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URBAN ECO-PLANNING AND ECO-DESIGN EXPERIENCE

Hitesh Mehta has URBAN eco-planning and Landscape Architecture experience in over 4 continents:

1. Commerce Connection Public Transit Facility and Public Plaza, WA
2. South Riding New Town, Maryland
3. Villages of Piscataway, Maryland
4. Harbour Place, Wheaton, Maryland
5. Albany Point State Park, Albany, California
6. Bayfront Properties, Mountain View, California
7. Qianshan New Village, China
8. Landscape Park Young Danube, Germany
9. Whittier Park, Falls Church, Virginia
10. Greater Bahcesehir, Istanbul, Turkey
11. Sarit Shopping Center, Nairobi
12. Tabuan Jaya New Township, Malaysia

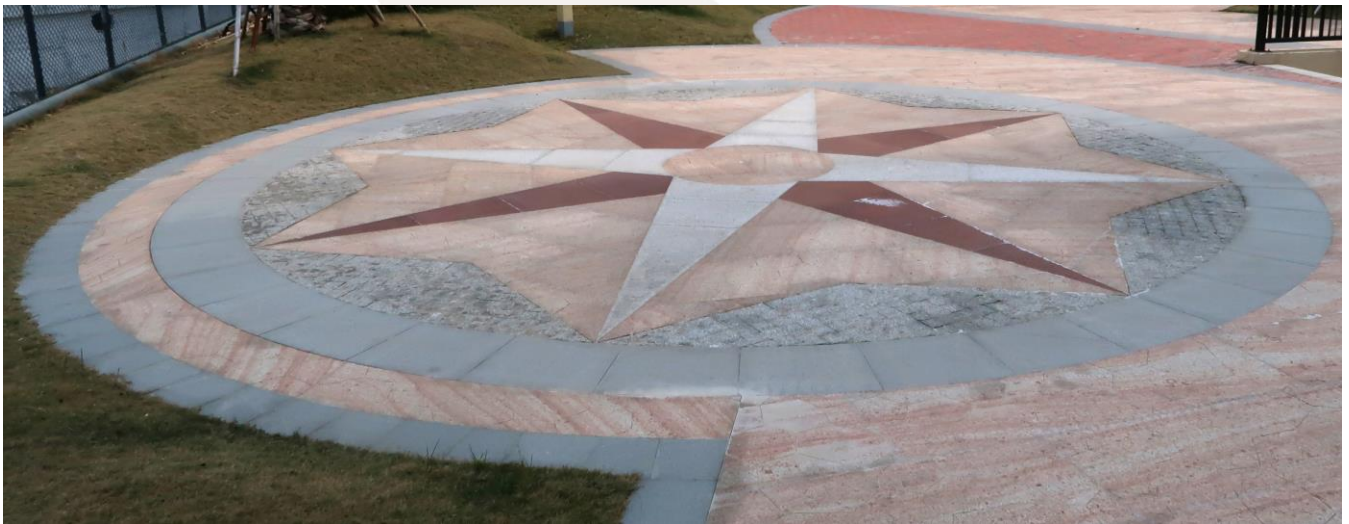
SAMPLE RELEVANT PROJECTS: DETAILS AND IMAGES

1. Qianshan New Village: Zhuhai, China

Qianshan New Village is a 224,000 m² mixed-use project, developed by Chinese real-estate development company Kadoo & Haijun Real Estate Development Co., Ltd. and authorized by the State Council of China. **HM Design** was the Planning and Design Team Leader for the development of this 15,000 resident socially friendly 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, pedestrian mall, offices, retail, temple and heritage museum. **HM Design** in conjunction with other sub-consultants provided services from Conceptual Planning to Design Development. The clients and consultants also preserved one major historical and cultural building – Heritage House, a small local temple, as well as build a whole new temple for residents. The project was completed in 2020.

