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THE CONFLICT AFTER THE WAR: CONSERVATION, WAR, AND POST- CONFLICT REGROWTH IN NORTHERN UGANDA

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SUMMARY

The war in northern Uganda involving the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) highly impacted the population and land cover of the region. The conflict occurred between 1986-2006, during which time people in the region sought refuge to Internal Displaced People Camps or were forced to migrate to other areas of the country. This displacement and depopulation of rural areas led to an increase woody vegetation by 85% between 1985 and 2002. I used remote sensing to track changes in woody vegetation between 2001-2015 to understand how the northern Uganda landscape has changed since the end of the conflict in 2006. Additionally, interviews of residents and government officials were used to understand the impact of post-conflict regrowth on human livelihoods and land-grabbing in the area.

BIO

Nick Dowhaniuk is a Global Health Researcher, Conservationist, and National Geographic Explorer working in Uganda and East Africa. He is interested in applied, policy-relevant research with a strong emphasis on developing as a research-practitioner to facilitate positive public health and conservation interventions and effective community engagement. Nick is based at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida, USA where he is pursuing a PhD in Medical Geography, Master of Health Science in Environmental and Global Health: One Health, and Graduate Certificate in Tropical Conservation and Development.

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