

Francisco Dallmeier, Ph.D.

Dr. Francisco Dallmeier directs the Center for Conservation and Sustainability (CCS) of the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. The CCS' mission is to apply the expertise of the Smithsonian to integrate conservation needs with development priorities to sustain biodiversity. His expertise includes 1) integration of biodiversity conservation into policies, project planning, design, construction, and implementation in critical and natural landscapes; 2) developing science-based conservation best practices to mitigate the impacts of marine and terrestrial mega-infrastructure projects on ecosystem services; 3) designing and implementing *in-situ* and *ex-situ* conservation programs for landscape conservation; and 4) providing capacity building in conservation leadership for development professionals.

Dr. Dallmeier leads and manages international conservation and sustainability projects with offices in Washington, DC; Peru; and Gabon. He has contributed significantly to protecting species and ecosystems, from coastal marine ecosystems to high Andean landscapes and tropical rainforests in the Amazon and Congo Basins. With his international professional training programs, he has provided hundreds of professionals from over forty countries with the skills and tools necessary for biological research, monitoring, conservation, and sustainable development.

An early innovator, he co-developed the offshore–inland exploration and development model in sensitive tropical rainforest areas, now used worldwide in the energy industry. Additionally, Dr. Dallmeier co-developed the National Ecological Observatory Network, a National Science Foundation program for the US Mid-Atlantic region, hosted at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute. Moreover, he co-founded the Smithsonian-Mason School of Conservation, an interdisciplinary program in biology for undergraduates, graduate students, professionals, and high school students. Other initiatives include the co-creation of the Global Tiger Initiative with the World Bank, the Gabon Biodiversity Program with Shell International, and the Smithsonian terrestrial and coastal marine Biodiversity Monitoring and Assessment Program (BMAP) for the development sector, among others.

Dr. Dallmeier has been an advisor in conservation and sustainability for the energy, mining, agroforestry sectors, NGOs, international financial organizations, UNESCO, and governments. Further, he serves as an advisor on self-actualization and environmental leadership development and training. Besides having a B.S. in Biology, and a Master and Ph.D., in Wildlife Biology, he is a certified Associated Meta-Coach and Practitioner, and a Master Practitioner and a Trainer in Neuro-Semantics and in Neuro-Linguistic Programming.