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## HITESH MEHTA

### ECO-PROJECTS Resume

#### SUMMARY

Mr. Mehta is one of the world's leading authorities, practitioners and researchers on sustainable tourism and ecotourism physical planning and both the landscape architectural and architectural aspects of ecolodges. He has been Interviewed / featured / mentioned in over 85 international magazines / newspapers / books.

From 1997-2006, Mr. Mehta was a Vice-President and Head of the Ecotourism and Environmental Planning Market Sector at EDSA, (Florida) the world's largest Landscape Architecture and Planning Firm. In January 2007, Mr. Mehta re-started his firm **HM Design** which began in Kenya in 1991 and is currently working on environmentally and socially friendly projects in Costa Rica, Namibia, Indonesia, Kenya, Panama, China and Dominica. He also has vast experience in Protected Area Physical Planning and has worked on Sustainable Tourism Plans for National Parks that protect the last remaining endangered species such as Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda and DR Congo; Chimpanzees in Uganda and Rwanda; Giant Pandas in China; Western Lowland Gorillas in Gabon, Tigers in India and Black Rhinos in Kenya.

He is the main editor of the *International Ecologue Guidelines* and the author of the chapters on "Site Planning" and "Architectural Design". Mr. Mehta regularly conducts research on international trends in Ecolodges and is currently writing a new book - *Authentic Ecolodges* which will be published by *Harper Collins* in October 2010. He sits on the Advisory Boards of The International Ecotourism Society, Adventure Council and "Dances for the Earth and all her Peoples" – IUCN and is one of the founding members of Ecotourism Kenya. Mr. Mehta is the International Advisor for the Japan Ecologue Association and the French Ecotourism Association. Mr. Mehta is/was a judge and on-site inspector for the Tourism for Tomorrow (WTTC), World Legacy Awards for Heritage Tourism and Ecotourism (National Geographic/Conservation International), Ecotourism Awards (Conde Nast Traveler) and Green Hotelier Awards (Caribbean Hotel Association).

Mr. Mehta has a distinguished history in academia. Apart from being an adjunct professor at several universities in Southern Florida, he was also the Chairman of Landscape Architecture Section, Department of Architecture, University of Nairobi and conducted studios in sustainable planning and design for five years. Mr. Mehta conducts one-of-a kind Ecoplanning and Design Workshops and Charettes (for George Washington University and The International Ecotourism Society) around the world and which are attended by amongst others, Deans, Professors and Students. Mr. Mehta is a well-sought out speaker and has presented at over 60 Conferences, Seminars in 30 countries

Mr. Mehta is also a *Professional Photographer* and an Ex-Cricket Captain from Kenya and in July 2006, **National Geographic** Adventure magazine identified Mr. Mehta as one of five Sustainable Tourism Pioneers in the world. In July 2005 he was named by **Men's Journal**, a New York based Magazine as the "25 Most Powerful People in Adventure" in the world.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

Mr. Mehta has had various experiences in sustainable landscape and architectural design projects, ecolodge and ecoresort design, environmental and protected area planning including:

### 2006 – Present: President *HM Design LLC*, Ft. Lauderdale, USA.

- **Himba Cultural and Community Center**, Kakaoland, Namibia. Mr. Mehta is the Environmental Planner, Landscape Architect and Architect for the design of a Cultural and Community Center for the remote Himba community in Northern Namibia. Mr. Mehta is also helping select the most optimal site for the development and creating the programme for development. (4/10 to present)
- **Lapa Rios Master Plan**, Costa Rica, West Indies. Mr. Mehta is leading a team that is preparing an overall master plan for a 1100 acre Forest Reserve and Ecolodge. The existing ecolodge has been running for over 15 years and is one of the most authentic ecolodges in the world. *HM Design* is producing in conjunction with consultants and stakeholders, an Overall Master Plan which considers the total build-out on the whole property and includes additions to the existing ecolodge as well as new products such as destination forest wellness center, luxury rental villas, nature interpretation center, conference center, beach club-house, wedding chapel, organic garden, horse and walking trails, canoeing etc. (2/10 to present).
- **Qianshan New Village**, Zhuhai, China. Mr. Mehta is the Planning and Design Team Leader for the development of a 15,000 resident Eco-Village which offers a high quality mixed-urban village product, integrated in a cultural and environmental atmosphere under the concept of high-end and middle-end residential multi-story apartments, 4-star hotel, retail, temple and museum. Mr. Mehta's firm in conjunction with other consultants is providing full services from Conceptual Planning to Construction Observation. (1/10 to present).
- **Anne Winn House**, Dominica, West Indies. Mr. Mehta's firm conducted detailed site analysis and prepared schematic master site plan for a 14 acre mountain site, study site and building models, and detailed design architectural floor plans, elevations and sections for a 1,500ft<sup>2</sup> Owners House and 1,000ft<sup>2</sup> Guest House. The terms of reference are for *HM Design* to facilitate the project from inception to completion. The owner had been collecting discarded and abandoned materials and *HM Design* will be working with local builder Clem Frederick, a master-builder at using recycled and re-used building materials. Other amenities include a demonstration permaculture farm with greenhouses, a caretaker's house and rope bridge (8/09 to present).
- **Preserve at San Miquel**, Panama. Mr. Mehta's firm *HM Design* is currently performing a detailed environmental and social site analysis of a 7500 acre private park in one of the most bio diverse regions of Panama – Darien. The Terms of Reference is to develop a low density minimal impact Overall Sustainable Development Master Plan which is sustainably planned and designed, and to produce an illustrated development report booklet which is to be used to attract buyers. The programme for development and conservation includes 500 homes, a marina residential village, ecolodges, ecoresorts, scientific research facility, large-scale reforestation, trails and refurbishment of existing Native American, Mestizo and Black communities. (9/09 to present).
- **Nihiwatu Ecolodge**, Sumba Island, Indonesia. Mr. Mehta is the lead Consultant, site planner and landscape architect for an existing award winning ecolodge in Sumba Island. Mr. Mehta is leading



an ecolodge 'dream' team (Simon Velez- Bamboo Architect, Paul Pholeros – Environmental Architect, Marcelo Villegas – Bamboo furniture) to provide full services for the expansion- from conceptual design to construction supervision. The master plan includes high-end rental pool luxury homes, entrance arrival experience, spa and wellness center, new ocean villas, stables (2/08 to present).

