

# Environmental Synergies and the Future of Biodiversity

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## **Brief Bio**

William Laurance is a Distinguished Research Professor at James Cook University in Cairns, Queensland, and a former Australian Laureate. He also holds the Prince Bernhard Chair in International Nature Conservation at Utrecht University, Netherlands. An environmental scientist whose work spans the tropical world, Laurance has written eight books and over 700 scientific and popular articles. He is currently Australia's top-ranked researcher in the fields of ecology, evolution and environment, and is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> globally. Laurance is a fellow of the Australian Academy of Science and the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, and former President of the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation. He has received many professional honours including important awards for his research and conservation activities.

## **NOTA BIOGRÁFICA**

William Laurance é um Professor e Investigador distinguido na James Cook University em Cairns, Queensland. Possui a Cátedra Prince Bernhard em Conservação Internacional da Natureza na Universidade de Utrecht, Holanda.

Cientista ambiental cujo trabalho abrange o mundo tropical, William Laurance escreveu oito livros e mais de 700 artigos científicos e populares. Atualmente é o investigador com melhor classificação na Austrália nas áreas de ecologia, evolução e meio ambiente, e ocupa o 6º lugar mundial. É membro da Academia de Ciências da Austrália e da Associação Americana para

as Ciências Avançadas e ex-presidente da Associação para a Conservação da Biologia Tropical. Do seu currículo fazem parte muitas honras profissionais, incluindo prémios importantes pela sua atividade de pesquisa e conservação.