

DE IONGH, Hans (Netherlands)

Current employment and/or position/title:

Associate Professor at the Institute of Environmental Sciences of Leiden University and Guest Professor at the University of Antwerp

Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:

Hans de longh has been a member of the Board of the Netherlands Committee for IUCN since 1987, Chair of the Committee (1990–2000), and Vice Chair (2000–2003). In October 2008 he became Regional Councillor for West Europe and he served in this position until 2012.

Since 2003, he has been a member of the Supervisory Board of IUCN NL and Biodiversity Advisor to the daily board. Mr de longh is an active member of the IUCN Species Survival Commission, especially the Sustainable Use Specialist Group, the Sirenia Specialist Group and the Cat Specialist Group.

He is also a member of the African Lion Working Group (affiliated with the Cat Specialist Group), and he has contributed to the Ecosystem Management Group for several years. Hans de longh was involved in the preparation of National and Regional Conservation Action Plans for the African Lion and for the dugong in Indonesia and South East Asia.

Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:

Hans de longh has been Chair of the Netherlands Committee for IUCN during 1990 until 2000, Co-Chair during 2000–2003 and served as a Regional Councillor for West Europe during 2008–2012. He has a broad experience with international biodiversity policy and practice. He participated as delegation member in the COP of the CBD, CITES and Ramsar during consecutive years.

He is a member of the Netherlands CITES Commission, Chair of the Van Tienhoven Foundation and member of an Advisory Group to the Ministry of LNV on Red Lists in the Netherlands.

He has been active in the development of harmonization of Red Lists in Europe and contributed to and initiated several National Conservation Strategies for threatened species and Red Listing in Europe. Hans de longh has long standing experience with IUCN and the IUCN network.