- **Kwanari Ecolodge**, Dominica, West Indies. Mr. Mehta is the lead Consultant, concept architect and landscape architect for an ecolodge in the eastern part of the Commonwealth of Dominica. The lodge will open in summer of 2011. It will be the first planned and designed ecolodge in Dominica and there are many benefits to the neighboring Carib Indians. *HM Design* and their local team of consultants are providing full services including construction supervision. The master plan includes an ecolodge and wellness center, forest and ocean cabins, tree house, swimming pool, library and trails (1/07 to present).
- **Laguna Mar**, Costa Rica. Mr. Mehta was the Environmental Planner for an environmental planning audit that *HM Design* prepared for an existing master plan of a 950-acre property in the Nicoya Peninsula of Costa Rica. In association with other consultants, the firm then completed a functional relationship plan that respects the land and which proposes a conservation community with alternative locations of some of the amenities and creation of additional conservation area. The programme includes rural residential houses, high-density residential, a retail and recreational complex, hotel site, equestrian stables, and protected wetland and mangrove ecosystems (1/09 to 5/09).
- **Wild Beauty Tourism Accommodations**, Montenegro. Mr. Mehta assisted the German Aid Agency GTZ and the Ministry of Tourism in Montenegro to help create a new concept of accommodations in the wilderness areas of Montenegro. He has written a Handbook that defines concepts such as 'wilderness' and 'wild beauty' in the context of Montenegro and which details all the various environmentally and socially friendly accommodations ( including ecolodges) that should be permitted to build in the 'wild beauty' areas (8/08 to 4/09).
- **Ario Ranch**, Nicoya Peninsula, Costa Rica. Mr. Mehta was the lead Consultant, ecotourism planner and landscape architect for an ecolodge and Ranch in the Nicoya Peninsula of Costa Rica. Mr. Mehta's team of Eco-psychologists and Landscape Architects worked very closely with the client family to prepare a sustainable Master Tourism plan for the whole 4000 acre property. The master plan includes a high-end 18 unit ecolodge and wellness center, rental pool homes, pool, stables, polo field, family estate, research station, ranger post, library and trails (1/08 to 10/08).
- **Canalete Conservation Ranch**, Cartagena de Indias, Colombia. Mr. Mehta provided a five –day consultancy for the development of a conservation community at Canalete Ranch, a 1040 Ha working cattle farm located 10 km north of the town of Cartagena de Indias on the Caribbean coast of Colombia. Surrounding Canalete Ranch are several Afro-Caribbean villages such as Tierra Lugo and Bayunca. The forward thinking developers vision is to create an authentic ecologically and socially friendly '*conservation community*' at Canalete Ranch. The developers have jumpstarted the development with several flagship projects designed by the world's topmost Bamboo Architect, Simon Velez : non-denominational water temple, a horse stable, cattle viewing corral, horse-keepers house, a horse viewing pavilion and two 4 –bedroom homes one of which is



for a member of the development team. The total build-out includes private eco-villas, recreational components, a luxury ecolodge, wellness center, school, health clinic and links golf course using innovative technology for the preservation of the environment. (6/08 to 7/08).

- **Kyambura Gorge Lodge**, Uganda. Mr. Mehta was part of a team that designed the first Ecolodge in Uganda. *HM Design* is also the Landscape Architect and Site Planner and recently prepared the overall Site Plan of this beautiful site that overlooks the famous Kyambura Gorge which has a troop of Chimpanzees. The ecolodge site is creating a buffer zone between Queen Elizabeth National Park and local community farms. *HM Design's* input was not a full service effort but on a fixed day consultancy (6/07 to 2/08).
- **Nyungwe Ecolodge**, Nyungwe Forest National Park, Rwanda. Mr. Mehta was the lead Consultant, concept architect and landscape architect for the team that planned, designed and supervised the construction of the first ecolodge in Rwanda until it was taken over by Dubai World. The ecolodge is located in a tea plantation and at the edge of Nyungwe Forest National Park. *HM Design* provided full services (from Conceptual Design to Construction Documents) and their local team consisted of Architect of Record, Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer, Civil Engineer, Structural Engineer, Quantity Surveyor, a community Crafts liaison and an interior designer. The master plan includes four different types of villas, tree houses, conference center, wellness center, nature activity center, tree houses, library, and trails. (3/06 to 1/08).
- **Volcanoes Safaris Lodges**, Rwanda and Uganda. Mr. Mehta advised the largest Great Apes Lodge Operator – Volcanoes Safaris on greening their three existing properties, namely Virunga Lodge (Rwanda), Gahinga Lodge (Uganda) and Bwindi Lodge (Uganda). *HM Design's* task was to audit and write a report on the existing site planning and Architectural designs, technologies and operations and to propose new environmentally friendly technologies, eco-design techniques and most importantly on how to create community, conservation and interpretation programmes which would upgrade the existing lodges into Ecolodges. *HM Design* also designed the new 'Executive Villa' (6/07 to 9/07).
- **The Lodge at Chaa Creek**, Chaa Creek Nature Reserve, Belize. Mr. Mehta led a team that prepared a master plan for a 375 acre Nature Reserve and Ecolodge that contains over 70 Mayan ruins. The existing ecolodge has been running for over 25 years and is one of the most awarded ecolodges in the world. Mr. Mehta helped the client build a multi-disciplinary consultant team which included an Architect, Environmental Planner, landscape architects and eco-psychologist. *HM Design* produced in conjunction with consultants and staff members a ten year overall Master Plan which includes additions to the existing ecolodge as well as conservation areas. *HM Design* also designed high end 'rental pool' forest villas which are a first in Central America. The Overall master Plan now includes a forest ecolodge, destination wellness center, summer tented camp, nature interpretation center, conference center, wedding chapel, swimming pool, 'rental pool' villas, organic garden, horse and walking trails, canoeing etc. (4/07 to 9/07).

#### 1997 - 2006 Vice President, EDSA, Ft. Lauderdale, USA

- **Ecotourism Product Implementation Programme**, Kenya, East Africa. - Mr. Mehta was the lead consultant for TTC International which is based out of Dublin and contracted by the European Union (EU) to identify, design and develop tourism products which would contribute to the



diversification of tourism in Kenya. Hitesh Mehta helped prepare sustainable tourism development plans for Western and Nyanza Provinces; an Ecotourism Plan for Mbeere District; a conceptual master plan for an Ecolodge and construction documents for a Mud-crab restaurant. Mr. Mehta has also worked with TTF (Tourism Trust Fund) on all of the above projects (8/03 to 8/07).

