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The Tony Whitten Conservation Prize 2019

Tony Whitten (1953-2017) was an inspirational conservationist who championed biodiversity across Asia and beyond.

Tony was Senior Advisor at Fauna and Flora International (serving as Director of its Asia-Pacific programme), and before that, Senior Biodiversity Specialist at the World Bank. Alongside helping run conservation projects across Asia, Tony did world-class work on the discovery and conservation of limestone cave invertebrates, saving many species from obliteration by the region's rapidly expanding cement industry, and having no fewer than 11 new species named in his honour. Tony also established the IUCN Cave Invertebrate Specialist Group.

As a tribute to Tony, the Cambridge Conservation Initiative is delighted to invite applications for the **2019 Tony Whitten Conservation Prize** for early career conservationists and biodiversity researchers from East and Southeast Asia.

The prize is open to those under the age of 35 involved in any area of conservation or field biology in the region. Prizes will be awarded by a panel selected by Tony's family. The panel is especially interested in hearing about work on the overlooked species and habitats that Tony was most passionate about – such as caves and karst ecosystems, and understudied invertebrates and fishes.

The fund is able to provide three prizes of £1000 each in late 2019, with further rounds in the following two years. Applicants should be nationals of Brunei, Cambodia, China, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Timor-Leste or Vietnam.

Application forms are available via <http://www.cambridgeconservation.org/tony-whitten-conservation-prize>. **Deadline: 11.59pm (GMT) Sunday 1 September 2019.**

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by 31 December 2019.

