

David Western

David Western is chairman of the African Conservation Centre, Nairobi. He began research into savannas ecosystems at Amboseli in 1967, looking at the interactions of humans and wildlife. His work, unbroken since then, has served as a barometer of changes in the savannas and a test of conservation solutions based on the coexistence of people and wildlife.

Western directed Wildlife Conservation Society programs internationally, established Kenya's Wildlife Planning Unit, chaired the African Elephant and Rhino Specialist Group, and was founding president of The International Ecotourism Society, chairman of the Wildlife Clubs of Kenya, director of Kenya Wildlife Service and founder of the African Conservation Centre in Nairobi. He is an adjunct professor in Biology at the University of California, San Diego.

Western's publications include *Conservation for the Twenty-first Century*, *In the Dust of Kilimanjaro*, and *Natural Connections: Perspectives in Community-based Conservation*. He served on a government task force redrafting environmental legislation in line with the new Constitution of Kenya 2010 and is chief editor of the upcoming book, *Kenya's Natural Capital: A Biodiversity Atlas*. He is presently directing conservation and research projects under the African Conservation Center. Western received the World Ecology Award for 2010 and the 2012 Life-time Achievement Award for Ecotourism.