

JOHN PILGRIM

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Over 10 years' global experience in biodiversity conservation, including:

- *four years based in South-East Asia*
- *threatened species and conservation planning*
- *natural resource management*
- *climate change, carbon and adaptation*
- *conservation grant-making*
- *monitoring and evaluation*
- *capacity building*
- *scientific and popular publishing*

EDUCATION:

The University of East Anglia, Norwich, UK (1993-1996)

First Class Honours BSc Ecology.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Manager, CEPF-RIT, BirdLife International *in Indochina* (July 2008-March 2010)

Operationalising and managing the Regional Implementation Team (RIT) for a \$9.5 million Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) investment in Indochina, including: providing guidance to applicants; coordinating technical review and strategic evaluation of proposals; approval of small grant contracts and financial disbursements; joint decision-making with CEPF on large grant applications; and coordinating monitoring of funded projects. This RIT has been described by CEPF as “performing very effectively, and is, in many ways, a model for RITs under the second phase of CEPF.”

Conservation Advisor, BirdLife International *in Indochina* (April 2006-June 2008)

Providing technical support to, building capacity in, and evaluating the work of, BirdLife programs and partners in Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam, including: conservation and land-use planning; monitoring; project management; protected area management; strategic environmental assessment; and threatened species law.

Global Conservation Fund, Conservation International (July 2002-July 2005)

One of two grant directors of the \$100 million Global Conservation Fund, identifying priority projects and suitable grantees, working closely with grantees to develop and review proposals, and coordinating grant-making with other donors.

Researcher, Conservation International (March 2000-June 2002)

Focused on conservation priority-setting; taxonomically, geographically, and thematically. Notably, instrumental in development of the Key Biodiversity Area and Alliance for Zero Extinction concepts and a series of milestone publications (in particular the 'Wilderness' and 'Hotspots Revisited' books). Also, co-led development of institution-wide monitoring indicators.

Researcher, Manchester Metropolitan University (December 1998-June 1999)

Based in Papua New Guinea, researching parrot ecology and habitat change. Ran this project in the field, involving developing communications with and between a diverse range of institutions, statutory bodies, non-governmental organisations and community groups.

PUBLICATIONS:

Authored or co-authored more than 25 peer-reviewed scientific papers, 15 book chapters and 40 popular articles and reports. Also co-edited two books on global conservation strategies. Selected key and recent publications are listed below.

Pilgrim, J. D., Eberhardt, K., Eames, J. C., Bou Vorsak and Pham Tuan Anh (accepted) A review of lessons learned from a local conservation group approach in Indochina. *Oryx*

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Pilgrim, J. D. and Nguyen Duc Tu (2007) Threatened and alien species in Vietnam: background and recommendations for the content of the national Biodiversity Law. Report to the Department of Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment. BirdLife International Vietnam Programme, Hanoi.

Brooks, T. M., Mittermeier, R. A., da Fonseca, G. A. B., Gerlach, J., Hoffmann, M., Lamoreux, J. F., Mittermeier, C. G., **Pilgrim, J. D.**, and Rodrigues, A. S. L. (2006) Global Biodiversity Conservation Priorities. *Science* 313: 58-61.

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- Rodrigues, A. S. L., Andelman, S. J., Bakarr, M. I., Boitani, L., Brooks, T. M., Cowling, R. M., Fishpool, L. D. C., da Fonseca, G. A. B., Gaston, K. J., Hoffmann, M., Long, J. S., Marquet, P. A., **Pilgrim, J. D.**, Pressey, R. L., Schipper, J., Sechrest, W., Stuart, S. N., Underhill, L. G., Waller, R. W., Watts, M. E. J., and Yan, X. (2004) Effectiveness of the global protected area network in representing species diversity. *Nature* 428: 640-643.
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