

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Luigi BOITANI

- Full Professor of Conservation Biology and Animal Ecology,
- Director of the Master “Conservation of animal biodiversity: protected areas and ecological networks”
- President of the Institute of Applied Ecology, Rome
- Past President of the Society for Conservation Biology, Washington DC, USA
- Chair of the Large Carnivore Initiative for Europe and of the Wolf Specialist Group, SSC/IUCN
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Species Survival Commission, IUCN.

### Research

Main focus has been on the use of scientific data and methods in the practice of conservation with particular emphasis on reducing the science-policy gap that frustrate the effectiveness of large areas of conservation activities.

Research interests on the ecology and conservation of large mammals, and on the theory and practice of identifying and managing protected areas. Since 1973 to today worked on a series of projects on the ecology and conservation biology of the wolf (Canis lupus) in Italy several other European countries. Currently working on brown bears and wolves in central Italy.

Recently completed two large projects on the distribution and status of mammals of Africa and South East Asia with funding from the European Commission, and the project for a national Ecological Network in Italy.

Wrote, as coordinator or expert in zoology, the Management Plans of more than 30 National Parks in Italy and Africa. Currently working on establishing a large national park in south-western Libya.

### Teaching

Teaches classes at the university of Rome and gave seminars at several universities in Europe, North America, Australia, India. Tutor of more than 260 master-level thesis and more than 35 doctoral thesis at Italian and North-American universities.

### Popular writing

Intense activity of popular writing (books, television programmes, articles in the most important magazines on conservation and nature). Curator of 4 major exhibitions on wolves and carnivores' conservation.

### Scientific publications

Published 10 books, more than 300 papers and book chapters, about 80 technical reports

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