



SCF Forum on Financing Nature-based Solutions: Part I

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Stewart Maginnis has worked in sustainable development and biodiversity conservation for 35 years. He has lived for extensive periods in Tanzania, Sudan, Ghana and Costa Rica, undertaking conservation fieldwork. He led the development and promotion of “forest landscape restoration” (FLR) – one of the first “purpose-built” Nature-based Solutions - to which over 60 countries have committed more than 210 million hectares under the Bonn Challenge. He and his team at IUCN have worked over the last 12 years on defining and promoting the concept of Nature-based Solutions and supporting its application to climate change, food & water security and disaster risk reduction. He is currently the Deputy Director General of IUCN with responsibility for the IUCN programme of work.

Stewart Maginnis is Deputy Director General of IUCN, an international organization composed of States, Government Agencies, Sub-national jurisdictions, NGOs and Indigenous Peoples’ Organizations that is dedicated to the conservation of nature. Since 2008, he and his team have developed, promoted and set standards for Nature-based Solutions as a framework for addressing sustainable development challenges.