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Australian Forester appointed to world conservation job (10-01-2008)

Australian Forester Dr. William (Bill) Jackson has been appointed Deputy Director General of IUCN – the world's umbrella organization for conservation of natural resources (see www.iucn.org) based in Gland, Switzerland.

Dr Jackson began his career in hardwood forest management in Dungog, NSW and held various posts in the NSW Forestry Commission and then State Forests of NSW, including as Deputy Fire Management Officer. He also worked with the world-famous Nepal – Australia Community Forestry Project. He has a PhD from the University of Western Sydney – Hawkesbury.

Dr Jackson is a member of the Institute of Foresters of Australia and in June 2007 he presented the Max Jacobs Oration to the Australian & New Zealand Institute of Foresters of Conference in Coffs Harbour NSW.

Dr Jackson joined IUCN in late 1996 working initially in Africa, and subsequently was the Head of IUCN's Forest Conservation Programme, and then Director Global Programme, before his most recent appointment.

Dr Peter Volker, National President of the IFA, says, "Dr Jackson's appointment is a credit to his dedication to achieving sustainable forest management outcomes which meet the needs of broader society and local communities. The appointment also demonstrates that professional foresters have a focus far beyond harvesting of timber, which is a popular misconception of foresters' roles in Australia."

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