

CROFTS, Roger (United Kingdom)

Current employment and/or position/title:

Independent environmental management advisor, author, broadcaster and lecturer. Chair The Sibthorp Trust (IUCN Member). WCPA Emeritus. CEM member. Member of following IUCN Member organizations: Plantlife International, IEEM, Scottish Environment LINK, EUROPARC Federation. Chair Galloway & Southern Ayrshire Biosphere Reserve Partnership Board. Member Board Crichton Carbon Centre. Project Director Watson Bird Centre and Celebration. Chair Royal Society of Edinburgh Land Use Strategy Group. Visiting Professor of Geography and Environment, University of Aberdeen. www.rogercrofts.net

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

Environmental management: temperate mid-latitudes. Contributed to/written 7 books on earth heritage, nature conservation and environmental management. Led development of 25 year strategy for Scotland *Natural Heritage Futures*; strategy for plant conservation in UK with Plantlife; and soil conservation in Iceland with Soil Conservation Service.

Protected areas: led implementation of EU Natura 2000 programme for Scotland 1992–2002; Chaired Durban Accord Working Group for Vth World Parks Congress 2003 and chaired 5 year review meeting in 2008; advice on establishment of national parks in Scotland, Denmark, protected areas development in Iceland, protected areas management in Sweden, Bulgaria and Lithuania.

Sustainable development: as senior civil servant in UK Government responsible for rural development and natural environment, first sustainable development strategy for Scotland (1989) and first statutory duty on sustainability (1991); independent strategic reviews in Scotland of energy (2006) and future of the land and communities (2009) for Royal Society of Edinburgh. In depth knowledge of land use policy and practice, the EU Common Agricultural Policy, EU rural development and environmental policies.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

IUCN knowledge and experience: CEO statutory lead for IUCN in UK 1992–2002; Chair UK National Committee 1999–2002, WCPA Regional Vice-Chair for Europe and member WCPA Global Steering Committee 2000–2008; attended last 4 World Conservation Congresses. Participated in global and regional programme development. Undertook review of WCPA and IUCN Protected Areas Programme in 1998. Regular contact with IUCN Member bodies in Western and Central Europe.

Engagement in organizations at highest executive and board levels responsible for culture, leadership, strategic direction, performance management, and financial control. CEO government agency Scottish Natural Heritage 1992–2002 (850 staff, £50m budget). Board Director: National Trust for Scotland 2004–2009 (450 staff and £30m budget), Scottish Agricultural College 2002–2010 (800 staff, £40m budget), Crichton Carbon Centre 2009–, and Fieldfare 2005–. Board Director, Deputy Chair and Chair Plantlife International 2001–2010 (30 staff, budget £2m), Chair The Sibthorp Trust (formerly IUCN UK).

Environmental recognition: Commander of the British Empire, Hon DSc, Fellowships of 4 learned societies, Icelandic Soil Conservation Medal and Emeritus of WCPA.