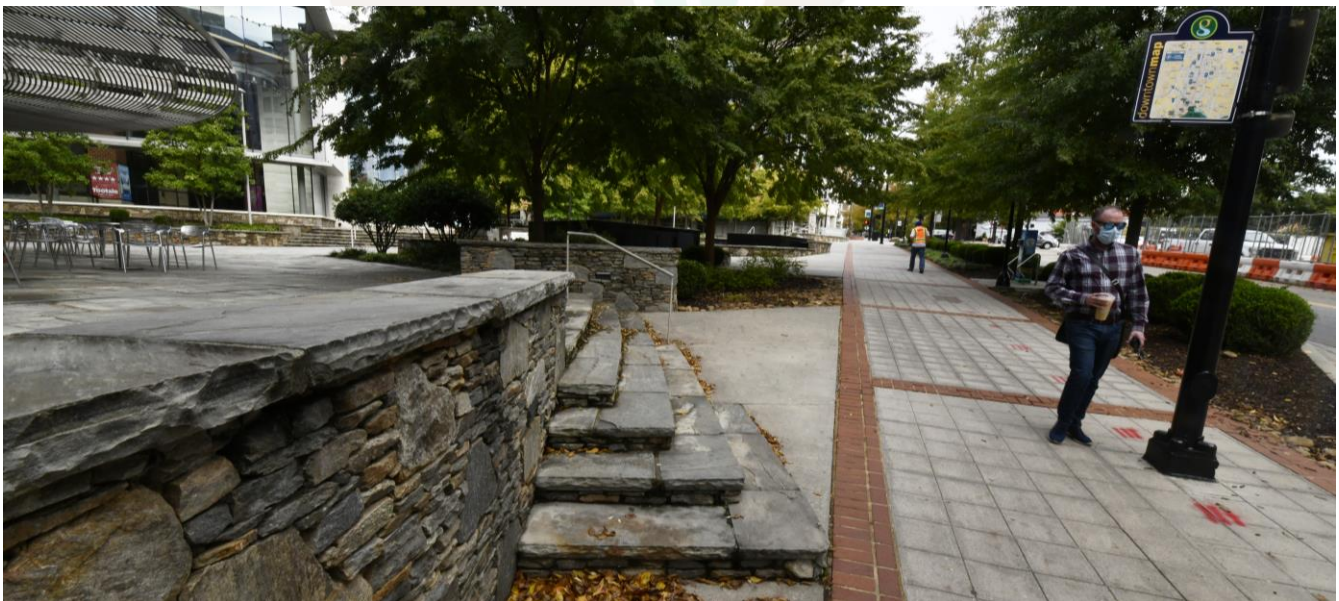
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2. South Main St. Beautification: Greenville, South Carolina

Hitesh Mehta was the assistant Designer for this project and prepared schematic and design development drawings. The South Main street redesign features mid-block crossings which create "mini-plazas" with extra plantings and custom designed street furniture to afford shoppers and office workers a place to rest and visit.



3. Commerce Connection Public Transit Facility and Public Plaza: Tacoma , Washington
Hitesh Mehta was an assistant Designer for the design of a major transit facility and streetscape project for Pierce Transit, Tacoma, Washington. He prepared construction drawings and built working models. A public rooftop plaza and a two-story high Waterwall of cascades and plantings conceal a newly constructed 16-bay bus layover garage. This public plaza design provided the impetus for community-wide fundraising to build a theater expansion covering the southern third of the garage roof.



Streetscape improvements include glass and steel Gallerias, Skybridge covers and bus shelters plus numerous pedestrian amenities, all set in handsome brick paving patterns. The high design quality, the increased efficiency for transit operations and potential economic gain from air rights for private development produced this exciting and impressive addition to the urban fabric.





HITESH MEHTA

ECO-PROJECTS Resume

SUMMARY

Mr. Mehta is one of the world's leading authorities, practitioners and researchers on destination eco-planning, ecotourism physical planning and both the landscape architectural and architectural aspects of ecolodges. He is probably the only design professional in the world to be inducted as a **FELLOW** in three different continents - American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA), Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), England and Architectural Association of Kenya (AAK), Kenya - and in two different professions - Landscape Architecture and Architecture. In 2015, Mr. Mehta was the recipient of *United Nations* (UNEP/GFHS) "**Outstanding Achievement Award**" for his work with alleviating poverty and protecting sensitive ecosystems. In July 2006, *National Geographic* identified Mr. Mehta as one of five Sustainable Tourism **Pioneers** in the world.

