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He has been the Dean of Environment and Sustainable Development and Director of the Latin American School for Protected Areas (ELAP) at the University for International Cooperation (UCI) in Costa Rica, from 2009 to 2010. Olivier Chassot has received a Bachelors in Arts (Université de Lausanne), a Masters in Project Management (University for International Cooperation), and a PhD in Natural Sciences for Sustainable Development (Instituto Tecnológico de Costa Rica). Olivier Chassot has an extensive knowledge in sustainability topics; he has developed a wide experience in designing, fundraising and implementing conservation biology programs, biological corridors, leadership of inter-institutional alliances at the national, bi-national and regional level, as well as in the creation of protected areas.

He is a dynamic and passionate conservation practitioner, highly motivated, constantly seeking to self-improve, compromised with high standards of personal and professional excellence, always eager to learn and able to build strong intercultural relationships.

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