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Scott Perkin has been engaged in biodiversity conservation for nearly 30 years. He has worked in the field, in programme management and development, and in strategic planning. His different postings have given him the opportunity to engage at regional, national and local levels and have included East Africa, South Asia, South-east Asia and Europe.

Scott started his career in 1983 with the WWF/IUCN Eastern Africa Regional Office in Nairobi, where he handled project design and management. He then moved into a field-based position in Tanzania, where he worked with the Government to develop a new management strategy for the Ngorongoro Conservation Area (a World Heritage Site), aimed at reconciling the interests of resident Maasai pastoralists and conservation.

In 1994, having completed his PhD, he moved to Asia, taking up the post of Director of IUCN-Pakistan's Programme Support Unit in Karachi. Three years later, he became the Co-ordinator of IUCN's first Regional Biodiversity Programme for Asia, before taking on the role of Acting Country Representative for IUCN-Lao PDR, based in Vientiane.

From 2005 to 2011, Scott gained experience of working at the local level in Europe, serving as the Co-ordinator of the Norfolk Biodiversity Partnership in the UK, a unique consortium of 21 government agencies and NGOs established to deliver the Norfolk Biodiversity Action Plan. During this period, he also played a central role in developing and launching the Norfolk Non-native Species Initiative, one of the first county-level programmes in England aimed at preventing, controlling and eradicating invasive alien species.

In 2012, Scott returned to Asia, where he is currently the Head of IUCN's Regional Biodiversity Conservation Programme, based in Bangkok. The programme spans 24 countries in Asia, and addresses protected areas, species and implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity. Recent assignments have included work on the development of the South Asia Vulture Recovery Programme, which is seeking to rebuild the populations of three, Critically Endangered vulture species following their precipitous decline over the last two decades (brought about by the use of diclofenac, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug used in the treatment of livestock).

Scott Perkin has dual Canadian and British citizenship. He holds a Bachelor's degree in biology and environmental studies from Dartmouth College, USA, and a PhD in international development from the University of East Anglia, UK. He is married to Mary Pipes, a British counselor and psychotherapist.