



Canadian Institute of Forestry Presents International Forestry Achievement Award to Dr. Terry Sunderland of Vancouver, BC

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Mattawa, ON – Wednesday, September 27, 2023 – The Canadian Institute of Forestry/Institut forestier du Canada (CIF-IFC) is pleased to announce Terry Sunderland of Vancouver, British Columbia (BC) as the 2023 recipient of the International Forestry Achievement Award. The Award was presented at the 2023 CIF-IFC Annual National Awards Ceremony on September 25, 2023 at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre in Nanaimo, BC.

The Award recognizes individuals who have made unique and outstanding contributions or achievements in international forestry. It recognizes that Canada is a world leader in the practice of forestry and appreciates the actions of individuals who have shared this leadership with other nations. It can also recognize the actions of an individual to bring nations together to better forestry practices globally. This Award has the objective of encouraging excellence and cooperation in international forestry.

“Dr. Sunderland has made exceptional contributions in the field of international forestry through his research and policy influence, and is very deserving of this Award,” noted CIF-IFC Executive Director, Mark Pearson.

Dr. Sunderland is currently a Professor at the Faculty of Forestry at the University of British Columbia, focusing on the biological and human dimensions of the sustainable management and utilization of tropical forests. He was previously a Senior/Principal Scientist at the Centre for International Forestry Research in Indonesia where he coordinated CIFOR's work on forests and food security, biodiversity conservation, and integrated landscape management. Prior to joining CIFOR in early 2006, Terry was based in West Africa for over fifteen years and worked on numerous conservation and livelihood-focused initiatives. Having both a field practitioner and academic background gives him a wide perspective on conservation, livelihoods, and issues related to sustainable forest management. Terry has a Master's degree in Forestry from the University of Oxford and a PhD from the University of London. He has published more than 240 research papers, written and edited book chapters, and supervised many graduate studies related to tropical forestry, focusing particularly on the capacity of developing country scientists. Terry is an active blogger, Twitter user, and engages regularly with media on disseminating research for policy influence and outreach.

Formed in 1908, the CIF-IFC is the national voice of forest practitioners and many others with an interest in forestry and forests. The Institute strives to provide national leadership, promote competence, and foster public awareness of Canadian and international forestry/forest issues. To learn more about the CIF-IFC National Awards Program, visit: cif-ifc.org/national-awards

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