

## **ROGER CROFTS: CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **TITLE**

**Professor Roger Crofts, CBE, Hon DSc, FRSE, FRSGS, FRGS, FIEEM, BA, MLitt, PGCE**

### **PERSONAL DETAILS**

**Date of Birth:** 17.01.44

**Place of Birth:** Leicester, England

**Nationality:** British

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### **HONOURS**

Honorary Doctor of Science, Glasgow University for services to the environment 2013

Icelandic Soil Conservation Medal 2011

Commander of the British Empire (CBE) 1999 for services to environmental management

Honorary Doctor of Science, University of St Andrews 2004 for significant personal and professional achievements in Scottish affairs

IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas Emeritus 2009 for his profound commitment to IUCN and to his many contributions to the global work of the IUCN

### **FELLOWSHIPS**

Elected The Royal Society of Arts 1997

Elected Fellow of The Royal Society of Edinburgh 2001

Diploma of Fellowship of The Royal Scottish Geographical Society 2001 for distinguished services to environmental management in Scotland

Elected Fellow of The Royal Geographical Society 2002

Elected Fellow of the Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management 2008

## **EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS GAINED**

**1955 - 1962** Hinckley Grammar School, Leicestershire: 8 'O' levels, 3 'A' levels, 1 'Scholarship' level

**1962 -1965** University of Liverpool: BA (Hons) Geography: Second Class

**1965 - 1966** University of Leicester: Post Graduate Certificate of Education (PGCE)

**1967 - 1970** University of Aberdeen: Master of Letters (M.Litt.)  
for thesis 'Coastal Processes and Evolution around St Cyrus Scotland'

## **OVERVIEW**

Roger Crofts has spent his career within the public sector as a research worker, as a Government adviser and administrator, and as the leader of a major public body. He is now an environmental strategy and policy adviser working in Scotland, England, Iceland and Europe.

He is married and has 2 grown-up children. In his retirement he styles himself as action-orientated, pragmatic, realistic, and hopefully creative, plain speaking, arguing for and forcing change. His recreational interests are cooking without a recipe book, restructuring gardens, singing in private, walking in the hills, photographing wild flowers, and helping people to understand the Earth's heritage and environment.

## **AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST & EXPERTISE**

Governance, strategic planning and implementation, public communication, public finance, energy, sustainable development, environmental systems and processes, environmental management, climate change, agriculture and rural affairs.

## **BOOKS PUBLISHED**

(with A McKirdy) 1999 'Scotland: the creation of its natural landscape', Scottish Natural Heritage, Edinburgh, 64pp.

(joint ed. with G. Holmes) 2000 'Scotland's environment: the future', Tuckwell Press.

(joint ed with I Boyd) 2005 'Conserving Nature: Scotland and the wider world', Tuckwell Press.

(with A. McKirdy and J. Gordon) 2007 'Land of Mountain and Flood: Scotland's geology and landforms', Birlinn Press, 224pp (nominated for Saltire Society Research Book of the Year Award 2007).

(with Conor Linstead and Ed Maltby) 2009 'Ecosystems and health: a UK perspective', The Sibthorp Trust.

2011 'Healing the Land: the story of land reclamation and soil conservation in Iceland', Icelandic Soil Conservation Service.

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

**April 2002 – Present** Leadership and management advisor, environmental policy and strategy advisor, and writer and lecturer. Serving as Non-Executive Director and Trustee: Scottish Agriculture College (and Chairman of Student Liaison Committees, member of Finance & General Purposes and Audit Committees), The National Trust for Scotland (and Convenor of Conservation Committee), Plantlife International and then Deputy Chair and Chairman, the Crichton Carbon Centre and Fieldfare International Ecological Development plc. Chair: IUCN-The World Conservation Union World Commission on Protected Areas Europe Region, and the Sibthorp Trust. Visiting Professor: Aberdeen, Edinburgh, and Royal Holloway Universities. Secretary Royal Society of Edinburgh Inquiries into Energy Issues for Scotland, and Scotland's Hills and Islands. Patron: Scottish Association of Geography Teachers. Consultant and adviser on natural heritage and protected areas, and on organisational development capacity building to governments and agencies in Bulgaria, Denmark, Iceland, Slovakia; and adviser to WWF Scotland, Murton Educational Trust and others. Writing and lecturing.

**April 1992-March 2002** Chief Executive, Scottish Natural Heritage (an NDPB): responsible to non-executive Board for advising on policies and programmes for natural heritage; personally responsible as Accountable Officer for Budget of £50m and for leadership and management of 750 fte staff; implementing agreed action, managing staff and other resources, external liaison and representation.

