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In his current position, Major Beebe is working on emerging concepts of human security and their application to defense and security strategies in the 21st Century. Of particular note, he recently received a research grant from the Institute of National Security Studies to explore Environmental Security as an engagement strategy for the newly formed United States combatant command for Africa, AFRICOM. His research has focused on environment as a key to stability and has worked with numerous international environmental/conservation agencies, non-governmental organizations, think tanks, and academia linking them with concepts of security and defense. Additionally, this work has led him to explore the nexus amongst development, environment, and security in areas such as Darfur, the Niger Delta, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Recognized as a thought leader in human security, Major Beebe is widely known for his work in Africa in the development, environmental, conservancy, and international agency communities of interest.

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