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Dr Lena Chan

KEYNOTE SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

Dr Lena Chan is an ecologist with over forty years of experience in biodiversity conservation.

Lena worked for the National Parks Board of Singapore from 1997 to 2023. She helped setup the National Biodiversity Centre and the Sisters' Islands Marine Park, initiated the biodiversity impact assessment process in Singapore, led the drafting of the Nature Conservation Masterplan, co-edited a journal supplement on a comprehensive biodiversity survey of the Bukit Timah Nature Reserve and a Handbook on Habitat Restoration on case studies in Singapore.

Lena played a pivotal role in setting up the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity, co-authored the Handbook on the Singapore Index on Cities' Biodiversity was the Co-Chair of the World Economic Forum Global Commission on BiodiverCities by 2030, and participated in the first joint IPBES-IPCC workshop on biodiversity and climate.

Lena was in a team from World Wide Fund Malaysia that carried out the Conservation Strategy for Malaysia from 1981 to 1987, covering eight states.

Lena has published papers on ecology, parasitology, and book chapters on urban conservation biology. She obtained her M. Sc. from McGill University and Ph. D. from Imperial College, London.