**September 1991 - March 1992** Promoted following external competition to Chief Executive Designate, Scottish Natural Heritage: responsible for setting strategy, work programme, and structure, and employing staff.

**December 1990 - August 1991** Head of Rural Affairs Division 1, The Scottish Office Environment Department: responsible for Natural Heritage (Scotland) Bill, sponsorship of Countryside Commission for Scotland and Nature Conservancy Council for Scotland, nature conservation and countryside policy, environmental initiatives.

**November 1988 - December 1990** Head of Rural Affairs Division, The Scottish Office Environment Department: responsible for policy on countryside and nature conservation, sponsorship of Countryside Commission for Scotland, rural policy co-ordination, environmental policy for agriculture, forestry, fish farming.

**July 1984 - November 1988** Promoted to Senior Civil Service Unified Grade 5. Head of Highlands and Tourism Division, The Scottish Office Industry Department: responsible for policy on tourism and development of the Highlands and Islands, sponsorship of the Highlands and Islands Development Board and the Scottish Tourist Board.

**April 1982 - June 198:** Principal Research Officer, Central Research Unit, The Scottish Office: responsible for research and advice to policy staff and Ministers on sea fisheries law enforcement and local authority expenditure needs.

**April 1981 - March 1982:** Senior Principal Research Officer (temporary promotion) Central Research Unit; management of research on oil, housing, planning, transport.

**August 1974 - April 1978** Senior Research Officer and **May 1978-March 1981:** Principal Research Officer seconded to the Industry Department for Scotland responsible for research and advice on North Sea oil, gas and petrochemical developments, associated policy and onshore effects.

**September 1972 - July 1974** Research Fellow to the British Geomorphological Research Group under the direction of Professor E H Brown, Department of Geography, University College London: responsible for compilation of The Geomorphological Map of Great Britain. Pure and applied geomorphological research and coastal planning investigations.

**August 1966 - August 1972** Research Assistant to Professor K Walton, Department of Geography. University of Aberdeen: geomorphological research on evolution of sandy coasts: Montrose area (M.Litt. thesis); County Mayo, Eire; Fuertaventura, Canary Islands; Vestspitsbergen, Svalbard. Development of management strategies for sandy coastal systems for Countryside Commission for Scotland. Development of techniques for assessing the physical potential of land especially in Upper Deeside, Aberdeenshire.

#### **RECENT & CURRENT ADVISORY ACTIVITY**

Icelandic Soil Conservation Service: communication strategy, centenary preparations and International Soil Forum, centenary book on soil conservation 2003-present.

EU PHARE project for Government of Republic of Bulgaria: institutional capacity building for Danube wetlands 2005-06.

Duddingston Village Conservation Society, Edinburgh: community land development strategy, consultation and fund raising 2002-2006.

Murton Environmental Education Trust: strategy and business plans 2002-2004.

DEFRA/JNCC seminars on the CBD Ecosystem Approach 2003.

Icelandic Agricultural Ministry proposals for organisational re-structuring 2005.

Denmark Forest and Nature Agency advisor on development of national park system 2004-2008

IUCN WCPA Missions on protected areas management in the Tatra National Park Slovakia 2005, Sumava National Park Czech Republic 2005, Triglav National Park 2004.

Royal Society of Edinburgh Inquiry into Energy Issues for Scotland: Secretary and lead author 2005-07.

Public Local Inquiry Beaulieu-Denny electricity transmission line: expert witness for Landscape Group objectors 2007.

IUCN World Parks Congress, Durban 2003: chairman of international Durban Accord Working Group to provide Accord and 10 year action plan. Lead on five year follow evaluation 2007-2008.

Royal Society of Edinburgh Inquiry into Scotland's Hills and Islands: Secretary 2007-2008.

### **SCHOLARSHIPS AND RESEARCH AWARDS**

Ford (Dagenham) Trust Travelling Scholarship 1964: Canary Islands

Liverpool University Travel Scholarship 1964: Canary Islands

Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland Travel Award: 1970 County Mayo, Eire

NATO and Carnegie Trust Travel Grants: 1972 Svalbard

London University Research Award for radio carbon dating of County Mayo buried soils: 1973

Countryside Commission for Scotland: Beach surveys: Consultant 1971-74

### **LECTURE AND STUDY TOURS**

West Mayo, Ireland 1970 and 1971

Svalbard 1972

France and Germany 1989

Canada 1985, 1987, 1989

USA 1994, 2007

Iceland 1993, 1996, 1999, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010

World Conservation Congress 1996, 2000, 2004, 2008

Bahamas 1998

Finland 1999

Rome 2000 and 2002

Slovenia 2000, 2004, 2008

Japan 2007