

# CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FORUM

# Language, Knowledge, and the Environment: Implications for Biocultural Conservation

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2024  
3:00-5:00 PM EST (VIRTUAL PANEL)

Dr. Luisa Maffi - Terralingua  
Dr. David Stringer - Indiana University  
Dr. Marianne Ignace - Simon Fraser University



- Dr. Luisa Maffi, co-founder and Director of Terralingua, and one of the pioneers of the concept of biocultural diversity. Trained in linguistics, anthropology, and ethnobiology, she collaborates with organizations like IUCN, UNESCO, UNEP, and the Convention on Biological Diversity.
- Dr. David Stringer, Associate Professor at Indiana University, researches language acquisition, bilingualism, and environmental linguistics. His recent work focuses on how ecological knowledge is preserved in endangered languages amidst global mass extinction.
- Dr. Marianne Ignace, Professor at Simon Fraser University, directs SFU's Indigenous Languages Program. She is completing annotated volumes of narratives in Xaad Kil and Secwepemctsin, exploring the intricate connection between language, environmental knowledge, and cultural norms.

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