



Communications

Honours for Hugh Possingham

Professor Hugh Possingham's sustained, top-level leadership and research contributions in Mathematics and Ecology have very recently been recognised with two significant honours.

Foreign Associate, U.S. National Academy of Sciences

The U.S. National Academy of Sciences elected Hugh Possingham as a Foreign Associate at its recent Annual Meeting. Foreign associates are non-voting members of the Academy, elected in recognition of their distinguished and continuing achievements in original research. For the full announcement of all 84 new members and 21 foreign associates see <http://www.nasonline.org/news-and-multimedia/news/may-3-2016-NAS-Election.html>.

Chief scientist with The Nature Conservancy

Professor Hugh Possingham has been appointed Chief Scientist with The Nature Conservancy, one of the world's largest conservation groups. He will lead the work of more than 600 scientists engaged in conservation efforts across 69 countries around the world, including Australia. For further details see <http://www.nature.org/newsfeatures/pressreleases/dr-hugh-possingham-named-chief-scientist-of-the-nature-conservancy.xml>.

Hugh is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science, and a member of the Wentworth Group of Concerned Scientists. He is currently Australian Research Council Laureate Fellow and director of The Centre for Biodiversity and Conservation Science at the University of Queensland. He is also director of the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Environmental Decisions and the Australian Government's National Environmental Science Program Threatened Species Recovery Hub. The Marxan software developed by his team drove the rezoning of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park, and is now used in more than 150 countries.