

The Sir Peter Scott Award for Conservation Merit

2012

Dr Susan Mainka

Presented by the IUCN Species Survival Commission on the 4th day of February 2012 in recognition of her pioneering work on the conservation of the Giant Panda, her leadership of the IUCN Species Programme, and her encouragement of conservationists worldwide, especially in Asia. Sue was Deputy Head of the Species Programme from 1997 to 2000, and Head of the Species Programme from 2000 to 2004. She went on to hold other senior positions in IUCN headquarters, most recently Head of Science and Knowledge Management.

Dr Martin Brooks

In recognition of his pivotal role in leading the conservation actions to end the decline of rhinos in Africa, and for his strategic leadership of the SSC African Rhino Specialist Group over 20 years.

Dr Anders Rhodin

In recognition of his exceptional leadership over many years of international chelonian conservation, and for chairing the SSC Tortoise and Freshwater Turtle Specialist Group.

Prof Luigi Boitani

In recognition of his inspirational commitment and participation in the leadership of the SSC over many years, including the Wolf Specialist Group, European Large Carnivore Initiative, Species Information Service, Global Mammal Assessment, Save Our Species Fund, Task Force on Biodiversity and Protected Areas, and Steering Committee.

2009

Dr Raoul du Toit

Long-standing member of the African Rhino Specialist Group, in recognition of his exceptional efforts and successes in the field of African Rhino conservation. Raoul's dedication and technical know-how have contributed significantly to the establishment of effective rhino monitoring systems, community outreach programmes, and improved law enforcement efforts, as well as hugely successful Black Rhino translocation projects.

2008

Dr Russ Mittermeier

Chair of the IUCN SSC Primate Specialist Group, in recognition of his enduring commitment to the conservation of species across the globe, his leadership of the Primate Specialist Group, and his dedication to the SSC for more than three decades.

Dr Christoph Imboden

SSC Steering Committee, in recognition of his enduring commitment to the IUCN Species Survival Commission and his unparalleled contribution to its vision, strategic thinking and planning.

Prof Mick Clout

SSC Steering Committee and Chair of the IUCN SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group, in recognition of his unflagging and successful efforts to bring invasive alien species issues to the forefront of IUCN's work and his dedicated leadership of the Invasive Species Specialist Group for 15 years.

2006

Dr Rod East

Long-standing member and Co-Chair of the IUCN SSC Antelope Specialist Group. In recognition of his extensive involvement in the SSC. Among his outstanding contributions are the publication of Antelopes: Global Survey and Regional Action Plans for Africa south of the Sahara, the African Antelope Database 1998, and the series of Antelope Survey Updates. In addition, his fund-raising efforts have greatly assisted the conservation of species poorly represented in the existing African protected areas network.

2004

Dr David Given

Former Co-Chair of the IUCN SSC Plant Conservation Committee (PCC). In recognition of his leadership of the PCC and unwavering dedication towards raising awareness of and action for the conservation of plant species worldwide.

Dr Mohd Khan b Momin Khan

Chair of the IUCN SSC Asian Rhino Specialist Group. In recognition of his many years of important and influential work championing species conservation in Asia.

Dr Georgina Mace

Chair of the IUCN SSC Red List Committee. In recognition of her important and innovative leadership in developing and reviewing the IUCN Red List Categories and Criteria, ushering in a new era in scientifically-rigorous assessments of the global status of species.

Prof Harry Messel

Former Chair of the IUCN/SSC Crocodile Specialist Group (CSG) and SSC icon. In recognition of his leadership and dedicated service to the CSG, building one of the most globally-known and respected SSC Specialist Groups.

2002

Dr Ulie Seal

Long-standing Chair of the SSC Conservation Breeding Specialist Group and one of the Commission's leading lights. SSC's former Chairs, David Brackett and George Rabb jointly presented this award during an event at the Minnesota Zoo in 2002 celebrating Ulie's ongoing career as a pioneer of global conservation.

