

The Harry Messel Award for Conservation Leadership

2012

Dr Viola Clausnitzer

In recognition of her leadership of Odonata Red List assessments, especially in Africa, and her chairing of the SSC Dragonfly Specialist Group.

Dr Richard Emslie

In recognition of his scientific leadership and support for rhinoceros conservation in Africa and Asia, and his long service as Scientific Officer of the SSC African Rhino Specialist Group.

Ms Sonja Fordham, In recognition of her leadership and her vision in shark conservation worldwide, and her long service as Deputy Chair of the SSC Shark Specialist Group.

Dr David Garshelis

In recognition of his leadership and vision in international bear conservation and management, his encouragement of bear conservationists worldwide, and his exceptional service as Co-Chair of the SSC Bear Specialist Group.

Dr Barbara Goettsch

In recognition of her pioneering, visionary and exemplary leadership of the SSC Global Cactus Assessment, and her support of the SSC Cactus and Succulent Specialist Group.

Dr Alexine Keuroghlian

In recognition of her innovative and energetic leadership of Peccary conservation and research in Brazil, and her valued participation in the SSC Peccary Specialist Group.

2008

Mr Craig Hilton-Taylor

In recognition of his conscientious management of the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™, his outstanding guardianship over the standards of the IUCN Red List process and his unstinting support to the contributing members of the IUCN SSC.

Dr Danna Leaman

IUCN SSC Plant Conservation Sub-Committee, in recognition of her inspirational role in the development of the International Standard for Sustainable Wild Collection of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (ISSC-MAP) and for ably assisting the work of the Plant Conservation Sub-Committee.

Dr Brooks Childress

Chair of the IUCN SSC Flamingo Specialist Group, in recognition of his active engagement in the challenges facing the Lesser Flamingo at Lake Natron, measurably demonstrating the power of the “One Programme” approach.

2006

Mr Robin Sharp

Chair of the European Chapter of the SSC Sustainable Use Specialist Group was awarded in recognition of his extensive contribution to the SSC's work on sustainable use. He has chaired the European Regional Group since its foundation in 1997, and it now has 140 members in 40 countries.

2004

Dr Perran Ross

SSC Crocodile Specialist Group. Dr Ross was given this award in recognition of his dynamism and dedication in creating one of the most active and successful Specialist Groups, and helping to secure the sustainable use of crocodilians.

Youth Section

Dr Patricia Medici

Chair of the SSC Tapir Specialist Group, one of the network's most energetic and enthusiastic members was awarded for her tireless efforts in generating sustainable conservation action for the world's tapirs.