- **Dellis Cay Resort and Spa**, Turks and Caicos Islands, British West Indies. Mr. Mehta was the Project Manager for the development of a low density mixed use development on 209 acres on Dellis Cay. The island will be subdivided to provide lots for private dwellings, a resort hotel, resort residences, spa, condo hotel, and leisure facilities. Mr. Mehta worked with some of the world's most renowned architects including Zaha Hadid, Shigeru Ban, Kengo Kuma and David Chipperfield etc. EDSA provided full services for this project – from conceptual design to construction supervision (4/06 to 1/07)
- **Dhikala Ecolodge**, Corbett Tiger Reserve, India. Mr. Mehta was the facilitator and team leader for the preparation of conceptual master plan for the rehabilitation of the existing Dhikala Lodge in Corbett Tiger Reserve, six hours north by car from New Delhi. Mr. Mehta facilitated a participatory ecolodge design charette comprising of local community, professionals, developers and members of the Forest Department and led the teams that is preparing the plans for the Dhikala Ecolodge. The program includes private accommodation (villas, dormitories) areas, old Forest Rest House, an interpretation center, day-use visitor center, amphitheater and public spaces such as reception, lounge and dining (5/06 to 7/06).
- **SPCA Wildlife Care Center**, Davie Florida. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for this 15 acre center which includes a public education center and a private animal hospital. The Animal Hospital takes care of abused wild and domestic animals. EDSA prepared an overall conceptual plan and artists perspectives (3/06 to 7/06).
- **Holbox Island Vision Plan**, Isla Holbox, Mexico. Mr. Mehta was the project manager of tourism vision plan for the island of Holbox, Yucatan, Mexico. The intention is for Holbox to develop into a sustainable development project that would benefit both the local villages and the developer without compromising the environment. The intention is to design an all-island conceptual land use plan, which is sustainably designed and engineered. The island will consist of several boutique hotels, eco-resorts, ecolodges, retail, recreational etc. EDSA prepared the Vision Plan booklet. (2/06 to 7/06).
- **Parque Nacional de Los Nevados Ecotourism Plan**, Colombia, S. America. Mr. Mehta was the lead consultant contracted by the Governor of Departamento de Caldas to prepare an ecotourism plan for Los Nevados National Park which is home to the Volcano of Nevado Ruiz. The park includes high altitude volcano vegetation, the lakes and active volcanoes (8/05 to 3/06).
- **Couer d'Alene Ecopark**, Idaho, USA. Mr. Mehta led a team that prepared a master plan of an 'ecopark' for the Native American Tribe of Couer d'Alene. Mr. Mehta helped the client build a multi-disciplinary consultant team which includes Architects, Planners, landscape architects, conservation biologists, ecologists, archaeologists, community based ecotourism specialists and environmental engineers. EDSA produced in conjunction with consultants and local tribal members a master plan which includes an ecolodge and wellness center, cultural village,



museum, community based activities and products, visitor center, trails, kayaking, horse riding, canoeing etc. Couer d'Alene is destined to be the first ecopark in a Native American reservation in North America (7/05 to 5/06).

- **Kasese and Kabarole District Tourism Development Plans**, Uganda, East Africa. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for the team that planned World Bank funded sustainable development tourism plans for two districts in Western Uganda. These districts contain the UNESCO World Heritage site of Ruwenzori Mountain National Park, Kibale National Park and Queen Elizabeth National Park – protected areas that are important watersheds for Africa and which harbor the largest number of primate species in the world. EDSA produced in conjunction with local consultants and stakeholders an overall sustainable tourism master plan which includes community based products, royal tombs, museums, ecolodges, visitor centers, mountain and forest trails, crafts markets. EDSA also developed Zoning Plans and Tourism Circuits (6/05 to 6/06).
- **Menjangan Ecoresort**, Bali, Indonesia. Mr. Mehta was part of the EDSA team that designed the first Conceptual Master Plan for the first ecoresort in a National Park in Indonesia. The ecoresort lies in the buffer zone of the West Bali National Park. EDSA's task was to audit the existing master plan and facilities and to propose new environmentally friendly tourism products (Spa and wellness Center, Village, Dive Lodge etc) which will bring value to the property (4/05 to 6/06).
- **Shalta Desert Ecolodge**, Al Ghat, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Mehta was the facilitator and team leader for the preparation of a Desert Ecolodge in the Al Ghat National Park, three hours north of Riyadh. Mr. Mehta facilitated a participatory ecolodge workshop comprising of local community, professionals and members of the Supreme Commission of Tourism and led the team that prepared the final plans for the Shalta Ecolodge. The program includes private accommodation areas, presidential suite, an environmental utility learning area, nature center and public spaces such as reception, lounge and dining (3/05 to 10/05)
- **Desert Ecolodge Guidelines**, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Mehta helped the Supreme Commission of Tourism to select the best desert sites for ecolodge development in Saudi Arabia. Mr. Mehta also produced a comprehensive Desert Ecolodge Guidelines Document that will be handed out to potential developers and investors of ecolodge projects in the designated Ecotourism areas around the country. The prescriptive guidelines cover all aspects of development including site planning, architectural design, infrastructure, construction (3/05 to 10/05).
- **Crosswaters Ecolodge**, Guangdong Province, S. China. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for the team that planned, designed and supervised the construction of the first ecolodge and wellness center in China within Nankun Mountain Reserve. EDSA provided full services (from Conceptual Design to Construction Documents) and the team consisted of well known Australian Ecolodge Architect, Paul Pholeros, the world's leading bamboo Architect, Simon Velez from Colombia and Linda Garland, the well-known bamboo interior designer. The master plan includes an ecolodge and conference center, wellness center, nature activity center, boutique resort, trails. The project is scheduled to open in spring 2007 (3/03 to 1/07).
- **Nosy Be Island and Toalagnaro Sustainable Tourism Development Plans**, Madagascar. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for the team that worked on two World Bank projects. The team



prepared two separate sustainable tourism development plans for the northern island archipelago of Nosy Be and the southern region of Toalagnaro. Nosy Be is an existing 'sun and sand' tourism destination and includes a few protected areas while Toalagnaro is still developing and includes the important protected area of Andohahela. This region has the highest biodiversity in Madagascar including several species of Lemurs. EDSA were the team leaders of an international group of consultants which produced in conjunction with local stakeholders including fisherman and handy craftswomen overall sustainable tourism master plans which includes beach hotels, business hotels, bed and breakfasts, community products, museums, ecolodges, interpretation centers, mountain and forest trails. The EDSA team is also developed a Zoning and Phasing Plan (1/05 to 10/05).

- **Nyungwe Forest National Park Ecotourism Plan**, Rwanda, Central Africa. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for this 870 km<sup>2</sup> Protected Area Ecotourism Plan. Nyungwe Forest is the largest Afro-Montane forest in Africa and is one of only two places in the world that harbor 12 species of primates. EDSA also conducted a three - day Ecolodge workshop and prepared a zoning plan for the whole forest as well as a conceptual master plan for an ecolodge (6/04 to 6/05).
- **Program for Belonger Business Opportunities in Protected Areas**, Turks and Caicos (TCI), British West Indies. Mr. Mehta was the leader for an international and local consultant EDSA team that visited and analyzed the protected areas in the seven inhabited islands of TCI in order to proactively identify potential businesses which will be supportive of and supported by specific protected areas. The EDSA team comprised of Protected Area Planners, Landscape Architects, Architect, Market and Financial Analyst, Environmental Engineer, Civil Engineer, Terrestrial Ecologist, Marine Ecologist, Solid Waste Expert, local Tourism specialist and a PR professional. The team prepared in association with local stakeholders, Belonger opportunity plans for each island and also conceptual plans and business portfolios for one project in each island. The concept is to provide concessions for Belongers (local people) to allow tourist and visitor service operations within the parks system. These include the development of visitor and interpretation centers, ecotour operations, restaurants, ecolodges and small hotels primarily run by local entrepreneurs. This plan is funded by the British AID agency, DIFID. (10/04 to 4/05).
- **Virunga Massif Transboundary Tourism Plan**, DR Congo, Rwanda and Uganda. Mr. Mehta was the lead consultant of the team that prepared a protected area transboundary tourism plan for the Virunga Massif which harbors half of the world's Mountain Gorilla population and eight volcanoes. One of the main purposes of this long term plan is to demonstrate how tourism can help alleviate livelihoods of local people. The overall plan includes hotels and camping sites, ecolodges, visitor centers, boardwalks, canopy walks, trails, entry gates, park administrative offices, visitor / interpretive center, local crafts markets and tourism information offices (5/04 to 3/05).
- **Great Northwest Heritage Trail**, Florida. Mr. Mehta was part of the EDSA team that planned a 300 mile Heritage Trail through the Great Northwest of Florida. The main concept is to connect Heritage Tourism properties and attractions through interpretive greenways and trails (3/04 to 9/04).
- **Kisoro and Kanungu District Tourism Development Plans**, Uganda, East Africa. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for the team that planned two separate World Bank funded sustainable



