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Roger Crofts, CBE

Nomination for Packard Award

Dear Roger

We are very pleased to officially inform you that, following the selection process put in place by the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA) and the Global Protected Areas Programme (GPAP), we would like to present you with the WCPA's Packard Award.

This prestigious award is made to individuals or groups to recognize outstanding service to protected areas and recognizes both protected area professionals and organizations. It is given to any individual (or group of individuals) who has carried out his/her duties in the service of protected areas above and beyond the call of duty. Please can you review the attached citation and advise Pedro Rosabal if any corrections need to be made.

This award will be announced during the WCPA Open meeting on 1 September and will be officially presented to you at the Congress Event "**Celebrating the winners of the Kenton Miller, Fred Packard and Heritage Heroes awards**" that will take place in the Protected Planet Pavilion on Saturday, 3 September 19.00 – 21.30hrs. We hope that you can join us for these two important events.

Looking forward to see you in Hawai'i. with best wishes,

Dr Kathy MacKinnon
Chair IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas

c.c. Trevor Sandwith, Director IUCN Global Protected Areas Programme
c.c. Julia Miranda Londono, Deputy Chair, IUCN/WCPA
c.c. Pedro Rosabal, Deputy Director, GPAP

Citation

Roger Crofts has made significant contributions to protected areas policy, governance, management and advocacy for over 40 years nationally, regionally and globally. As the Founder Chief Executive of Scottish Natural Heritage he achieved the successful implementation of Natura 2000 using tailor-made consultation procedures and management incentives schemes, placing protected areas in their landscape context through Natural Heritage Futures. In Europe, he led the volunteer network of

WCPA for 8 years with drive and determination, resulting in a focussed programme of work and active volunteer network and much improved links to IUCN activities in the region. Around Europe, Roger advised on innovative ways to achieve improved protection of sites, especially in Iceland, including establishment of Europe's largest National Park Vatnajökull and National parks in Denmark, argued for removal of perverse incentives, especially reform of the EU Common Agricultural Policy, and produced new governance models (e.g. for Bulgarian PAs). Globally, Roger undertook an in-depth review of the WCPA and the GPAP in 1998, at the Vth World Parks Congress, Roger led the formulation of the Durban Accord and Action Plan which became the foundation for the CBD PoWPA. He persuaded colleagues to change the definition of a protected area to include abiotic nature, stimulating the formation of the Geoheritage SG, and leading on best practice guidelines for geoheritage conservation. Colleagues describe Roger as a grounded, energetic, clear thinking and encouraging environmentalist. He is a mentor and adviser of the highest calibre.