Mr. Mehta has thirty-four years of work experience, consulted in sixty-five countries (spanning six continents) in the world and is a multi-International award-winning designer with Awards in Landscape Architecture, Planning, Architecture, Urban Design, Creative Writing and Publishing, and Interior Design. Mr. Mehta's firm **HM Design** (which began in Kenya in 1991) is currently working on environmentally and socially friendly projects in Galapagos, Philippines, Australia, Kenya, Colombia and Dominica. He has vast experience in Urban Design and Planning Projects having worked in four Continents.

Mr. Mehta regularly conducts research on Ecotourism and Ecolodges and is the author and photographer of the award winning **Authentic Ecolodges** (launched by *Harper Collins* in November 2010). He is currently working on **Authentic Ecolodges- Volume 2**. Mr. Mehta is also the editor of the **International Ecolodge Guidelines** and the co-author of the chapters on "Site Planning" and "Architectural Design". He was recently, an on-site inspector for the *National Geographic* Unique Lodges of the World program.

Mr. Mehta has a distinguished history in academia and is currently an Adjunct Professor at Florida International University (FIU), University of International Corporation, Costa Rica and VATEL Hotel and Business School, Madagascar. Mr. Mehta conducts one-of-a kind Eco-planning and Design Workshops and Charettes around the world and which are attended by academicians, practitioners etc. Mr. Mehta is a well-sought out speaker and has presented at over 185 Conferences/Seminars/Public lectures/webinars in thirty-six countries across all six continents.

Mr. Mehta is also a *Professional Photographer* and a Hall of Fame Cricket Player from Kenya. 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. He has been featured / interviewed / mentioned in over 192 international magazines, newspapers, books, newsletters and blogs.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- **FELLOW**, American Society of Landscape Architects.
- **FELLOW**, Royal Institute of British Architects.
- **FELLOW**, Architects Association of Kenya.
- Associate, The American Institute of Architects.



PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

current

- Nominator, Aga Khan Award for Architecture
- IFLA Africa Regional Representative - *Landscape Architects without Borders*
- Adjunct Professor: Florida International University, Miami
- Adjunct Professor: VATEL Hotel and Tourism Business School, Madagascar
- Executive Board Member of International School of Sustainable Tourism (ISST)
- Member of jury for IFLA Asia Pacific Region LA Awards 2021
- Advisory member, ASLA Strategic Committee on Sustainability
- Founding member of *Global Ecotourism Network (GEN)*, African Ecotourism Network (AFEN) and North American Ecotourism Network (NAEN)

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE - summary

Hitesh has worked in offices in Nairobi, Kenya; San Francisco, Oakland CA; Silver Springs, MD and Ft. Lauderdale, FL. From 1997-2006, Mr. Mehta was a Vice-President at EDSA where he started and led the first Ecotourism Planning Market Sector of any large company in the world. For the past fourteen years, he has dedicated his professional approaches to only eco and socially friendly projects and was the visionary team planner and Project Manager for the multi-International award winning Crosswaters Ecologde, China.

2007-Present HM Design, President, *Ft. Lauderdale, Florida*
1997 – 2007 EDSA Inc. Vice President, *Ft. Lauderdale, Florida*
1996 – 1997 CHK Planners and Architects, Landscape Designer, *Silver Springs, Maryland*
1990 – 1996 HM Design, Founder and Principal, *Nairobi, Kenya*
1989 – 1990 Amphion Environmental, Environmental Planner, *Oakland, California*
1988 EDAW Intern, *San Francisco, California*
1986 – 1987 Mehrnaz Ehsani and Associates, *Nairobi, Kenya*
1979 – 1985 Various Internships at Design/Real Estate/Contractor firms, *Nairobi, Kenya*

PROJECT AWARDS

Hitesh Mehta has won over 45 International awards and recognitions for his projects including the one below related to Urban Planning and Design and Eco-Planning:

