

## **Speaker biographies**

### **10.00 – 11.30 OPENING PLENARY SESSION**

**Chair:** Roger Mitchell

#### **Great Apes and the extractives industry – Annette Lanjouw (ARCUS Foundation)**

Annette is a primatologist who has worked for over 25 years in great ape conservation, including endangered mountain gorillas in war-torn regions of Africa, orangutans, chimpanzees, and bonobos. Since 2007 she has been at [Arcus](#), overseeing the world's largest private grantmaking program devoted to great ape conservation. There she continues to support her long-running efforts to save gorillas, but also works to protect a wide range of species in the wild and in captivity, as well as to build global awareness of the dangers facing the creatures.

#### **Blind springtails and the extractives industry – Tony Whitten (Fauna & Flora International)**

Tony's career has focused on the incredible diversity of wildlife in Indonesia and the Asia-Pacific region. He has written numerous books, from the ecology of Indonesia's islands to freshwater fish and land snails. He joined FFI in 2010 as Regional Director for Asia Pacific, where he oversees a broad range of projects, from tiger conservation in Sumatra to marine and coastal work in Cambodia and REDD+ projects in Kalimantan.

#### **Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership Scheme – Mark Nokkert (Cambridgeshire ACRE)**

Mark is Programme Manager for the Ouse Washes Landscape Partnership scheme, about which he will be speaking. Employed by Cambridgeshire ACRE on behalf of a wide partnership, his work builds on his earlier career in archaeology, archaeozoology and heritage management.

#### **Mpingo Conservation - African Blackwood in Tanzania – Mike Chandler (Environment Africa Trust)**

Based in Nantwich in Cheshire, Mike is a founding trustee of the Environment Africa Trust (EAT), which promotes sustainable socio-economic development in sub-Saharan Africa. Since 2012 he has been its Executive Director. Mike also runs a business and professional development consultancy, Chandler Associates, which was established in 1995

#### **RESERVE TALK: Whose Washes – nature conservation in a multi-functional landscape – David Hoccom (RSPB)**

David is the RSPB's Area Manager for Cambridgeshire and the Fens. He has worked for the Society since 1999, on a variety of conservation issues including bird of prey persecution, non-native species and wetland restoration following historic losses.

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### **14.30 – 15.45 PLENARY PRESENTATION SESSION**

**Chair:** Debbie Macklin

**Conservation prioritisation lessons from coral reefs and mangroves** – Mark Spalding (The Nature Conservancy)

Mark is a Senior Marine Scientist in the Global Marine Team of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), concurrently holding a research associate (visiting scholar) position at the University of Cambridge Zoology Department. Mark also has a part-time position as Chief Scientific Advisor to the Government of the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT). His work centres on the assessment of global biodiversity, and on the enumeration of ecosystem services.

**Amphibians and roads in the UK – understanding impacts, testing solutions** – Silviu Petrovan (Froglife)

Silviu joined Froglife in 2011 to take up the new post of Conservation Coordinator. He previously worked as a herpetologist on several research projects primarily in Romania, Honduras and Indonesia, as well as other projects on mammals. He is a fully qualified vet and holds an MSc in Taxonomy and Biodiversity Conservation from the University of Bucharest and at the University of Hull a PhD in the landscape ecology of brown hares and rabbits in grasslands.

**Hedgehogs and the collaborative role of zoos in conservation** – Rebecca Willers (Shepreth Wildlife Park)

Rebecca is the Curator at Shepreth Wildlife Park and also the founder and chair of Shepreth Wildlife Conservation Charity. She sits on council for BIAZA, the national association for zoos and aquariums, and also manages the EAZA (European Association of Zoos & Aquaria) captive population of ocelots throughout Europe. At Shepreth manages the wildlife, education and conservation departments, and has interests in hedgehog and tiger conservation.

**Red deer management and woodland conservation in the Scotland Highlands** – Andrew Tanentzap (Department of Plant Sciences, University of Cambridge)

Andrew undertook his PhD in forest ecology and conservation in Cambridge before undertaking postdocs in New Zealand and Canada. He has recently returned to the Plant Sciences department as lecturer, establishing a research group on ecosystems and global change. He has general interests in ecosystem ecology, food webs, and landscape modelling.

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### **16.15 – 17.15 PANEL DISCUSSION on ‘Whose conservation?’**

**Chair:** Tony Whitten (FFI)

#### **Panellists:**

##### **Cordula Epple (UNEP-WCMC)**

Cordula joined UNEP-WCMC in 2010, and works there as Programme Manager in the Climate Change and Biodiversity team. Previously she was a member of the Biodiversity Unit of the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation and was involved in discussions on the ethical and cultural foundations of German conservation work during that time. Cordula has particular interests in understanding and improving the connections between science, policy and practice.

##### **Jeremy Lindsell (A Rocha International)**

Jeremy Lindsell is a conservation scientist who has been working on globally threatened species and tropical forest conservation for the last 15 years. He currently works as Conservation Science Manager for A Rocha International, a Christian organisation undertaking community-based conservation work around the world. He has worked in a number of countries in West and East Africa, the Middle East and in Southeast Asia, including a period living in Uganda.

##### **Sophie Higman (West Street Communications)**

Sophie Higman helps technical specialists in the fields of environment, conservation and development to communicate complex messages in simple ways. With previous lives as a zoologist, forester, FSC certification auditor and science writer, she set up her own company, West Street Communications, in 2014. She has lived and worked in Honduras, Guyana, Mexico and the UK.

##### **Ralph Underhill (Public Interest Research Centre)**

Ralph is a researcher at the Public Interest Research Centre and co-authored Common Cause for nature a practical guide to values and frame in conservation, which applied social psychology research to the work of conservation. Ralph has worked in conservation for over a decade including 8 years at RSPB. He spends his spare time drawing conservation related cartoons.

##### **Bhaskar Vira (Dept. of Geography, University of Cambridge)**

Bhaskar is trained as an economist and works on the political economy of environment and development. His interests include incentives for natural resource use and management. Based at the Department of Geography, he is the Founding Director of the University of Cambridge Conservation Research Institute, taking up this role from 1 September 2013.