development tourism plans for the South-western Ugandan districts of Kanungu and Kisoro. These districts contain Mgahinga Gorilla National Park and Bwindi Impenetrable National Park – protected areas that harbor the last remaining populations of the Mountain Gorilla. EDSA produced in conjunction with local stakeholders including the Batwa (Pygmies), an overall tourism master plan which includes community products, museums, ecolodges, visitor centers, mountain and forest trails, canopy walk, crafts markets. EDSA also developed a Zoning Plan and Tourism Circuits (1/04 to 6/04).

- **Tourism Diversification Vision Plan**, Vieques and Culebra, Puerto Rico. - Mr. Mehta represented EDSA in the team that prepared an alternative tourism strategy for the islands of Vieques and Culebra. EDSA also surveyed and analysed properties handed over by the navy and which are now protected areas. The main objective of this mission was to carry out a comprehensive site reconnaissance and identify environmentally friendly projects that would help the local communities (2/04 to 5/04).
- **Towards Ecotourism in Gabon – The Loango Region**, Gabon. Mr. Mehta was the EDSA representative in an international team contracted by Conservation International to prepare an ecotourism strategy and plan for the crown jewel of Gabon National Parks –Loango. EDSA analyzed existing tourism facilities and proposed ecoconversion techniques and new ecotourism products. Several conceptual master plans were developed for the various ecotourism products including ecolodges, canopy walks, existing facilities etc. (2/04 to 4/04).
- **Sustainable Development Master Plan for Wolong Panda Reserve**, Sichuan Province, China. Mr. Mehta is the project manager for the team that is planning a sustainable development master plan for the 220,000-hectare Wolong Giant Panda Reserve which has the largest concentration of Giant Pandas in the world. The master plan includes hotels, ecolodge, wellness spa, visitor/interpretive center, trails and cabins, entry gates, park administrative offices, visitor/interpretive center, local crafts markets and tourism information offices (2/03 to 6/03).
- **West Caicos Island Sustainable Master Land Use Plan**, Isle of West Caicos, Turks and Caicos. Mr. Mehta is the project manager that is preparing a sustainable master land use plan for a 6,000-acre island that has two National Parks. West Caicos has several archaeological and cultural sites of high value which will be preserved. The integrated master plan includes opportunities for heritage tourism, nature tourism, ecotourism and a residential plan for the local population (8/02 to 5/03).
- **Polulu Ecoranch**, Big Island, Hawaii. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for a unique ranch in the northern most part of the Big Island. EDSA prepared a conceptual master plan for the ecoresort which is sustainably designed and engineered to ensure minimum negative impact on the natural environment. The program of development includes a ranchhouse, ecocenter, equestrian facilities, Wellness center, lodge clusters, satellite meditation areas, visitor, interpretation and retail center, demonstration and working organic gardens and trails (6/02 to 4/03).
- **Northwest Point**, Providenciales, Turks and Caicos. Mr. Mehta was part of the EDSA team that is planned and designed a sustainable master plan for a 19,000-acre area in North-West Providenciales. This very unique and pristine site has 4 national parks and reserves. The master



plan includes an ecolodge and Park Ranger station, a 40-room Amman resort, a 200-room ecoresort and a long range community plan for the local population (1/02 to 3/03).

- **Vagamon Hill Retreat**, Kerala, India- Mr. Mehta was the project manager for a unique environmentally and socially friendly ecotourism destination in the Conservation International 'hotspot' of Western Ghats. The Tourism Master Development Plan for Vagamon as planned by EDSA, comprises of a 30-year overall Perspective Plan and 1-5 year Site Development Plan. Vagamon will be a hill destination that draws its inspiration from philosophical and spiritual traditions that are uniquely Indian. These traditions focus on the close and inextricable linkage in Indian philosophy between nature, spirituality and the self. (6/01 to 2/03).
- **Dos Mares Resort**, Puerto Rico. Mr. Mehta was part of a team that worked on the preliminary master plan for this hybrid resort, which has both economic and conservation benefits. The program for the 400-room resort includes a spa and convention center, timeshare, Research and Ecological Center and 18-hole Championship Audubon certified Sustainable Golf Course. The Dos Mares sea shore is one of the most active sea turtle areas in the Caribbean and the resort will be a model of environmental consideration and protection (1/01 to 2/03).
- **Canouan Island Sustainable Master Plan**, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, British West Indies. Mr. Mehta was the project manager of a sustainable development master plan for the 2000-acre island of Canouan. The intention is to design an all-island conceptual land use plan, which is sustainably designed and engineered. EDSA carried out a land suitability analysis using the layering process of GIS Arcview software, and organized several stakeholder meetings to actively engage the local community in the preparation of the master plan (3/02 to 01/03).
- **Vision Plan for Wailoaloa Ecolodge**, Nadi, Fiji. Mr. Mehta prepared a vision plan for a seven acre 63 bures Ecolodge. The developers of this project are the owners of the world famous Turtle Island Lodge. EDSA provided a report and a conceptual site plan which included accommodation for both Turtle Island guests and backpackers, staff accommodation, a sea plane base, rugby field and beach (10/02 to 12/02).
- **Recife Resorts**, Jean Michelle Cousteau. Mr. Mehta was one of two international experts contracted by Body Glove – Jean-Michel Cousteau Resorts Project to review architectural, infrastructural and landscape architectural standards for their new lodging properties (4/02 to 8/02).
- **Punta Mangle Ecoresort**, Monte Cristi, Dominican Republic - Mr. Mehta was the project manager of an 80-room ecoresort which is to be developed in the north-eastern tip of Dominican Republic. Sewage is to be treated in constructed wetlands, indigenous vegetation will be cultivated at a newly constructed nursery and a botanical garden will showcase native plant communities. The ecoresort is to be designed in 'hacienda style' Spanish Caribbean architecture to reflect the rich history of the island. EDSA produced a conceptual site plan, sections and elevations and a development report that is being used to present to potential lenders, prospective investors, banks and investment authorities, operators and other such interested parties (9/99 to 5/02).
- **Galala Heights Ecoresort**, Ain Sukhna, Egypt. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for a 54-room ecoresort on the shores of the Red sea. The program for the resort includes four 3-bedroomed



luxury villas, 50 cabanas, a 1000 m<sup>2</sup> restaurant, and reception and retail area. EDSA's task was to formulate a conceptual land use plan that meets economic objectives and also provide schematic floor plans and elevations of the various facilities (8/01 to 2/02).