- **"American Institute of Architect's (AIA) Merit Award"** for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey
- **"American Institute of Architects" Honor Award in Urban Design**, for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey
- **"Maryland Chapter of the American Institute of Architects Honor Award"** for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey
- **"United Nations (UN) Habitat Award"** for Bahsecehir New Urbanist Town, Turkey
- **"Tacoma Chapter AIA Design Award"** for Commerce Connections and Public Spaces Transit Project in downtown Tacoma, Washington, USA



- **“Washington State Concrete Institute Grand Award”** for Commerce Connections and Public Spaces Transit Project, Tacoma, Washington, USA
- Landscape Architecture Foundation (USA) recognition to *Eagle View Camp* as the first Case Study in Africa to be certified in their **Case Studies Investigation (CSI)** program.
- United Nations (GFHS/UNEP) **“Planning and Design”** award for Plataran L’Harmonie West Bali National Park
- United Nations (GFHS/UNEP) **“Planning and Design”** award for Mara Naboisho Conservancy.
- **Winner** (with KZ Architecture) for **Scenario 1** – UN Habitat’s and The World Bank’s “Resilient Homes Design Challenge”.
- Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architect’s (FLASLA) **“Award of Excellence”** to Eagle View Camp, Naboisho Wildlife Conservancy, Kenya
- Honourable Mention of Eleven Magazine’s **SAFARI Lodge Design** Competition
- The World’s Top 10 Sustainable **‘GREEN Destinations’** award to Volcanoes National Park, Rwanda
- **The Sustainable Destinations Top 100** award to Plataran L’Harmonie and Mara Naboisho Conservancy.
- Travel + Leisure Magazine’s World’s Best Awards: **#1 Hotel in the World 2017** to Nihiwatu Luxury Retreat.
- African Responsible Tourism Awards **“Overall Winner”** to Mara Naboisho Conservancy
- African Responsible Tourism Awards **“Joint Gold Winner”** to Mara Naboisho Conservancy
- United Nations (GFHS/UNEP) **“Planning and Design”** award for Cerro Verde Ecolodge.
- United Nations **“Outstanding Achievement Award”** for work with alleviating poverty and protecting sensitive environments.
- **“Florida American Society of Landscape Architect’s (FLASLA) Planning and Analysis Award** to “Jambo Kilimanjaro Ecolodge”
- Florida Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architect’s (FLASLA) **“Award of Excellence”** to Cerro Verde Ecolodge, St. Cristobal Island, Galapagos.
- Lonely Planet **“World’s top ten eco-retreats”** to Lapa Rios Ecolodge.
- Conde Nast **“World Savers Award”** to Nihiwatu Luxury Retreat
- Travel and Leisure **“Global Vision Award for Sustainability”** to Volcano Safari Lodges
- **“Florida American Society of Landscape Architect’s (FLASLA) Planning and Analysis Award** to “ Kwanari Ecolodge”
- Conde Nast **“World Savers Award”** to “Volcano Great Apes Safari Lodges”.
- **“Florida American Society of Landscape Architect’s (FLASLA) Environmental Sustainability Honor Award** to Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa, China
- **“Florida American Society of Landscape Architect’s (FLASLA) Award of Excellence** in the Resort and Entertainment Category to Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa, China
- **“Florida American Society of Landscape Architect’s (FLASLA) Award of Excellence** in the Planning and Analysis Category to Crosswaters Ecolodge, China
- **“Langfang Eco-City”** – \$100,000 second prize in joint Local- International Team Competition, China
- **“WTTC Tourism for Tomorrow Destination Stewardship Finalist Award”** – Ministry of Tourism, Montenegro
- **“American Society Of Landscape Architect’s (ASLA) General Design Honor Award”** for Crosswaters Ecolodge and Spa, China



PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE - relevant project details

