847) in Niokolo Koba National Park, Senegal, West Africa. *International Journal of Biodiversity and Conservation* 8(2): 32-40.
35. Amagnidé A.G., **Salako V.K.**, Donou Hounsodé M., Sinsin F., Orékan V., Dan C., Glèlè Kakaï R. 2015. Ecological consequences of anthropogenic pressure in Wari-Marô Forest Reserve (Benin, West Africa). *Journal of Agriculture and Environment for International Development* 109 (2): 271-289.
36. Fandohan A.B., **Salako V.K.**, Assogbadjo A.E., Diallo B.O., Van Damme P., Sinsin B. 2015. Effect of climatic conditions on flowering and fruiting of *Tamarindus indica* (Fabaceae). *Journal of Horticulture and Forestry* 7(8): 186-192.
37. Honfo H., Tovissodé F.C., Gnanglé C., Mensah S., **Salako V.K.**, Assogbadjo A.E., Glèlè Kakaï R. 2015. Traditional knowledge and use value of bamboos in south-eastern Benin: implications for their sustainable management. *Ethnobotany Research and Applications* **14**: 139-153.
38. Idohou R., Fandohan B., **Salako V.K.**, Kassa B., Gbedomon R.C., Yédomonhan H., Glèlè Kakaï R.L. Assogbadjo A.E. 2014. Biodiversity conservation in home gardens: traditional knowledge, use patterns and implications for management. *International Journal of Biodiversity Science, Ecosystem Services & Management* **10** (2): 89 – 100.
39. **Salako V.K.**, Adebajji A., Glèlè Kakaï R. 2013. On The Empirical Performance Of Non-Metric Multidimensional Scaling In Vegetation Studies. *International Journal of Applied Mathematics and Statistics* **36** (6): 54-67.

Report and degree theses

1. **Salako K.V.** 2017. Empirical assessment of the effect of serial auto-correlation on Stochastic Life Table Response Experiment (SLTRE) estimates: application to the demography of *Khaya*

- senegalensis*. M.Sc. dissertation in Biostatistics, Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi (FSA/UAC), Abomey-Calavi, Benin. 62 pages.
2. **Salako K.V. 2016.** Population ecology, pattern of uses and conservation of the dioecious palm tree *Borassus aethiopum* Mart. (Arecaceae) in Benin, West Africa. PhD dissertation in Plant Ecology and Conservation, Faculty of Sciences and Techniques, University of Abomey-Calavi (FAST/UAC), Abomey-Calavi, Benin. 232 pages.
 3. **Salako K.V. 2012.** Relative performance of non-metric multidimensional scaling in vegetation studies: application to the Lama Forest Reserve (Benin). Master thesis dissertation. Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi (FSA/UAC), Abomey-Calavi, Benin, 37 pages.
 4. **Salako K.V. 2011.** Efficiency of shapes, sizes and directions of inventoried plots in the structural analysis of the vegetation in dense forest: case study of the lama forest reserve (Southern Benin). Agronomist Engineer Degree dissertation. Faculty of Agronomic Sciences, University of Abomey-Calavi (FSA/UAC), Abomey-Calavi, Benin, 72 pages.

PARTICIPATION TO INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- 2017 • Science Forum South Africa, 5-7 December, 2017
- 2016 • 10th WARIMA International Conference – Setting research and innovation management agenda for the sustainable development goals (SDGs), 14-15 December 2016, Banjul, Gambia. *Simple participant.*
- Humboldt Kolleg – Utilizing and conserving natural resources under climate change in Africa, Ouidah, Republic of Benin, 5-7 December 2016. *Oral communication*
- Week of science and technology of the University of Abomey-Calavi, 21 - 25 March 2016, Cotonou, Benin. *Oral communication.*
- 2015 • 27th International Congress for Conservation Biology and 4th European Congress for Conservation Biology, 2 – 6 August 2015. Montpellier, France. *Poster presentation.*
- 2nd Tropical Biology Association Alumni Group (TAAG) conference, 9-12 June 2015. Accra, Ghana. *Oral communication.*
- 2014 • 16^{ème} édition des Journées Scientifiques Internationales de Lomé, 20-25 Octobre 2014. Lomé, Togo. *Oral communication.*
- 24th IUFRO World Congress, 5-11 October 2014, Salt Lake City, USA. *International Forestry Review* 16(5): 66. *Oral communication.*
- 1st Conference of the national network of researchers on neglected and underutilized species (NUS). 27-28th February 2014. University of Abomey-Calavi, Abomey-Calavi, Benin. *Oral communication.*
- 2013 • 14th Students Conference on Conservation Science (SCCS-2013), University of Cambridge, 19-21st March 2013. Cambridge, UK. *Oral communication.*
- 2nd Conference on Statistics Applied to Development in Africa (SADA), ISBA, University of Abomey-Calavi, 5-8th March 2013, Cotonou, Benin. *Poster and oral communications.*
- 2012 • 15th Edition of international scientific days of Lomé, University of Lomé, 22-26th October 2012, Lomé, Togo. *Oral communication.*

PARTICIPATION TO TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS

- 2016 • **December:** two-days training on “Accessing funding and the art of developing winning grant proposals”, the medical research council unit, Banjul, The Gambia.
- **July.** Three weeks training on “Capacity building for researchers and lecturers”, MooSciTic, IRD-CIRAD, Cotonou, Benin.
- **May.** One week training in “Population modelling” with Prof. Carsten DORMAN and Dr. Gita from the Freiburg University, Université d’Agriculture de Kétou, Kétou (Bénin).
- 2015 • **November-December.** Field training in Tropical Conservation, Tropical Biology Association (TBA), Kirindy forest (Madagascar).

- **August.** Training on “When ANOVAs are not enough: new and advanced methods to analyse your data with R”. Montpellier (France).
- **June.** Training on scientific writing and publication: “Communicating findings of biodiversity research in Africa: where to publish and what to consider” – Elsevier, Accra (Ghana).
- 2013 • **March.** Training on “Introduction to Statistical Analysis with R” and “Writing scientific paper”. Conservation Science Group, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.

VISITED COUNTRIES

2011 – now: Niger — Ghana — Gambia — Togo — Kenya — Madagascar — South-Africa — France — United states of America — United Kingdom

AFFILIATIONS / MEMBERSHIPS TO SCHOLARS SOCIETIES

- 2013 – now
- International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO, member 1019.00.00)
 - Association for Tropical Biology & Conservation (ATBC): Since 2017
 - African Forest Forum (AFF): Since 2015
 - Tropical Biology Association (TBA) Alumni: Since 2015
 - Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN): Since 2014
 - Society for Conservation Biology (SCB): Since 2014
 - Society for Economic Botany (SEB): Since 2013

REFEREES

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