- **Tres Rios Ecoresort**, Riviera Maya, Mexico. Mr. Mehta was part of the EDSA team that prepared a conceptual master plan for the Tres Rios Ecoresort which included a 5-star 210-room hotel, a spa and healing center, visitor and interpretation center, Estero de la Garzas (Estuary Bird Sanctuary) and a botanical garden. The main concept of the land use plan is to maintain as much as possible, the three main ecosystems present on site and focus development in those areas that have already been disturbed or are close to the beach (7/01 to 10/01).
- **Royal Galapagos Resort**, Santa Cruz, Galapagos Islands, Ecuador– Mr. Mehta carried out an environmental audit on an existing resort that was eight months from completion. The final report suggested ways in which the resort could rehabilitate its infrastructure to become more environmentally conscious. The resort includes 12 villas, swimming pool, tennis courts, spa, business center and small conference space, library and museum. (4/01 to 5/01).
- **Ec lodge Design, Construction and Operation Guidelines**, Red Sea, Egypt – Mr. Mehta was a member of the EDSA team that was involved in the production of a Guidelines Document that is handed out by the Tourism Development Authority (TDA) to potential developers and investors of ec lodge projects in the designated Ecotourism Zones. The prescriptive guidelines cover all aspects of development and operations and include site planning, architectural design, infrastructure, construction, marketing, operations, financial aspects, interpretation and conservation. (9/00 to 12/00)
- **Exemplary Green Practices, Case Studies 2000**, Caribbean. – Mr. Mehta judged eight properties for Caribbean Hotel Association's (CHA) Annual Environmental Exemplary Green Practice awards. EDSA was also contracted to produce a document that exhibits case studies of the various winners and runners-up in both the large and small hotel categories. These case studies include background information on the properties, an assessment of the overall environmental approaches of the individual hotels and detailed descriptions of outstanding environmental and social exemplary practices. (5/00 to 8/00)
- **A New Ecotourism Zone**, Red Sea, Egypt – Mr. Mehta was a member of a team that was contracted by U.S.A.I.D. to create a new ecotourism zone in the southern Red Sea area, where the preservation and conservation of natural resources and environmental features were key determining factors in the design process. The team also audited samples of existing hotels and produced a document to suggest ways to improve the sustainability of tourism along the Red Sea Coast. (4/00 to 6/00)
- **Family Island Sustainable Development**, Mayaguana, Bahamas. - Mr. Mehta was the project manager of a sustainable master-planning tourism project for Mayaguana, Bahamas. The intention is to design an all-island conceptual land use plan, which is sustainably designed and engineered. EDSA's concept is to creatively merge the opportunities that the island offers with economics and planning that will lead to a successful low impact resort destination and engage the family islands in the Bahamas prosperity for years to come. The intention is for Mayaguana to

develop into a flagship sustainable development project that would benefit both the local villages



and the developer without compromising the environment (6/99 to 4/00).

- **Monte Carlo Resort**, Cabo Rojo, Puerto Rico – Mr. Mehta was the project manager for an environmental audit that EDSA prepared on an existing master plan of a 500-acre resort complex in the southwestern tip of Puerto Rico. The firm then completed a functional relationship plan that would respect the land and which suggested ecodesign techniques for all aspects of the landscape design. EDSA also researched the western region of Puerto Rico and prepared an ecotourism, adventure and heritage tourism activity plan for the resort, which is planned to become the largest solar-powered community in the world (5/99 to 7/99).
- **Tourism Diversification and Development Program**, Kenya, East Africa. - Mr. Mehta was a member of a team that was contracted by the European Union (EU) to outline a program which is to contribute to the diversification of Kenya's tourism base through a sustainable model of tourism reconversion. The main objective of this mission was to carry out comprehensive project identification, entailing the gathering of relevant background information, and analyzing and processing it. EDSA's input was to provide a chapter on "Ecodesign and Ecotechnologies" for the Technical report. Three forms of methodology were used to fairly reflect the status of tourism facilities in Kenya: 1) *Interviews*, 2) *On-site visits* and 3) *Participatory Workshops*. The recommendations made in this chapter were compiled from the feedback given by the various stakeholders in the tourism building industry (3/99 to 5/99).

#### **1990 - 1996 Sole Proprietor and Director HM Design, Nairobi, Kenya.**

*Architecture, landscape architecture, environmental planning, urban design.*

*Supervised three architects, two draftsmen and two third-year architecture students.*

Over a span of six years, *HM Design* worked on many traditional projects in Kenya including Shopping Malls, Office Buildings and Extensions, Tourism Facilities, Medical Buildings, Schools, Retail and Commercial projects and numerous residential houses and additions. *HM Design* was part of the team that designed the 'greenest' office building in Nairobi – House of Vanguard. *HM Design* also worked on several eco-projects some of which are:

- **"Lobolo Ecolodge"**, Lake Turkana, Kenya - consulted on the site selection, site planning, architectural design and landscaping of a 30-bed ecolodge on a 5 acre property (6/96 to 6/97).
- **"Paraa Tented Camp"**, Murchison Falls National Park, Uganda - consulted on the preparation of eco-camp design guidelines (1/96 to 3/96).
- **"Paraa Lodge"**, Murchison Falls National Park, Uganda - was part of a three person team that prepared an Environmental Impact Assessment (E.I.A.) for alterations and additions to a 100 room existing lodge (11/94 to 5/95).
- **"Voi Wildlife Eco-Camp"**, Tsavo East National Park, Kenya - surveyed and analyzed a 50-acre site along Voi River just before the Voi Gate. Provided consultancy on location, orientation and site planning of eco-camp (6/91 to 8/91).

#### **Associate**



Mr. Mehta is/has been an Associate at the following International Firms:

- **"DGSA International"** San Jose, Costa Rica (2009- present)
- **"Tony Charters and Associates"** Brisbane, Australia (2006- present)
- **"Real Goods Renewables Design and Consulting Group"** California (1998-99)
- **"Richard Leakey and Associates"** for Nairobi, Kenya (1993-96)