Urban Planning and Design experience

- **Bay front properties** (200 acres) of Mountain View, California - Mr. Mehta prepared alternatives and final eco-plan and environmental design for this development. Helped coordinate community participation workshops. This site is now the home of GOOGLE hqs.
- **South Riding New Town** - At *CHK Architects and Planners* Mr. Mehta prepared wetlands and floodplain analysis for a 800 acre new town in Virginia.
- **Greater Bahcesehir** - a 750- acre satellite city located near Istanbul, Turkey. Mr. Mehta was part of a team at *CHK Architects and Planners* in Silver Spring, Maryland that consulted on the design development and prepared construction documents and helped in organizing a relatively short time schedule. This project won the International Human Habitat award and also an AIA award
- **Tabuan Jaya New Township** - a 3,500-acre new- urbanist town in Sarawak State, Malaysia. Mr. Mehta was the Project Manager and designed several conceptual plans, and prepared a booklet of design ideas and philosophy for the client.
- **Villages of Piscataway** - Mr. Mehta was part of a team at *CHK Architects and Planners* that conducted site environmental analysis and prepared land summary and density tables for a 1,200-acre new-traditional town in PG County, Maryland.

Eco-Planning Experience related to Urban Areas:

- **Parc National D'Azagny Product Development Plan**, D'Azagny National Park, Ivory Coast. *HM Design* is leading a team that is preparing an Illustrated Booklet that provides an Overall Tourism Product Development Master Plan for the Park as well as a technical case for a high-end concession ecolodge (Ebrie Ecolodge) located in the Park, a RAMSAR site which is home to some rare and endangered bird species as well as Chimpanzees, Pygmy Hippopotamus, Forest Elephants and Buffalo. *HM Design* is also proposing the development of five different types of Ecotourism Accommodations as well as a Visitor Center, Observation Towers, Guided Savannah and Forest Trails, Canoe Rides etc. Also included in the Master Plan is the proposal for nearest town – *Nouveau Lahou* to become both the destination town of choice as well as the logistics hub for touring this unique destination. The overall objective of the report is to jumpstart ecotourism in this National Park and in so doing help benefit local communities.
- **Nosy Be Island and Toalagnaro Sustainable Tourism Development Plans**, Madagascar. Mr. Mehta was the team leader of an international group of consultants that worked on two World Bank projects. He led the team that 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 which region has the highest biodiversity in Madagascar including several species of Lemurs. One of the main concepts of these plans was to create destination towns that would act as tourism nodes. Ambaro town was selected for Nosy Be island and Toalagnaro for the south. The team also



proposed urban design interventions in these towns to make them more sustainable. Mr. Mehta's team produced in conjunction with local stakeholders eg. 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 team also developed a Zoning and Phasing Plan.

- **Vagamon Hill Retreat**, Kerala, India. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for a unique environmentally and socially friendly sustainable tourism destination in the Conservation International 'hotspot' of Western Ghats. The Tourism Master Development Plan for Vagamon as comprises of a 30-year overall Perspective Plan and 1-5 year Site Development Plan. The Master Plan revolves around a sustainably planned and designed Village which acts as the centerpoint of the destination. 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.
- **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. Mr. Mehta's team 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, and tourism nodes (towns) that would act as logistics hubs, destinations jumping-off points etc. The team also developed Zoning Plans and Tourism Circuits.
- **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. One town each was identified in each country to act as the destination city of choice. Kinigi in Rwanda, Kisoro in Uganda and Rumangabo in DR Congo.
- **Minorities Community Center and Eco-Camp**, Kakaoland, Namibia. Mr. Mehta was the Environmental Planner, Landscape Architect and Architect for the design of a Cultural and Community Center for several remote Minority communities in Northern Namibia. This was a pro-bono project and Mr. Mehta helped select the most optimal site for the development and also co-created the programme for development. *HM Design* prepared the Conceptual Site Plan and Architectural drawings.
- **Crosswaters Mountain Experience**, Guangdong Province, S. China. Mr. Mehta is the Team Planning and Design leader for the development of a Tree-Canopy, Zip Line, mineral water spa experience in Nankun Mountain Reserve. *HM Design* is providing full services (from Conceptual Design to Construction Documents) and the Overall Destination Plan calls for the local town Nankun to become the destination hub where tourists will first arrive and park their



cars before being taken up the mountain on electric shuttles. the team consists of well known Australian Designer, Paul Pholeros and Zip Line expert, Bradd Morse from New York. The Mountain experience includes Elevated Tree boardwalk/ Riverside Trails/Mountain Trails, Zip Line Tour, Botanical garden, Eco-museum, Forest Hot-springs Spa and Public restrooms.

