

- An arm of Water Journalists Africa (WJA), an NGO registered in Uganda, uniting African journalists covering water, climate change, and wildlife.
- We bridge the gap between scientists, researchers, journalists, and the public to increase mutual awareness of water issues in the Nile River Basin.
- A cross-border group of geo-journalists uncovering critical water stories in the Nile River Basin through data-based multimedia storytelling.

 **250+**

JOURNALISTS TRAINED

 **400+**

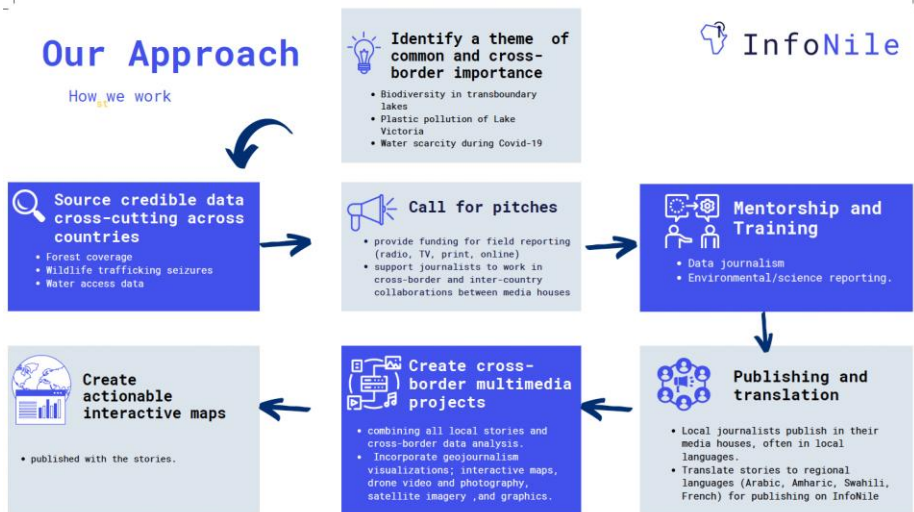
STORIES PRODUCED

 **10+**

CROSS-BORDER INVESTIGATIONS

Our Approach

How we work



1st Runner Up Climate Change Reporting
Media Organisation 2025 at UJNA

Fostering Collaboration: Journalists and Scientists

- Implemented so far two 9-months training and mentorship programs connecting and matching journalists & researchers/scientists for collaborative communication across the Nile Basin.
- Facilitated co-production of stories focused on Water and Biodiversity Science.
- Successfully held over 10 Science Wednesday webinars.
- 10 countries represented.

SCIENCE WEDNESDAYS
PLANTING FOR THE FUTURE:
How a community project is restoring mangrove forests in Egypt and helping to combat climate change

Yasmine Kamal /Scientist
Hadeer Elhadary /Journalist

7th August, 2024 FROM 04 PM TO 05:30 PM EAT VIRTUALLY ON NILEWELL.ORG

JRS Biodiversity Foundation, InfoNile, NileWell.org



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Green Ngong is gone: Uncovering the climate change drivers and mitigation efforts in Kajiado

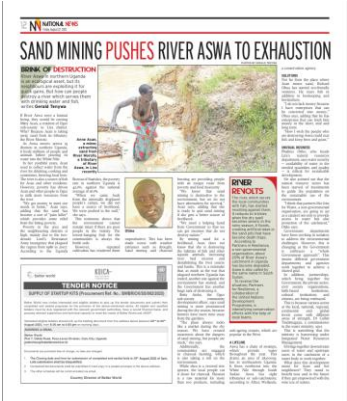
Over **10**
Science Wednesday
Webinars

32
Professionals
trained.

15+
Multimedia
Science Stories
produced.

500+ Journalists **250+**
Scientists on NileWell Platform

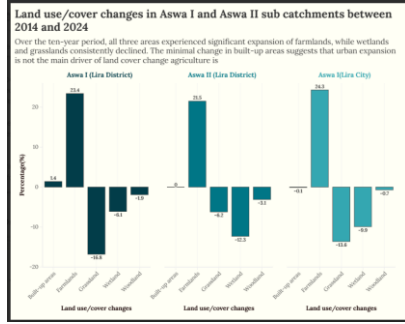
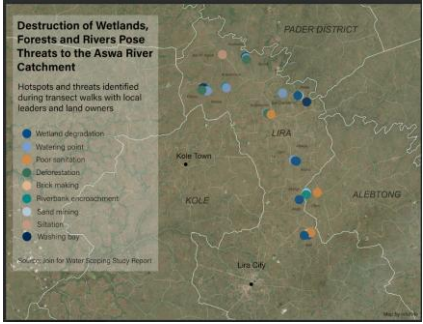
Turning Scientific Studies into news stories.