## PROJECT AWARDS

- **"American Society Of Landscape Architect's (ASLA) General Design Honor Award"** for Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa, China (2010)
- **"WTTC Tourism for Tomorrow Destination Stewardship Finalist Award"** – Ministry of Tourism, Montenegro (2010).
- **"China Best Design Hotels Awards"** for 'Best Concept Hotel' and 'Judges Choice' to Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa, Shanghai, China (2009)
- **"India Ministry of Tourism Best Planned National Park Award"** to Corbett National Park, India (2007-2008)
- **"American Society Of Landscape Architect's (ASLA) Research and Site Analysis Award"** for Crosswaters Ecolodge, China (2006)
- **"American Institute of Architect's (AIA) Merit Award"** for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey (2001)
- **"Architects Association of Kenya (AAK) Commercial Category Award"** for Diagnostic Center, Nairobi, Kenya (2000)
- **"American Society Of Landscape Architect's (ASLA) Award of Excellence"** for EDAW Intern Program, USA (2000)
- **"United Nations (UN) Habitat Award"** for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey (1998)
- **"Tacoma Chapter AIA Design Award"** for Commerce Connections and Public Spaces Transit Project in downtown Tacoma, Washington, USA (1994)
- **"Washington State Concrete Institute Grand Award"** for Commerce Connections and Public Spaces Transit Project, Tacoma, Washington, USA (1993)
- **"Most Creative Stand"** awards for Reef Hotels at the Kenyan Tourism Exhibition Show, Nairobi, Kenya (1991 and 1993).
- **"AAK Residential Category Award"** for Chestnut Groves, Nairobi, Kenya (1989)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

- **"Aga Khan Foundation"** scholarship for tuition at UC Berkeley (1987-1989)
- **"California Native Plants Society"** research scholarship (1989)
- **"EA Institute of Architects"** 6 Country travel scholarship to Europe (1986)

## EDUCATION, ACADEMIA and PUBLIC SPEAKING

Master of Landscape Architecture, University of California, Berkeley, 1989, GPA-3.94

Bachelor of Architecture, University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1985, First Class Honors

Mr. Mehta was the Chairman of the Landscape Architecture Section, Department of Architecture, University of Nairobi and conducted studios in sustainable design. Presently, he is an adjunct professor at the Florida Atlantic University. He has also written several research papers on ecolodges and sustainable

design issues in protected areas and is/was invited to the following international conferences, workshops

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& seminars:

- International Green Building Design Conference – Wuhan, China (2010), **Speaker**
- Ecotourism Kenya Annual General Meeting – Nairobi, Kenya (2010) **Keynote Speaker**
- ASEAN Annual Conference – Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei (2010), **Keynote Speaker and Panel Moderator**
- Ecotourism Australia Global Conference – Alice Springs, Australia (2009). **Keynote Speaker and Eco-design Workshop Facilitator**
- Adventure Travel World Summit – Quebec, Canada (2009). **Keynote Speaker**
- Oshwal Women’s League Guest Lecture Series – Nairobi, Kenya (2009). **Guest Speaker**
- Mali Ministry of Tourism Seminar – Bamako, Mali (2009). **Keynote Speaker**
- The International Ecotourism Society’s annual conference - Vancouver BC (2008). **Speaker and Facilitator**
- Cornell University Central America Hotel Society Conference - San Jose, Costa Rica (2008). **Keynote Speaker**
- Guest Lecture Series – University of Buenos Aires – Buenos Aires, Argentina (2008) **Speaker**
- Argentinean Institute of Architects Guest Lecture Presentation - Buenos Aires, Argentina (2008) **Speaker**
- Annual Shanghai Design Week Conference– Shanghai, China (2008). **Speaker**
- Guest Lecture Series – University of Sydney – Sydney, Australia (2008) **Speaker**
- Autumn Semester Lectures – Lincoln University– Christchurch, New Zealand (2008) **Speaker**
- First Gulf Landscape Architecture Conference – Dubai (2008). **Speaker and Conference facilitator (MC)**.
- Hospitality Design Asia Annual Conference and Expo – Hong Kong, China (2007). **Keynote Speaker**
- The International Ecotourism Society’s annual conference - Madison, Wisconsin (2007). **Speaker**
- Florida ASLA’s Annual Conference and EXPO on “**Landscape Transformations..How shall we grow**” in Miami (2007). **Keynote Speaker**
- US Landscape Architecture Students Annual Conference (LABASH) on “Survive”. Baton Rouge, Louisiana (2007). **Keynote Speaker**
- “**Authentic Ecolodges**” book presentations in San Francisco, California; Sumba Island, Indonesia; Sydney and Pt. Douglas, Australia; Avignon France; London, England; Toronto & Moose Factory, Canada; Lapa Rios, Costa Rica; Nairobi, Kenya; Singapore; Moscow, Russia and Jupiter & Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.(2006-present) **Book Tour Presenter**
- Costa Rica National Chamber of Ecotourism’s (CANAECO) International Forum on Ecotourism “**The Challenges of Ecotourism**”. – Turrialba, Costa Rica (2006). **Keynote Speaker**
- AIA’s Hong Kong and Pacific Northwest Chapter Annual Conference “**Pacific Crossings**” – Hong Kong, China (2006). **Speaker**
- The American Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Panama’s VI International Tourism Forum “**Defining Success**”. – Panama City, Panama (2006). **Keynote Speaker**
- The Adventure Council’s annual **Adventure Travel Professional Symposium**, - Orlando, Florida (2006). **Panel Member**
- Coastal Zone Management Aruba’s 2<sup>nd</sup> Stakeholder’s Conference - Aruba, Dutch West Indies (2006). **Guest Speaker**
- Center of Ecotourism seminar presentation “**What’s Hot**”. Rishikesh, India (2006). **Guest Speaker**
- Center of Ecotourism presentation “**Ecotourism and Ecolodges**”. Uttaranchal State, India (2006). **Guest Speaker**
- American Planning Association’s Annual conference. Presentation on “**Ecotourism as a tool for**



- **indigenous cultural preservation**” in San Antonio, TX (2006). **Panel Moderator and Speaker**
- US Landscape Architecture Students Annual Conference (LABASH) on **“Be the Change”**. Maryland (2006). **Speaker.**
- Texas A & M University Annual Environmental Conference. Presentation on **“Extreme Planning”** (2006). **Speaker.**
- Oman International Conference on **“Ecotourism”**. Muscat (2006). **Speaker.**
- Dominica Dept. Of. Tourism Seminar Presentation – **“A case for Ecotourism in Dominica”**. Rousseau (2006). **Speaker.**
- Ecotourism Australia’s Annual Ecotourism Conference - **“Ecotourism: Creating Unforgettable Natural Experiences.”** Tasmania, Australia (2005). **Keynote Speaker for 2 Presentations.**
- Tourism Tasmania workshop presentation **“Trends in Eco-Architecture”**. **Speaker**
- Tasmania Parks and Wildlife Service workshop presentation **“Protected Area Planning Exemplary Practices”**. **Speaker**
- Taras Foundation “Meet the Scientist” lecture series – **“Ecotourism, Gorillas and Giant Pandas”** in Jupiter, Florida (2005). **Guest Speaker**
- ASLA’s Annual Conference and EXPO on **“Winds of Change, Keys to the Future”** in Ft. Lauderdale (2005). **Speaker**
- The International Ecotourism Society’s conference - **“Ecotourism in the US”** in Maine, VT (2005). **Keynote Speaker and Speaker**
- American Planning Association’s Annual conference “Making Great Communities Happen” in San Francisco, CA (2005). **Speaker**
- Sustainable Tourism Workshop, Muscat, Oman (2005). **Facilitator.**
- World Tourism Organization’s Conference on “Built Environments for Sustainable Tourism”, Muscat, Oman (2005). **Speaker**
- Sri Lanka Ecotourism Society’s seminar on “Ecotourism and Ecolodges”, Colombo, Sri Lanka (2004). **Speaker**
- Ecotourism Australia’s Annual Ecotourism Conference on “Ecotourism – Leading the Business of Sustainability”, Blue Mountains, Australia (2004). **Keynote Speaker and Workshop Facilitator.**
- Conservation International’s conference on “Tourism and Biodiversity”, Sichuan, China (2004). **Keynote Speaker.**
- Ecotourism and Ecolodge Planning and Design Seminar, Awaji and Hokkaido, Japan (2004). **Presenter and Facilitator.**
- Broward Women Council of Realtors seminar on “Urban Redevelopment”. Pompano Beach, Florida (2004). **Panelist.**
- US Landscape Architecture Students Annual Conference (LABASH) on “Worlds Colliding”. Gainesville (2004). **Panelist and Guest Speaker.**
- American Institute of Architects, Orlando Chapter Annual Meeting (2003). **Guest Speaker.**
- IUCN’s World Parks Congress, Durban, South Africa (2003).
- Conservation International’s seminar on “Making Biodiversity Work for your Travel Business – Increasing profitability while protecting the environment”. Punta Cana, Dominican Republic (2003). **Workshop Facilitator.**
- Utah State University’s 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sustainable Landscapes Conference on “Uncommon Ground: Collaboration and the Nature of Design”. Logan (2003). **Keynote Speaker.**
- US Landscape Architecture Students Annual Conference (LABASH) on “Fields Of Vision”. Raleigh (2003).
- Fiji Hotel Association’s Annual Hospitality Forum in Fiji (2002).
- Ecotourism Australia’s International Ecotourism Conference on “Ecotourism – A World of