- **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 and tourism nodes (towns) that would act as logistics hubs, destinations jumping-off points etc. EDSA also developed a Zoning Plan and Tourism Circuits.
- **Nyungwe Forest National Park Ecotourism Plan**, Rwanda, Central Africa. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for this 870 km² 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. The Master Plan stressed the importance of tourism node towns and identified one from each end of the National park – Kitabi in the east and Cyanugu in the west. Mr. Mehta 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.
- **Sustainable Development Master Plan for Wolong Panda Reserve**, Sichuan Province, China. Mr. Mehta was the project manager for the team that planned 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, destination town of Wolong, entry gates, park administrative offices, visitor/interpretive center, local crafts markets and tourism information offices.

EDUCATION, ACADEMIA

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. From 2010-2013, he was an external examiner at the Landscape Architecture Programme at Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT), and a Board Member of the one-of-a-kind International School of Sustainable Tourism (ISST) in Subic Bay, Philippines. Mr. Mehta has also been an adjunct professor at Florida Atlantic University and FIU . He has also written several books, book chapters and research papers on ecolodges and sustainable design issues in protected area:



AUTHOR/ EDITOR of BOOKS

Hitesh Mehta is responsible for writing/editing the two seminal books on planning/design and guidelines for Ecology Development. His latest award winning book- **Authentic Ecologies** is the first coffee-table book in the field of sustainable tourism and will soon be published in Chinese. Hitesh Mehta's first book – **International Ecology Guidelines** is now used as a text-book in several universities and colleges around the world.

- 2021 "**Authentic Ecologies – Volume 2**"- to be published in 2023
- 2010 "**Authentic Ecologies**"- 280-page book published by Harper Collins, USA.
- 2009 "**Wild Beauty Accommodations– Montenegro** " - published by GTZ, Germany.
- 2002 "**International Ecology Guidelines**"- published by TIES, USA

AUTHOR AND CO-AUTHOR OF CHAPTERS in BOOKS

- 2021 "**Applied Ecology Research: Creating Cultural Context Through a “Continuity of the Vernacular” Planning and Design Approach**" in the book "Destination Unknown: Sustainable Travel and Ethical Tourism". Edited by Carolin Lusby, Common Ground Research Network, Champaign, Illinois.
- 2020 "**Physical Master Plans: A Roadmap to Developing Sustainable Destinations**" in the book "Social Entrepreneurship in Hospitality Principles and Strategies for Change" by Willy Legrand, Miguel Angel Gardetti, Robert Schønrock Nielsen, Colin Johnson, Mehmet Ergul
- 2017 "**The authenticity debate of hunting and fishing as ecotourism**" in the Book Authenticity & Tourism: Materialities, Perceptions, Experiences, Editors: Jillian M. Rickly & Elizabeth S. Vidon Emerald Books, England.
- 2012 "**Small Island Sustainable Planning; A Case for West Caicos**" in the book "Sustainable Tourism and the Millennium Development Goals", Editors: K. Bricker, R. Black, S. Cottrell, Earthscan Publishing, London.
- 2008 "**Ecotourism in Madagascar: How a Sleeping Beauty is finally awakening**" in the book "Responsible Tourism: Critical issues for conservation and development", Earthscan Publishing, London.
- 2007 "**Towards an International Ecology Certification**" –in the book "Quality Assurance and Certification in Ecotourism" -published by CARI, Australia.
- 2006 "**Lodge du Grouped de Ngwesie**" –in the book "Le Guide des Destinations Indigenes" - published by Esprit, France.
- 2004 "**Visual Impacts in Tourism**". in the UNWTO Book – "Indicators in Sustainable Tourism" published in Madrid, Spain.
- 2004 "**Oman Declaration on Built Environments for Sustainable Tourism**" –UNESCO
- 2002 "**Site planning**" and "**Architecture Design**" in the International Guidelines Book, published by TIES, Washington DC.
- 2002 "**Cairns Charter on Partnerships for Ecotourism**" – Ecotourism Australia
- 1999 "**Ecotourism and Environment Handbook**" – PATA, California.
- 1994 Provided research for a chapter in "**People Places**" – Clare Cooper Marcus.

