

Peter Shadie



Peter Shadie is IUCN's Senior Adviser on World Heritage, based in IUCN headquarters in Gland, Switzerland. He served as Ad-Interim Director of the IUCN World Heritage Programme for two years in 2019-2020. Through the period 2000 to 2017, he was a member of the IUCN World Heritage Panel, which reviews World Heritage nominations and provides technical advice to IUCN.

Peter has more than 35 years' experience working in conservation. He began his career as a park ranger with Australia's New South Wales National Parks and Wildlife Service before joining IUCN's Global Protected Areas Programme in 1999 where he was Executive Director for the 2003 IUCN World Parks Congress. From 2006 to 2010 he led IUCN's work on protected areas across 23 countries as Head of its Protected Areas Programme in Asia. He then returned to his homeland Australia, working as a freelance consultant. Peter is also a former CEO and Director of the Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute and a member of the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas.

Peter's talk will be on 'The outlook for natural World Heritage in the face of climate change: IUCN perspectives'. His presentation will summarize IUCN's work and position on the interlinked global imperatives of biodiversity decline, habitat loss, species extinctions and the climate emergency with emphasis on the pivotal role of nature-based solutions. Special focus will be on IUCN's work on World Heritage benefits related to climate and the findings of IUCN's World Heritage Outlook on the climate change threat to natural World Heritage sites. The presentation will look ahead to the types of actions needed to address these challenges at all scales.