



John Scanlon
Chair of the Global Initiative to End Wildlife

John served as Secretary-General of CITES from 2010-2018, after which he joined African Parks as its first Special Envoy. He is now the CEO of the Elephant Protection Initiative Foundation, Chair of the Global Initiative to End Wildlife Crime and Chair of the UK IWT Challenge Fund. John has worked in the private sector, in government and in senior positions with IUCN and UNEP. In Australia, after starting his career in private legal practice, John served as Chief Executive of the Department of Environment, Heritage and Aboriginal Affairs, Commissioner on the Murray Darling Basin Commission and as an adviser to State and Federal Environment Ministers. He holds a Bachelor of Laws, Master of Laws (Environmental), and is an accredited mediator. In 2019, John was awarded the prestigious Officer of the Order of Australia (AO) for distinguished service to wildlife conservation and protection through roles with international organizations.