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**Professor George Owuor**

Center Leader of the African Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Agriculture and Agribusiness Management (CESAAM) at Egerton University, Kenya

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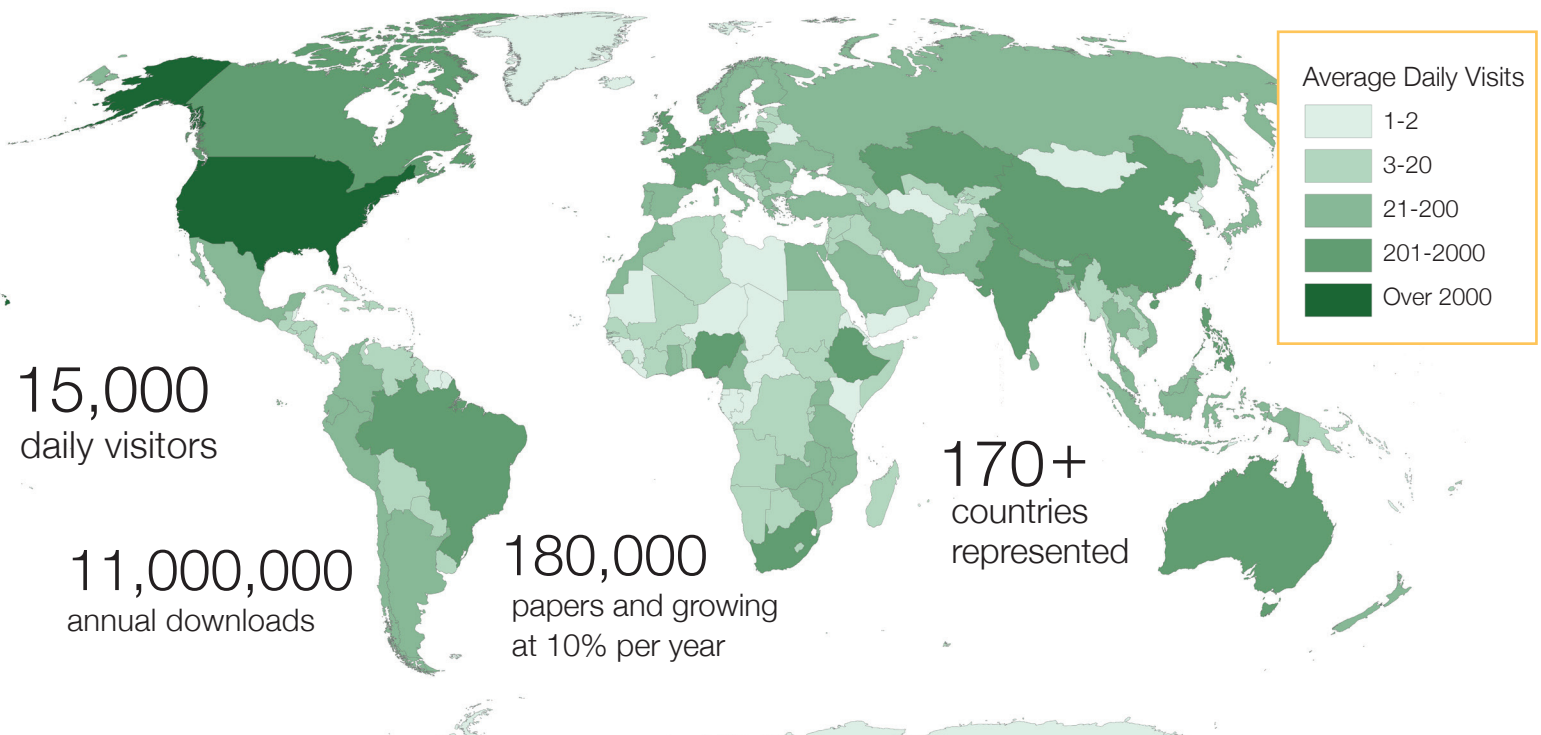
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**Jan Greyling**

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