

The Ecosystem Restoration Thematic Group of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature's Commission on Ecosystem Management (IUCN CEM) invites you to the June session in its webinars on "*Ecosystem Restoration: Global Initiatives in Science and Practice*".

### **Need Restoration be Multilingual?**

**Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 from 12:00-13:00 EDT (UTC-4, e.g. 17:00-18:00 CEST)**

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CEM Thematic Group on Sustainable Use and Management of Ecosystems**

~ abstract and speaker biosketch below and attached ~

If you have already registered for the series, the link to join remains the same each month and will be included in the reminder email.

**If you have yet to register for the series, you can [Register Here](#)**

#### **Details about the series**

Webinars are held the 3rd Friday of each month from 12 to 1 pm Eastern EDT (UTC-4) using the platform "Zoom".

Previous session videos and presentations can be found on the [Ecosystem Restoration: Global Initiatives in Science and Practice Webinar Series webpage](#). You can also find the complete [Series YouTube Playlist](#).

We aim to grow participation each month and create a forum to learn and connect with restoration practitioners from around the globe. We look forward to your participation.

For those for whom this time is not ideal, the recording will be shared within a week.

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### **Abstract**

Biodiversity loss and climate change, resulting from human development, still impact ecosystems despite the potential for development to be sustainable. Remedies focussed on top-down regulation have often been based on poor understanding of complex socio-ecology and been inflexible, while biodiversity and ecosystem services are sustained best by knowledge and adaptive management. Sadly, increasing the protection of species and areas alone has not stopped biodiversity loss and can engender social polarisation which hinders remedial actions.

Restoration can be a 'win-win' for multiple human aspirations, but is also more challenging than protection. Restoration needs more complex knowledge, and socially sustainable management, complemented by adaptive governance. At a time when cultivation gives fewer jobs, restoration can enhance livelihoods. It engenders cooperation between diverse interests, needing many skills and actions over large enough areas to benefit ecosystem services, not least carbon sequestration.

To combine knowledge gathered globally with actions performed locally, CEM's thematic group on Sustainable Use and Management of Ecosystems has worked with SSC and CEESP to build a multilingual communication tool: [www.naturalliance.org](http://www.naturalliance.org). This webinar will explain what has been done so far and how we would like to progress, with the help of ERTG, other groups in CEM and IUCN more widely.

### **Presenter**

#### **Robert Kenward**

#### **Lead for CEM Thematic Group on Sustainable Use and Management of Ecosystems**

Professor Robert Kenward grew up on a farm in southern England, and worked forty years in wildlife research, including 3 degrees from Oxford university. He taught and ran projects in many countries, mainly on raptors, game birds and squirrels, working in 5 European languages. After founding one company for producing radio-tracking equipment and one for software, he left the government's Centre for Ecology and Hydrology as director of technology transfer and has subsequently supervised contracts for European Commission and the United Nations. He has served for 12, 20 and 31 years on councils of 3 international NGOs involved in conservation through sustainable use. After being chair of IUCN's European Sustainable Use Specialist Group and a vice-chair for Sustainable Use and Livelihoods, he now leads the Commission on Ecosystem Management's global thematic group on Sustainable Use and Management of Ecosystems. His scientific publications include books on radio-tagging, the northern goshawk and the common buzzard. A passion for helping people to improve rural areas has resulted in development of web-networking for nature conservation.