RESEARCH PAPERS WRITTEN AND PRESENTED AT CONFERENCES

- 2017 "**Why Recreational Hunting and Fishing is NOT Ecotourism**"
- 2012 "**Small Island Sustainable Planning; A Case for West Caicos**"



- 2011 **“Why Recreational Hunting and Fishing is NOT Ecotourism”**
- 2010 **“Greening China one day at a time”**
- 2003 **“North West Point Sustainable Tourism Plan”** for UNESCO World Heritage Convention Virtual Congress
- 2002 **“The Sacred Cow in Ecotourism Planning”**
- 1998 Provided research for a chapter in **“People Places”** – Clare Cooper Marcus.
- 1996 **“Decay of Nairobi Urban Open Space”**
- 1995 **“Lodge Design in Kenya : Working towards a new paradigm”**
- 1994 **“Sustainable Design and Technology”**
- 1993 **“Building Technology in Kenya: The Challenge”**

ARTICLES WRITTEN IN MAGAZINES AND NEWSLETTERS

- 2017 Review written on the book **“Sustainable Tourism on a Finite Planet:”** by Megan Epler Wood.
- 2012 **“Towards an Authentic EcoArchitecture in Kenya ”**, AAK Magazine
- “Eco marries Luxury”**, Bon Vivant Concierge
- 2010 **“Authentic Ecolodges”**, Culture Magazine
- 2009 **“Faint Footprints”**, Discovery Channel Magazine
- 2009 **“Ecodesign in Rural and Remote Australia”**, Segra On-Line Magazine
- 2006 **“Going Green”**, Courier Magazine
- 2004 **“The Ahimsa of Ecotourism”**, Jain Spirit Magazine
- 2000 **“Community Empowerment through Planning”** Green Hotelier Magazine
- 1999 **“Here be Ecolodges”** – Quarterly News letter of The International Ecotourism Society

PEER REVIEW OF FOLLOWING BOOKS and PAPERS

- 2020 Second Review of paper – **“Assessing the Tourists Satisfaction of Adventure Lodges: A Case Study of Tadam Hill Resorts, Malaysia.”**
- 2017 Review of paper **“Assessing the Tourists Satisfaction of ecolodges: A Case Study of Tadam Hill Resorts, Malaysia.”**
- 2014 **“Eco-Friendly Technologies”** for Journal Of Sustainable Tourism.
- 2013 **“Tropical Plant Resource”** by Tom Hicks.
- 2012 **“Managing the balance between nature conservation and tourism”** - PAN Parks – Authors: Stuart Cottrell and Jana Raadik-Cottrell in the book “Ecotourism and Sustainable Tourism: Transitioning into the New Millennium” - Author (s): K. Bricker, R. Black, S. Cottrell
- 2008 **“Ecotourism and Sustainable Development: Who owns paradise?”** – second edition – Martha Honey (2008). Island Press.
- 2005 **“Saving Paradise, the story of Sukau Rainforest Lodge”** - Albert Teo
- 2004 **“Nature Lodges and Justification for Biodiversity Conservation”**, TIES.
- 2003 **“Marine Ecotourism Guidelines”** - Elizabeth Halpenny.
- 2003 **“The Business of Ecolodges”** - Edward A. Sanders and Elizabeth Halpenny.
- 2000 **“Rethinking National Parks for the 21st Century”** - National Park Service, USA
- 2000 **“Designing Tourism Naturally”** – Western Australia Tourism Commission
- 1999 **“The Green House Effect – An integrated approach to sustainable tourism and resort development”** - Sweeting J, Bruner A. (2000). Conservation International.



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.

TRAVEL

Traveled to over 107 countries in six continents and over 37 states in United States of America.