



SCIENCE AND
CONSERVATION EVENTS

TACKLING DEFORESTATION IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN



DATE

Tuesday 8 October
2024

TIME

6pm – 7:30pm

LOCATION

Huxley Lecture
Theatre, ZSL

Free to attend
Registration required

AGENDA

Dr Antje Ahrends

**Head of Genetics and Conservation, Royal
Botanic Garden Edinburgh**

*DEVELOPING NEW SATELLITE MONITORING
TECHNIQUES FOR MONITORING
DEFORESTATION CAUSED BY NATURAL
RUBBER*

Jade Saunders

Executive Director, World Forest ID

*SCIENCE-BASED TRACEABILITY FOR
DEFORESTATION DUE DILIGENCE*

Dr Julian Oram

Policy Director, Mighty Earth

*RAPID RESPONSE: AN EARLY WARNING
SYSTEM FOR COMMODITY-LINKED
DEFORESTATION*

Chaired by **Oliver Cupit**

**Sustainable Business & Finance Programme
Manager, ZSL**

BIOGRAPHIES

Dr Antje Ahrends, Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh

***Antje** is the Head of Genetics and Conservation at Royal Botanic Garden Edinburgh. Her research focuses on biodiversity conservation in the face of global environmental change, using field data combined with large-scale environmental datasets, GIS, and modelling approaches to study the distribution of biodiversity and ecosystem services, and to assess the impact of global change. Her research interests span from drivers and patterns of tropical forest degradation to the use of GIS and modelling for predicting the impacts of future global change and for systematic conservation planning.*

Jade Saunders, World Forest ID

***Jade** is the Executive Director of World Forest ID. Prior to this, Jade was a senior policy analyst at Forest Trends in Washington D.C., where she established the Timber Regulation Enforcement Exchange program of research and facilitation, a decade-long project which brought together regulators, investigators and prosecutors to tackle the trade in illegally logged timber. Jade has worked on forest governance, trade and environmental crime for over 20 years, most notably as an Associate Fellow of the Environment and Society Programme at Chatham House, where she explored legislative mechanisms linking forest governance and trade; particularly the principles and practicalities of tackling deforestation and forest degradation through supply chain regulation.*

Dr Julian Oram, Mighty Earth

***Julian** is Policy Director at Mighty Earth, an international non-profit, working to protect Nature and secure a safe and stable climate. Julian has more than two decades of experience working on sustainable agricultural and*

commodity supply chains. His current role has a large focus on EU Green Deal policies, and sees him engaging with a wide range of stakeholders to help shape strong EU laws to benefit people and the environment. Julian was previously Senior Director of Mighty Earth's Africa programme. In this role Julian was leading research, campaigns and advocacy aimed at reducing negative ecological and social impacts arising from the production of forest commodities such as cocoa, rubber, oil palm and cashew on the continent, including by piloting Mighty's "Rapid Response" satellite monitoring tool in cocoa growing regions of Ghana. Julian has previously held senior leadership roles within Global Witness, Greenpeace International, Global Justice Now, and ActionAid UK. Before joining Mighty Earth, Julian was engaged as a consultant writer, researcher and strategy advisor for organizations including Greenpeace Africa, Oxfam, ActionAid International, The Fairtrade Foundation and the Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa. Julian holds a PhD from University College, Cork, in Ireland, and is based in London, UK.

Chair

Oliver Cupit, ZSL

***Oliver** is the Sustainable Business and Finance Programme Manager at ZSL. Oliver specialises in corporate sustainability and Environmental, Social & Governance risk in soft-commodity sectors, especially timber, pulp, natural rubber and palm oil. Oliver has experience in regulatory compliance with the EU Timber Regulation and EU Deforestation Regulation, as well as FSC certification, and he represents ZSL as part of the Global Platform for Sustainable Natural Rubber. He has experience of responsible sourcing in Solomon Islands, China, Malaysia and Vietnam, as well as across Europe. He holds an undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences from the University of Oxford and an MSc in Sustainable Tropical Forestry from Copenhagen and Padova Universities.*

EVENT FORMAT

- This event will take place in the Huxley Lecture Theatre and will be filmed and published on our Science and Conservation YouTube channel (zsl.org/IOZYouTube). Please be aware, by attending you consent to being recorded during the Q&A session.
- Seats are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Before attending, please read our Code of Conduct found [here](#).
- The event will run from 6-7:30pm
- It will consist of short presentations from the speakers, followed by a Q&A and panel sessions.
- To submit a question to a speaker prior to the event, please send it to scientific.events@zsl.org. Please be aware we may not be able to answer all questions.
- There is no charge for this event, but registration is required.



COMING UP...

Restoring Nepal's Roar: Discussing contemporary tiger conservation approaches in the Nepalese Terai

12 November 2024, 6pm
Online; YouTube Premiere

Hear from ZSL's Nepal team as they discuss human-tiger conflict (HTC) in the western Terai complex of Nepal. Speakers will explore factors influencing HTC in the landscape and the interventions that are being introduced to help increase tiger populations in national parks and how this influences tiger and prey abundance in the Terai.

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