

Dr James Fenton BSc (Hons) PhD
Ecological Consultant



SPECIALISING IN STRATEGIC CONSERVATION PLANNING

- * National/regional/local plans for species/habitats/landscapes
- * Ecological survey & monitoring methodologies
- * Site management plans
- * Habitat survey and management recommendations
- * Advice on how to prioritise conservation action
- * Training in plant identification
- * Field courses on Nature Conservation Principles

LANDOWNERS

Do you need help in deciding how to manage your land for nature conservation?
In deciding what approach to take and the policies to follow?

ORGANISATIONS

Do you need help in strategic conservation planning?
Or in producing a coherent policy framework for habitats, sites or localities?

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

AS CEO FALKLANDS CONSERVATION, JULY 2011-JULY 2013

- * Planning and initial implementation of a Darwin Plus (Defra) project: a) to complete the Species & Habitat Action Plans for the Falkland Islands; b) prioritisation all the proposed action in relation to the resources available. See [Biodiversity Action Planning in the Falkland Islands](#) on the Darwin website; this project is still underway
 - * Project Manager for the following projects (www.falklandsconservation.com):
 - 1) *Survey, Early Intervention Control and Developing a Long-term Strategy for Invasive Non-native Plants in the Falkland Islands* (Defra-funded)
 - 2) *Inshore Cetaceans of the Falkland Islands* (Defra Darwin Challenge)
 - 3) *Developing Native Seed Mixes for Habitat Restoration in the Falklands* (Defra Darwin Challenge)
 - 4) *Conservation of Falkland Islands Raptors - Reducing Conflicts with Rural Livelihoods* (Defra Darwin Initiative)
 - 5) *An Action Plan for the Conservation of Falkland Island Rockhopper Penguins* (FCO Overseas Territories Environment Programme)
 - 6) *Falkland Islands Protected Areas Strategy – Cooperative Management of Biological Diversity*. Producing a framework for a protected areas network in the Falklands (FCO Overseas Territories Environment Programme)
 - 7) *Falkland Islands Seabird Monitoring Programme* (Falkland Islands Government funded)
 - 8) *Black-browed Albatross Demographics* (Falkland Islands Government)
 - 9) *Developing Knowledge to Eradicate House Mice from UK Overseas Territories – Steeple Jason, Falkland Islands* (Defra Darwin/RSPB-led)
 - 10) Scrutiny of oil industry Environmental Impact Assessments & Statements
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Qualifications

BSc (Hons), grade 2.1, in Botany. University of Durham, 1973
PhD 'The rate of growth of Antarctic moss peat banks'.
University of London, 1978
Level 5 Award in Management. Institute of Leadership &
Management, 2011
Chartered Biologist with Institute of Biology 1985-2011

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE /continued

AS LANDSCAPE POLICY ADVISER, SCOTTISH NATURAL HERITAGE, 2005-2011

- * Coordination of SNH's work to identify the Special Qualities of Scotland's 40 National Scenic Areas and two National Parks, and editing of the final reports: SNH Commissioned Report 374: The Special Qualities of the National Scenic Areas (2010); SNH Commissioned Report 375: The Special Landscape Qualities of the Cairngorms National Park (2010); SNH Commissioned Report 376: The Special Landscape Qualities of the Loch Lomond and The Trossachs National Park (2010)
- * Coordination of survey of public attitudes to wild land, leading to SNH's Commissioned Report 291: Public Perceptions of Wild Places and Landscapes in Scotland (2008)
- * STEMNET (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Network): STEM ambassador

AS NTS ECOLOGIST/NATURE CONSERVATION ADVISER, 1991-2005

- * Co-ordination of EU LIFE project on upland grazing management plans, in partnership with National Trust for Scotland, Scottish Wildlife Trust, Scottish Natural Heritage, the then Macaulay Land Use Research Institute, and the then Institute of Terrestrial Ecology. This resulted in the report Grazing Management Planning for Upland Natura 2000 Sites: A Practical Manual (1998)
- * Setting-up ecological survey and monitoring systems for the whole National Trust for Scotland landholding, from Galloway to Unst, from St Abbs to St Kilda (1987-2002); Phase 1 vegetation survey of the whole landholding
- * Developing nature conservation and woodland policy for the National Trust for Scotland (1991-2000)
- * On the Advisory Committee of the Wild Ennerdale project; on Environmental Science Educational Panel of UHI; organising of conferences and seminars (e.g. the conference on the role of large herbivores in the uplands); contribution to Eurosite study visits (Jotunheimen, Triglav National Park)

AS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT (SECO), 1985-91

- * Production of a *Conservation Management Plan for the Forestry Commission's Kyleakin to Kinloch Estate* (1987); *Survey and Management Plan for Caledonian Pinewood Fragments and Other Native Habitats in the FC's Glenmore Estate* (1988); habitat survey of native woods on FC land in Inverness-shire (1986-87)
- * Habitat survey of National Trust for Scotland properties and recommendations for biological survey and recording systems
- * Nature conservation survey and advice for private landowners and habitat survey for the then Nature Conservancy Council
- * A survey of a random sample birchwoods in Highland Region in conjunction with the Scottish Wildlife Trust and Highland Regional Council's Woodland Survey. This resulted in the report *The State of Highland Birchwoods*, Scottish Wildlife Trust Publication, 1985
- * Habitat survey, and producing a management planning system for the then Central Scotland Countryside Trust
- * Planning and tutoring Edinburgh University Extra Mural course 'Nature Conservation in the 1980s' and Aberdeen University Extra Mural on 'Vegetation History of Scotland'
- * Assessing the effectiveness of the then Scottish Wildlife & Countryside Link
- * Launched, edited & published monthly news digest SCENES: Scottish Environment News [still in print]

PRE-1985

- * Designing & tutoring field courses in ecology and conservation for the Brathay Field Centre (1980-4)
- * Research into rates of Antarctic peat growth (employed by British Antarctic Survey 1973-78)

