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PROFESSOR STEPHEN VAN LEEUWEN HFEIANZ

Professor Stephen van Leeuwen is a botanical ecologist, executive manager and respected Wadandi Noongar leader with links to Country in the Busselton and Margaret River regions of southwest Western Australia. Stephen builds collaborative relationships with Traditional Custodians and other land managers to deliver novel and enduring outcomes for biodiversity conservation, bio-cultural land management, and the stewardship of Country. Professor van Leeuwen is Australia's first Indigenous Chair of Biodiversity and Environmental Science at Curtin University. His position is supported by Curtin University, BHP and the National Environmental Science Program. Stephen has a diverse research pedigree developed over 40 years of applied research, principally in the rangelands (Pilbara and Western Desert) and the Kwongan sandplains of Western Australia. He embraces innovation and opportunistically engages and builds collaborative relationships with Traditional Owners, other land managers and collegial biodiversity research providers to deliver novel and enduring outcomes for nature conservation, Country and community.



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PROFESSOR HUGH POSSINGHAM HFEIANZ

Professor Hugh Possingham FAA is an eminent Australian scientist and mathematician. His academic interests are in species conservation research, operations research, and ecological systems research. More specifically his research focus has been to secure the knowledge that will assure the maintenance of the world's biological diversity through: efficient nature reserve design, habitat reconstruction, monitoring, optimal management of populations for conservation, cost-effective conservation actions for threatened species, pest control and population harvesting, survey methods for detecting bird decline, bird conservation ecology, environmental accounting and metapopulation dynamics.

Professor Possingham is an Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow. He currently directs two national research centres, including an Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Environmental Decisions. Born and educated in South Australia, he received his D. Phil from the University of Oxford in 1987 and has over 720 refereed research papers with which he is associated. His research projects are in the field of decision theory in conservation biology. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, Fellow of the Australian Mathematical Society, and a Foreign Associate of the US National Academy of Sciences.