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Brian Omondi is a Kenyan born environmentalist, conservationist, scientist, agronomist, and community development advocate. He was born and raised on [Rusinga Island](#) in Lake Victoria, Kenya, in a fisherfolk family from the Luo Abasuba community; one of the principal indigenous groups inhabiting the Lake Victoria region, where fishing and small-scale farming form the primary sources of livelihood. Growing up, Brian's early life was marked by significant hardship and challenges that often seemed beyond advocacy or attention. He is the firstborn among four siblings raised by a single mother in the Luo Abasuba community, where single parenthood, particularly motherhood, is often stigmatized and considered culturally taboo. This social reality shaped much of his childhood experience. With a modest income as a teacher, his mother struggled to provide for all four children. In search of support and stability, she returned with her children to her paternal home, hoping to navigate the rigid cultural expectations and traditions of the Luo Abasuba community. However, rather than finding protection and support, she and her children faced hostility from her brothers, which further compounded their struggles. As a result, Brian was introduced to hard labor and fishing at a young age to help support the family. Despite these obstacles and the heavy burden of educational costs, the kindness and support of well-wishers (Annicka and Antonin) became a turning point in his life, helping transform the journey of a village fisherman's son into that of a determined young man now pursuing his dreams.

Brian attended Kamasengre Primary School, where he studied for eight years before sitting for the Kenya Certificate of Primary Education (KCPE) national examination in 2012. During his time there, he distinguished himself as a bright and dedicated student who excelled in his academic pursuits, leaving a lasting legacy at the school. In addition to his academic success, Brian demonstrated early leadership and environmental stewardship by founding the school's environmental club. Through this initiative, he spearheaded the planting of woodlots within the school compound and established a tree nursery arboretum that continues to exist to date. He passed his examinations with distinction and proceeded to Ratang'a Boys High School for his O-level education. At the school, Brian carried forward his strong record of academic excellence and active participation in co-curricular activities. As an agriculture student, he pioneered a school gardening program that introduced vegetable farming within the school fields. The initiative not only enhanced practical agricultural learning but also supplemented the school's feeding program, particularly during dry seasons. Brian later sat for the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) national examination in 2016, where he performed exceptionally well. His strong academic performance earned him direct university admission to the Technical University of Mombasa in Mombasa, Kenya, where he enrolled as a degree student pursuing Marine Science.

At the university, Brian continued his strong tradition of excellence and leadership. In his first year of study, he was already involved in the formation of the university's environmental club, where he served as the Project Coordinator. In this role, he oversaw key environmental initiatives including mangrove restoration, tree planting, and beach clean-up activities organized by the

university. By his second year, Brian had begun engaging in national marine conservation efforts, primarily as a volunteer and student leader. Since then, and for the past nine years as part of his professional journey, he has actively contributed to research, conservation, and community empowerment initiatives along the Kenyan coast. His work has earned recognition at national, regional, and global levels. In 2023, Brian secured a two-year Airlift Program to Israel, where he trained as an agronomist and earned a Higher Diploma in General Agriculture Studies. His journey stands as a powerful testament to resilience and the transformative impact of opportunity and support. Today, Brian continues to serve as an inspiration and role model to his peers and the wider community