

New Chair of IUCN-SSC SULi: Dr. Dilys Roe

Conservation Frontlines Foundation congratulates Dr. Dilys Roe on her appointment to the Chair of the IUCN Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group (SULi) in January 2019. Dilys follows Dr. Rosie Cooney, who retired from this position in December 2018, but remains an active member of SULi.



IUCN-SULi is a global expert network formed by IUCN as a joint initiative of the Species Survival Commission (SSC) and the Commission on Environmental, Economic and Social Policy (CEESP).

Dilys Roe is a Principal Researcher at the London-based International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) where she leads the Institute's work on biodiversity and conservation. Her work focuses on the human dimensions of conservation - including understanding and supporting the necessary conditions for effective community-based conservation. A strong element of her current work is on engaging local communities in tackling illegal wildlife trade and, more broadly, enhancing community voices in conservation policymaking and strategies for linking biodiversity conservation with human wellbeing and social justice.

Dilys has a PhD in biodiversity management from the Durrell Institute for Conservation and Ecology and the University of Kent. She is a member of the UK Government Darwin Expert Committee (DEC) and Illegal Wildlife Trade Advisory Group, and a Fellow of the UN Environment World Conservation Monitoring Centre.

The two editors of Conservation Frontlines are long-standing members of the IUCN Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group (SULi) and we are looking forward to work with Dilys and report to our readers about the work and achievements in this global expert network.