

Speaker Profile

WCC_10218 Workshop **Conservation of intertidal habitats, working coastal wetlands and migratory waterbirds, from the East Asian-Australasian Flyway, especially the Yellow Sea, to the global context**

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Scott Perkin, Head of Natural Resources Group, IUCN Asia

Mr. Perkin has been engaged in biodiversity conservation for nearly 30 years. He has worked in the field, in programme management and development, and in strategic planning. His different postings have given him the opportunity to engage at regional, national and local levels and have included East Africa, South Asia, South-east Asia and Europe.



Bruce McKinlay, Chair of EAAFP Yellow Sea Task Force and Technical Advisor of Species and Ecosystems of Department of Conservation, New Zealand

Mr. McKinlay has worked in wildlife management and conservation for the New Zealand Government since the 1980s. Based in Dunedin, Southern NZ, his work has focused on penguin, invertebrate, lizard, forest bird and seabird conservation. In the New Zealand context this work has a heavy involvement in pest control and community engagement. Currently working as a Technical Advisor, Ecosystems and Species in the Science and Capability Division of the Department of Conservation, Bruce, in addition to being the New Zealand lead for the EAAFP Yellow Sea Task Force has a portfolio of penguin, and captive management issues.



Xinxin Hu, Deputy Division Chief of the Wetland Conservation and Management Office, State Forestry Administration, China

Ms. HU has been working in the Office of Wetland Conservation and Management, State Forestry Administration, P.R.China since 2008. The Office is also playing as the role of the RAMSAR Convention Administrative Authority in China. She has a bachelor's degree in management from the University of Waikato, New Zealand. She also studied at North Carolina State University as visiting scholar from 2011-2012. Her current position is the deputy division director of the Office of Wetland Conservation and Management, responsible for the coordination of the implementation of the RAMSAR Convention in the country and international cooperation with countries and organizations related to wetland conservation.



Jong-Won Choi, Director of the Nature Policy division of the Ministry of Environment of Republic of Korea.

Mr. Choi has been working for Ministry of Environment of Republic of Korea since 2004. He is Director of the Nature Policy Division and is also acting as Deputy Director General for Conservation Bureau. He obtained his master's degree in Energy and Environment Policy from University of Delaware, USA in 2007.



Sung-Jun Park, Director of Marine Ecology Division of Marine Policy Office at Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea

Mr. Park is Director of Marine Ecology Division of Marine Policy Office at Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries, Republic of Korea. The Division's goal is conservation, management and improvement of tidal flats and marine species in Korea.



Kyung-Sik Woo: Professor at the Department of Geology, Kangwon National University, Republic of Korea

Dr. Woo is a professor at the Department of Geology, Kangwon National University. He is the President of the International Union of Speleology and the Chair of the IUCN WCPA Geoheritage Specialist Group. He is working as a technical advisor for IUCN World Heritage Programme and has been working as a WH field evaluator since 2009. He is also the Advisory Committee Member of Asia-Pacific Geoparks Network.



Risa Smith, Chair of Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) and Manager of International Biodiversity Policy for Environment Canada, Government of Canada

Dr. Smith was Chair of Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna (CAFF) from 2013-2015. In that capacity she oversaw an implementation plan for the Arctic Biodiversity Assessment, development of the Arctic Migratory Birds Initiative, launch of the Arctic Biodiversity Data Service and significant progress on the Circumpolar Biodiversity Monitoring Program. Dr. Smith is the manager of International Biodiversity Policy for Environment Canada. In that capacity she is Canada's focal point for the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice. Dr. Smith has over 20 years of experience leading the development of biodiversity assessments and state of the environment reports internationally and for the Governments of Canada and British Columbia. She has also worked in an advisory capacity for the 2014 and 2010 Global Biodiversity Outlooks, produced by the CBD and the United Nations' Global Environment Outlook.



Julie Kunen, Vice President of the Americas program at the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)

Dr. Kunen oversees conservation activities across two continents from Alaska in the United States to Tierra del Fuego of Chile and Argentina. Dr. Kunen joined WCS in 2011, in the capacity of Executive Director for the Latin America and Caribbean Program, after serving as Senior Advisor and Chief of Staff in the Bureau for Policy, Planning, and Learning at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), and Special Assistant to the Administrator of USAID. From 2005-2009, she was the Forestry Advisor in USAID's Latin America and Caribbean Bureau. Dr. Kunen received a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Arizona in 2001. She is also an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Maryland.



Nicola Crockford, Senior International Species Policy Officer, Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

Ms. Crockford has been working for the RSPB since 1992. She has been the BirdLife International focal point for the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) and has been instrumental in the establishment of a CMS global Working Group on Preventing Poisoning of migratory birds (coordinator based at the RSPB), and CMS Task Forces on Energy (coordinator based at BirdLife International in Cambridge) and Illegal Killing of Birds in the Mediterranean (coordinator based at the CMS Secretariat in Bonn). On behalf of BirdLife and the international conservation community, she has been coordinating efforts to conserve Asian tidal flats and associated habitats and especially the Yellow Sea, including through the East Asia Australasia Flyway Partnership and IUCN.



Bradnee Chambers, Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS)

Dr. Chambers is currently Executive Secretary of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS). Prior to his appointment, Dr. Chambers headed the Law and Governance Branch of the Division of Environmental Law and Conventions at UNEP. Dr. Chambers has worked in various capacities in UNEP including as Senior Legal Officer and Head of Policy and Synergies between Multilateral Environmental Agreements. The last few years he led the UNEP Secretariat in the Nairobi-Helsinki Ministerial Consultative Process on International Governance and at the Rio+10 Summit which led to the upgrading and strengthening of UNEP in the outcome document "The Future We Want". He has co-chaired, with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the Multilateral Environmental Agreement (MEA) Information and Knowledge Management Initiative (IKM) - a collaborative platform that brings together 40 global and regional agreements from 14 secretariats hosted by 4 different UN organizations and IUCN.