Difference". Cairns, 2002. **Keynote Speaker.**

- UNESCO's conference on "Sustainable Planning and Design in World Heritage Sites", Beijing, 2002.
- Statement presentation at the World Ecotourism Summit, Quebec (2002).
- Saudi Arabia's "Ecotourism Symposium" in Riyadh (2002). **Keynote Speaker.**
- ASLA's Annual Conference and EXPO on "Culture and Nature" in Montreal (2001).
- American Planning Association's Annual conference "New Orleans 2001: A Planning Odyssey" in New Orleans, LA (2001).
- ULI's Fall Conference on "Real Estate in the New Economy", Chicago, (2000).
- EDSA's Symposium on "Environment and Development: Where the Twain shall meet" in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. (2000). **Moderator.**
- IFLA's World Congress on "Conservation and Ecotourism" in San Jose, Costa Rica. (2000). **Keynote Speaker.**
- Florida Center for Environmental Studies Third Annual conference on "Ecotourism on Public and Private Lands in Florida" in Palm Beach Gardens, FL (2000).
- BIOSFERA "World Ecotour 2000" conference in Salvador, Brazil (2000).
- Egyptian Tourism Development Authority's (TDA) "Ecolodge Guidelines Forum" in Cairo, Egypt. **Facilitator** for the panel on Design and Construction (2000).
- Malaysia Ministry of Arts and Culture's "World Ecotourism Conference" in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. Delivered the **Keynote Address**. Was also the **facilitator** for the Ecolodge Field Trip (1999).
- PATA Chapter's workshop on " Ecotourism/Ecolodges" in New Delhi, India (1999).
- George Washington University workshop on " Ecotourism Planning and Management" in Washington, D.C. (1998).
- BIOSFERA "World Ecotour 1997" conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1997).
- The Ecotourism Society's "Ecotourism at a Crossroads: Charting the way forward" conference and field seminar, Nairobi, Kenya (1997).
- 2nd All Africa Seminar on "Green Architecture and Environmentally Sensitive Sustainable Development", Nairobi, Kenya (1996).
- The Ecotourism Society's "Ecolodge Forum and Field Seminar", Costa Rica (1995).
- Adventure Travel Society's "Fifth Annual World Congress on Adventure Travel and Ecotourism", Paradise Island, Bahamas (1995).
- IFLA's Seminar on "Education in Landscape Architecture in Africa" in Nairobi, Kenya. (1994). **Co-Organizer.**

## INTERVIEWED / FEATURED / MENTIONED IN FOLLOWING MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND BOOKS

- National Geographic (Adventure)
- Discovery Channel Magazine
- National Geographic (Traveler)
- New York Times T Travel
- Le Figaro
- Sydney Morning Herald
- Travel and Leisure
- Conde Nast Traveler
  
- Outside

- Peter Greensburg
- Epoca (Brazil)
- Travel Weekly (Australia)
- SEGRA News letter (Online )- Australia
- Wave (China)
- Miami Herald
- Men's Health
- Men's Journal
- China Architectural Journal
- China Southern Airlines In-flight Magazine
- Caribbean Travel and Life
- NWA World Traveler (Northwest Airlines In-flight Magazine)
- GEO Magazine (France)
- Asia Spa
- Outside Go
- Architecture Update – India.
- Caribbean Business
- Idiot's Guide to Green Living (Book)
- AD Architectural Digest (French Edition)
- Miami New Times
- Planning (APA Magazine)
- Aruba Today (Aruba)
- Amigoe (Aruba)
- Awemainta (Aruba)
- Bon Dia (Aruba)
- Diario (Aruba)
- Chiken (Japan)
- Perspective
- Omni
- Daily Nation (Kenya)
- The Standard (Kenya)
- Economic Times (India)
- Oman Daily Observer
- Phil-at-home (On-Line)
- World Ecotour
- Foyer (Naples)
- Hospitality Design
- Future Arc
- Hinge
- Sustainable Tourism Industries (On-Line)
- United Airline Hemispheres Magazine
- Cathay Pacific In-flight Magazine
- France AD Magazine
- Indagare (On-Line)
- Audubon
- Metropolis
  
- Florida Trend



- Tallahassee Democrat
- Vacation Homes
- CAAC Magazine
- Lifestyle and Travel
- Resort Management and Operations
- Japan Landscape Design
- China Urban Design
- World Ecotour Magazine (Brazil)
- Action Asia
- Green Hotelier
- Americas
- Discover
- Landscape Architecture USA
- S<sup>3</sup>
- El Universal (Colombia)
- the ritz-carlton
- Courier
- Sikkim Express (India)
- Fiji Times
- El Vocero (Puerto Rico)
- Eco Currents (TIES)
- RCI Premier
- Archi Tech
- Bahia Invest ( Brazil)
- Green Clips ( On Line)
- Business Journal (Florida)
- Phillipine Daily Inquirer
- New Sabah Times (Malaysia)
- Architecture (Kenya)
- Pier to Peer

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Full member, American Society of Landscape Architects.
- Associate, The American Institute of Architects.
- Member, Royal Institute of British Architects
- Registered corporate member, Landscape Architects' Chapter of the Architectural Association of Kenya (A.A.K.).
- Registered corporate member, Architects' Chapter of the A.A.K.