Over
75
Science
News
Stories
published.

- Worked with Water research oriented organisations like Nile Basin Initiative on their groundwater project, WaterAid Uganda with WASH stories, GIZ on their plastic pollution study, and the National Fisheries Resources Research Institute through mentorship programs training journalists and communication officers on how to report on scientific studies.
- Recently facilitated a pilot journalists training and co-production of stories focused on the Aswa catchment Scoping Study with Join For Water in Uganda, Lira City.

Communicating Science through Data and Interactive maps.



- Worked with organisation like GIZ, NELSAP, and recently Join for Water to produce data visualizations and custom-coded interactive maps.
- We train journalists and organizations on creating Data Visualizations and Interactive maps.

50
Professionals
trained.

Returning Stories to the Source: Community Exhibitions

Impacts from the recent
exhibition with Join For Water
Uganda



Story Community Screenings

- Obtaining feedback from the community, completing the communication circle.
- Establishing a platform for community engagement with leaders, scientists, the private sector, and journalists to discuss and commit to better practices.
- Assisting journalists in forming rapport and gaining trust within the community.
- Facilitated journalists in developing follow-up stories and other media engagements based on initial coverage.

- Senior District Environmental Officer Walter Ocen emphasized the commitment to collaborate with the RDC and NEMA to arrest individuals ignoring environmental notices. The Deputy RDC supported this, acknowledging challenges from influential individuals during field operations but remaining determined to proceed.
- Obia George (Subcounty Chief) and Senior Assistant Secretary Aromo Subcounty are committed to providing seedlings for tree planting and advocating for market opportunities for honey and other community-led products. We are engaging partners to support irrigation systems to enhance these initiatives at the sub-county level.



Story Exhibitions



Group Discussions

Engaging the Next Generation: Science Communication with High School Students

- Engaging high school students in Africa in effective science communication.
- Enhancing students' understanding of critical water, biodiversity, and environmental issues.
- Promoting a mindset change regarding the importance of these issues for sustainable development.
- Fostering creativity, critical thinking, and communication skills among participating students.
- The students have tackled different themes like “Groundwater and Biodiversity in the Nile Basin”, “Conserving Biodiversity in a Changing Climate” “Protecting Wetland loss in the Nile Basin”.



SCIENCE COMMUNICATION COMPETITION

InfoNile

SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE

We invite university students pursuing science, communication and journalism to apply

THEME
GROUNDWATER & BIODIVERSITY IN THE NILEBASIN COUNTRIES

REGISTER BY 14TH OCT, 2022



 **1000+**

YOUTH SCICOMM COMPETITION

Activist-Journalist Partnerships: Enhanced Communication Skills

- Pairs activists with journalists.
- Equipping participants with skills to effectively communicate and amplify science stories around water, biodiversity, environmental conservation, and climate issues.

Over 34 Activists
Trained

2 Cohorts

Over 5 Activist-
Journalist
Campaigns



#EverydayNile: Visualizing Everyday Water Stories in the Nile Basin

- #EverydayNile supports journalists across the Nile Basin in capturing everyday water stories through photography.
- In 2024, our theme—"Water and Biodiversity in the Nile Basin"—featured compelling work like "Water Woes in Camps" by Daniel Buuma (DR Congo).

>Nine month mentorship program
>10 Stories published in 2024
>10 journalists trained in 2024
>One exhibition held in 2024



Measuring Impact: Testimonies and Biodiversity Stories



The road ahead: Building on Our Success

Coproduction of Water Research Stories with Nile Basin Discourse: Training journalists, editors, and Join for Water staff in science journalism, data visualization and maps. Producing stories and interactive data visualizations based on Join for Water's research.

NileWell App: A digital platform connecting journalists and scientists, with an AI-powered chatbot for searching biodiversity information in the Nile Basin.

PhotoVoice Model: A citizen-led science and journalism approach that engages communities alongside researchers and media. A pilot version with the University of Zurich through EAWAG has been launched and the photos were exhibited at the Uganda Water Week 2025 and the Stockholm Water Week 2025.

InfoNile Newsroom: Transforming InfoNile into a pan-African digital newsroom for water and science stories in formats like short videos and podcasts.

SciComm Education: Scaling up science communication programs in universities and secondary schools.

AI & Journalism Training: Equipping journalists to use AI responsibly and effectively in science reporting.

Global Exposure: Launching a program to train and send African journalists to international biodiversity conferences to report stories relevant to their countries.