2000

Dr William G. Conway

Former President of the Wildlife Conservation Society, New York. In recognition of his leadership in advocating the integration of the work of zoological parks into broader conservation programs, tirelessly arguing the responsibility of zoos in conserving nature in the wild, and his far-reaching impact on practical wildlife conservation.

Mr Peter Jackson

Former Chair of the IUCN SSC Cat Specialist Group. In recognition of his many years of important and influential work related to the conservation of wild cat species, particularly his leading role in tiger conservation worldwide, and his efforts in building the Cat Specialist Group into one of the most active and successful of the SSC.

Prof Marshall W. Murphree

Former Chair of the IUCN SSC Sustainable Use Specialist Group. In recognition of his many years of important and innovative work establishing "conservation with a human face", championing the sustainable use of wildlife and its benefits to species conservation.

1999

Dr Tony Cunningham

Eminent ethnobotanist and leading light of the SSC Medicinal Plant Specialist Group. In recognition of his years of important and influential work related to the

conservation dimension in the use of plant resources in Africa, particularly in the complex area of ethnoecology. This involves resource use by people and the consideration of both cultural and ecological factors in approaching issues such as land-use planning, non-timber plant resource harvesting, and collaborative management.

1996

Dr George B. Rabb

In recognition of his dedicated leadership and vision as SSC Chair. His vision and leadership aims to foster understanding of the complex dynamics influencing the health of ecosystems and species; integrate social, economic and other sciences into conservation strategies and policies; and motivate conservation organizations, zoo and aquariums and other public enterprises to work together toward a respectful and sustainable relationship with the natural world.

1994

Dr Graeme Caughley

Dr Caughley passed away before the award could be presented to him, it was instead presented to his family. He died in February 1994. Dr Caughley left his own unmistakable influence on ecology, wildlife management and in his later years, conservation biology. He led in his field by setting high standards of experimental design, analyses and integrity. He was best known for his practical and theoretical research on population dynamics, where much of his work pivoted on the ecological relationships between herbivores and their forage.

Peter Scott Awards were presented posthumously to Ingerio Eduardo Aspiazu, Alwyn H. Gentry & Theodore A. Parker III. All three were killed in a plane crash in Ecuador in August 1993. The award was presented to the family and friends of each of the honorees.

Ingerio Eduardo Aspiazu

For his tireless dedication as a conservationist and in special recognition of his role in helping to make the dream of an Andean protected area network become reality.

Dr Alwyn H. Gentry

For pioneering the rapid assessment technique, an approach to evaluating the biotic wealth of ecosystems, that significantly advanced conservation knowledge and alerted governments to the precarious state of some of their richest ecological treasures, and in recognition of a lifetime of unmatched conservation achievement in the field of botany.

Dr Theodore A. Parker III

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1992

Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad de Costa Rica (INBio).

The Instituto Nacional de Biodiversidad de Costa Rica (INBio) is a non-profit, public interest organization. It was established to understand the biodiversity of Costa Rica and to help society use it in a sustainable way.

Established by Presidential Executive Decree in 1989, INBio has since then pursued various aspects of biodiversity research, data banking, and training programs. Its research includes scientific fields such as taxonomy, biogeography and biochemistry of natural products, as well as other practical areas such as ecotourism, trade in wildlife products, local training and education.

INBio's achievements in the region in which it operates has made it both a commendable organization deserving of this award and a model for many others to follow around the world.

1990

Didier Marchessaux (post mortem), France
Grenville Lucas, UK
Jersey Wildlife Preservation Trust, UK
Village of Shiraho, Japan

1988

Mrs Patricia Chable, Switzerland
J.C. Daniel, India
Mrs Blythe Loutit, Namibia
Robert Falcon Scott, USA
Jose Lobao Tello, Portugal
Rom Whitaker, India
Zai Whitaker, India

1984

David Bramwell, UK and the Jardin Botanico Viera y Clavijo, Spain
Nick Carter, USA
Richard Fitter, UK
Maisie Fitter, UK
Jesús Garzon Heydt, Spain
Lance McCaskill, New Zealand
Wahab Owadally, Mauritius
Jurgen Rottman, Chile