



BIG ISSUES IN BIODIVERSITY SCIENCE

Restoration and Rewilding

A bold, optimistic vision for conservation



- **Wednesday 21st April 2021, Online event**
- **4.00pm - 5.30pm** (Australian Western Standard Time)
- [Register here](#) to obtain Zoom login details

20th March marked the first ever World Rewilding Day; an initiative linked to the [UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration](#) and the [Global Charter for Rewilding the Earth](#).

The International Union for Conservation of Nature ([IUCN](#)) Commission on Ecosystem Management ([CEM](#)), is a co-signatory to the World Rewilding Day initiative, promoting ecosystem-based approaches for the management of landscapes and seascapes to address global challenges.

IUCN comprises government, civil society organisations and harnesses the experience of experts from more than 160 countries, making it the global authority on the status of the natural world and the measures needed to safeguard it.

The Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute (WABSI) speaks with the Co-Chairs of IUCN's CEM Rewilding Thematic Group as they outline a radical, optimistic vision for conservation and consider how we might take a more bold approach to restoration in Western Australia.

Facilitator

PROFESSOR OWEN NEVIN

CEO, The Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute

The Western Australian Biodiversity Science Institute ([WABS](#)) is a collaboration of leading research organisations which facilitates partnerships across industry, government, community and researchers. Led by the needs of end users, it addresses priority science knowledge gaps to enhance access to information, help lift certainty in decisions and improve biodiversity outcomes.



Speakers

PROFESSOR IAN CONVERY

Professor of Environment and Society, University of Cumbria
Co-Chair IUCN Commission of Ecosystem Management Rewilding Thematic Group

Ian has spent the last 25 years working on understanding societal interactions with, connections to, and perceptions of, the natural world. His current interests are focused on public engagement with species reintroductions and rewilding, and he is the Principal Investigator on [Back on our Map](#) multi-species reintroduction project in South Cumbria, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, UK. Ian is a Fellow of [the Royal Geographical Society](#) and is a Director of the [Lifescapes Project](#) conservation charity, which owns and manages the Natural Capital Laboratory in collaboration with AECOM.



DR STEPHEN CARVER

Senior Lecturer, University of Leeds
Co-Chair IUCN Commission of Ecosystem Management Rewilding Thematic Group

Steve is a Geographer based at the University of Leeds with a keen interest in wild places. He has applied his GIS and environmental modelling skills to mapping wilderness and rewilding target areas, working across the world on projects in Scotland, Iceland, China, USA, Siberia, Mexico and Greenland. He is Director of the [Wildland Research Institute](#), an international research group specialising in research and policy development relating to wilderness and wild land.



UPCOMING EVENTS



THE BIODIVERSITY CONFERENCE 2021

Resilient Landscapes

• 15–17 September 2021

WABS, together with Western Australian universities and others, brings together, researchers and practitioners across academia, government, industry and community to share scientific knowledge, biodiversity informatics and best practice in biodiversity conservation.

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