### LITERATURE WRITTEN

- Currently the Author of a new book "*Authentic Ecolodges*"- to be published by Harper Collins, USA.
- Author of Wild Beauty Accommodation Handbook – Montenegro – published by GTZ, Germany.
- Main Editor of the book "*International Ecolodge Guidelines*"- published by TIES, USA
- Wrote a chapter "*Towards an International Ecolodge Certification*" –in the book "Quality Assurance and Certification in Ecotourism" -published by CARI, Australia.



- Wrote a chapter “*Lodge du Grouped de Ngwesie*” –in the book “Le Guide des Destinations Indigenes” -published by Esprit, France.
- Wrote the Chapter “*Visual Impacts in Tourism*”. in the UNWTO Book – “Indicators in Sustainable Tourism” published in Madrid, Spain.
- Co-author for a Chapter “Ecotourism in Madagascar: How a Sleeping Beauty is finally awakening” in the book “Responsible Tourism: Critical issues for conservation and development”, Earthscan Publishing, London.
- One of the members of the team that wrote the “*Oman Declaration on Built Environments for Sustainable Tourism*” – UNWTO and UNESCO
- Co-wrote chapters on “*Site planning*” and “*Architecture*” in the International Guidelines Book, published by TIES, Washington DC.
- Wrote a paper on “*North West Point Sustainable Tourism Plan*” for UNESCO World Heritage Convention Virtual Congress (2002).
- Advisor to the publication “*Nature Lodge Footprint and Justification for Biodiversity Conservation*”, TIES.
- One of the members of the international team that wrote the “*Cairns Charter on Partnerships for Ecotourism*” – Ecotourism Australia
- Wrote two chapters in the “*Ecotourism and Environment Handbook*” – PATA
- Provided research for a chapter in “*People Places*” – Clare Cooper Marcus.

#### RESEARCH PAPERS WRITTEN

- “Ecotourism in Madagascar: How a Sleeping Beauty is finally awakening”
- “Towards an International Ecolodge Certification”
- “Visual Impacts in Tourism”.
- “The Sacred Cow in Ecotourism Planning”
- “Small Island Sustainable Planning; A case for West Caicos”
- “Lodge Design in Kenya : Working towards a new paradigm”
- “Decay of Nairobi Urban Open Space”
- “Sustainable Design and Technology”
- “Building Technology in Kenya: The Challenge”

#### ARTICLES WRITTEN IN MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS

- “*Here be Ecolodges*” – Quaterly News letter (1999). The International Ecotourism Society
- *The Ahimsa Of Ecotourism* , (2004). Jain Magazine
- *Green Planet on Ecotourism*, (2009). Discovery Channel Magazine
- *Community Empowerment through Planning*, Green Hotelier Magazine
- *Ecodesign in Rural and Remote Australia* (2009), Segra On-Line Magazine

#### PROVIDED COMMENTS AND REVIEWED THE FOLLOWING BOOKS

- “*Ecotourism and Sustainable Development: Who own paradise? – second edition*” – Martha Honey (2008). Island Press.
- “*The Green House Effect – An integrated approach to sustainable tourism and resort development*” - Sweeting J., Bruner A., Rosenfeld A. (2000). Conservation International.
- “*The Business of Ecolodges*” - Edward A. Sanders and Elizabeth Halpenny.
- “*Marine Ecotourism Guidelines*” - Elizabeth Halpenny.
- “*Saving Paradise, the story of Sukau Rainforest Lodge*” - Albert Teo and Carol Patterson.
- “*Rethinking the National Parks for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*” - National Park Service, USA



- “*Designing Tourism Naturally*” – Western Australia Tourism Commission

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SKILLS

Mr. Mehta is a professional photographer and has been contracted by design firms to document their landscape projects. His photographs have appeared in books, magazines, tourism brochures, newsletters, calendars and wedding cards. He has won nine first prizes in monthly competitions at the Kenya Photographic Society, 1984 –1986 and specializes in audio-visual presentations.

- Currently the Photographer of a new ‘chai table’ book “*Authentic Ecolodges*” (to be published in September 2010)
- Provided most of the photos for the publication: “*Ecolodges: Exploring Opportunities for Sustainable Business*” (2005) International Finance Corporation, World Bank.
- Provided most of the photos for the publication: “*The Green House Effect – An integrated approach to sustainable tourism and resort development*” - Sweeting J., Bruner A., Rosenfeld A. (2000). Conservation International.
- Provided photos for the publication: “*Lodge du Groupe de Ngwesie*” Sylvie Blangy (2006)
- Provided photos for the publication: “*Tourism and Biodiversity: Mapping Tourism’s Global Footprint*”. Costas Christ (2002) Conservation International.
- Provided photos to China Architectural Journal (2009)
- Provided photos to *National Geographic Adventure Magazine* (2008)
- Provided photos to *Outside Go Magazine* (2008)
- Provided photos to NWA World Traveler (*Northwest Airlines In-Flight Magazine*) (2008)
- Provided photos to *GEO Magazine* (2008)
- Provided photos to *AsiaSpa Magazine* (2008)
- Provided photos to *Outside Magazine* (2008)
- Provided photos to *Architecture Update Magazine* (2008)
- Provided photos to *FutureArc Magazine* (2007)
- Provided photos to *Hinge Magazine* (2007)
- Provided photos to *China Urban Design Magazine* (2007)
- Provided photos to *Perspective Magazine* (2007)
- Provided photos to *Hospitality Design Magazine* (2007)
- Provided photos to *France AD Magazine* (2007)
- Provided photos to *Cathay Pacific in-flight Magazine* (2007)
- Provided photos to *Travel and Leisure Magazine* (2007)
- Provided photos to *EDSA Marketing Brochure* (2007)
- Provided photos to *Ecotourisme Magazine* (2006)
- Provided photos to *Lifestyle and Travel Magazine* (2006)
- Provided photos to *Americas Magazine* (2006)
- Provided photos for an informational web site on Madagascar(2005)
- Provided photos to *Americas Magazine* (2005)
- Provided photos to *Men’s Journal Magazine* (2005)
- Provided photos to *Landscape Architecture Magazine* (2006 and 2002)
- Provided photos to *NBC ‘Eco Guide’* (2001)
- Provided photos for African Wildlife Foundation Newsletter (2000)
- Provided photos to *Scenic World Tour Brochure* (1995)
- Provided photos to *Vintage Safaris Tour Brochure* (1994)
- Provided photos to *Tanzania Guides Ltd. Tour Brochure* (1993)



## ACHIEVEMENTS

**Cricket:** Captain of the Kenya National Team in 1987 and 1993. Cricketer of the year (MVP): Kenya (1986 & 1992) and California (1989). Represented Kenya in all international tournaments from 1978 to 1987, including World Cups of 1979, 1982 and 1986.

**Tennis:** Runner-up in the Kenya Open Junior Championship, 1978.

**Table Tennis:** Member, University of Nairobi squad, 1983-1984.

**Snooker, Squash, Badminton, Indian Dancing:** Have won awards in various competitions

## TRAVEL

Traveled to over 80 countries in six continents and over 36 states in United States of America.