Dr. Bernardo B.N. Strassburg

Dr. Strassburg is an economist and social scientist working on the sustainable use of land and its resources, conciliating production needs, environmental services and social development, by developing interdisciplinary research. Dr. Strassburg is the founder and Executive Director of the International Institute for Sustainability (IIS Rio), coordinator of the Centre for Conservation and Sustainability Science (CSRio) and Assistant Professor at the Pontifical Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (PUC-Rio) in Brazil. He has led a number of projects in the interface of REDD, biodiversity, improved land use, ecological restoration and financial incentives and published thousands of papers and reports on these topics. Has provided consultancy to the United Nations, the World Bank, Conservation International, World Wide Fund for Nature, the Brazilian and British governments, among others. Dr. Strassburg also coordinates the Economics Working Group of the Pact for the Restoration of the Atlantic Rainforest.

Dr. Carlos Alberto de Mattos Scaramuzza

Dr. Scaramuzza's experience includes development of public policies, research and project management related to biodiversity conservation and sustainable development. His main background is the establishment of bridges between technical-scientific research and practical applications on the ground. Dr. Scaramuzza is a Senior Research Associate and Technical Director of the International Institute for Sustainability (IIS Rio) and ex-Brazilian Technical CBD focal point. From May 2013, he served as Director of the Biodiversity Conservation Department from Secretary of Biodiversity and Forest of Brazilian Minister of Environment and was responsible for the development and implementation of Brazilian government environmental policies related to species and ecosystem conservation and biodiversity conservation planning. From 2015 to November, 2017, he led the Ecosystem Conservation Department in a new structure of the Biodiversity Secretary. Dr. Scaramuzza has been involved in the implementation of public policies and project and program management and his experience covers landscape and community ecology; vegetation dynamics, land use and land cover changes; agroecological zoning; and grasslands, neotropical savanna and rainforest ecology.

Dr. Jeffrey R. Vincent

Dr. Vincent is the Clarence F. Korstian Professor of Forest Economics and Management in the Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University (USA) and a Fellow at the Beijer Institute of Ecological Economics in Stockholm, Sweden. His expertise lies in the economics of natural resource management and policy in developing countries, with a primary emphasis on forests in Asia. His current research focuses on the economics of forest restoration. It builds on his prior research on the valuation of tropical forest ecosystem services. His publications have appeared in a range of economic, forestry, and general science journals and have won awards from the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences USA and Harvard Business Review. In addition to his research and teaching, since the early 1990s he has actively participated in environmental economics capacity-building initiatives in developing countries (in particular, with the South Asian Network of Development and Environmental Economists, or SANDEE) and consulted regularly with the World Bank, UN FAO, and other international organizations. He also has experience directing aid-funded policy advising projects in low- and middle-income countries.

Dr. Manuel Guariguata

Dr. Guariguata is a tropical forest ecologist working on management for multiple goods and services of natural and restored forests, mainly from a biophysical perspective but also considering regulatory and normative aspects. He currently serves as the Principal Scientist on tropical forest ecology and forest management for production and conservation at the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR), leading CIFOR's Latin American Hub in Lima, Peru. Before joining CIFOR in 2006, Dr. Guariguata was Program Officer at the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity where he facilitated intergovernmental dialogue on forest biodiversity and climate change. Dr. Guariguata is the author of several publications mostly about forest certification, forest-based ecosystem services, forestry and climate change, participatory monitoring, forest ecology and silviculture, and forest restoration.

Dr. Morena Mills

Dr. Mills is Reader in Environmental Social Sciences at Imperial College London (UK) working on applied biodiversity conservation problems and interested in improving policy that impacts the persistence of species and people's wellbeing. Her research projects and publications span both marine and terrestrial systems, at global and local scales. For example, at a global scale, she investigates how and why resource management and conservation initiatives spread around the world. At a local scale, she investigates how policies aimed at conserving and restoring biodiversity in the Brazilian Atlantic Forest and coast can be improved.

Dr. Renato Crouzeilles

Dr. Crouzeilles is an ecologist with experience in landscape restoration and ecology, spatial optimisation planning and capacity bulding. His aim is to inform and support environmental decision making through systematic spatial planning. He is currently Director and CEO of the International Institute for Sustainability Australia (IIS AU), Associate and Senior Manager at the International Institute for Sustainability (IIS Rio), and Assistant Professor in the Environmental Sciences Professional Master's program at the Veiga de Almeida University. Dr. Crouzeilles has led a number of projects and published several papers on forest landscape restoration and natural regeneration in tropical areas.

Dr. Robin Chazdon

Dr. Chazdon is an ecologist working on tropical forest ecology for more than 45 years. Recently retired from 28 years of teaching at the University of Connecticut, Dr. Chazdon served as the Executive Director of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC) and Director of the NSF-funded Research Coordination Network PARTNERS (People and Reforestation in the Tropics). She is a Senior Research Associate with the International Institute of Sustainability (IIS Rio) in Brazil, Member of the International Institute for Sustainability Australia (IIS AU), Research Professor at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland, Australia, and Senior Fellow with the World Resources Institute Global Restoration Initiative. Her work focuses on enhancing decision support tools, guidelines, and capacity for forest and landscape restoration and promoting natural regeneration in restoration planning. Dr. Chazdon is the author of several publications on the ecology, regeneration, restoration, and conservation of tropical forests, biodiversity conservation in agricultural landscapes.

Dr. Starry Sprenkle-Hyppolite

Dr. Sprenkle-Hyppolite is an ecological restoration practitioner, researcher, and strategist. Her applied research links restoration ecology and landscape ecology, while addressing socio-cultural aspects of deforestation and reforestation. Dr. Sprenkle-Hyppolite joined Conservation International's Natural Climate Solutions team in July 2020, following more than a decade of work in Haiti. Her research combines geospatial datasets and remote sensing with on-the-ground data collected from reforestation sites to analyze environmental and technical factors determining reforestation success. With Conservation International Dr. Sprenkle-Hyppolite's work focuses on supporting science-driven restoration implementation, focused around carbon capture in the "Trees in Agriculture" and "Reforestation" Pathways for Natural Climate Solutions. For example, she is currently leading work to develop low cost methodologies to estimate carbon capture in shade-grown coffee to help smallholder farmers access carbon markets and incentivize increased carbon capture and storage in coffee systems. Dr. Sprenkle-Hyppolite has also led innovative programming in natural climate solutions including climate-smart resiliency, mitigation, and adaptation.