

Speaker biographies – Biodiversity and Climate Change webinar, 13 September 2021

Roger Proudfoot - With 30 years' experience of marine environmental monitoring, assessment and management, Roger is Chair of the UK Healthy Biologically Diverse Seas Evidence Group (HBDSEG) and the Environment Agency's Estuary and Coast Planning Manager. He has overseen the reporting of the state of biodiversity for the UK Marine Strategy and is leading projects such as REACH (Restoring Estuarine and Coastal Habitats) and ReMeMaRe, an initiative within REACH, dedicated to Restoring seagrass Meadows, salt Marsh and oyster Reef around the English coastline.

John Carstensen is the Climate Change lead for MottMacDonald in international development.

He was Head of Profession for Climate and Environment in DFID, the UK aid agency. He has over 35 years of experience in the field of sustainable development, environment and climate change from private sector, governments, United Nations and NGO perspectives.

John has a particular interest in and experience of nature-based solutions to climate change at both strategic, policy and operational levels.

He was Chairman of the OECD/DAC ENVIRONET from 2012 to 2015.

He was CEO of Society for the Environment, an umbrella body for UK's professional bodies for environmental professionals that operates Chartered Environmentalists and Chief Operating Officer for INTRAC, a UK based civil society capacity development organisation.

He worked for 9 years for UNEP and he has delivered poverty-oriented environment programmes in Egypt, Thailand and Vietnam for the Danish Government, all with significant examples of nature-based solutions in water resource management, coastal zone management, cities, protected areas and education and awareness.

He was Private Secretary to the Danish Environment and Energy Minister and led international negotiations to protect the Ozone Layer as Chair of the Montreal Protocol working group from 1992 to 1995.

Lorna Parker Great Fen Restoration Manager - Following a BSc in Ecology, Conservation and Environment York University I joined Wildlife Trust BCN in 1999, working as Reserves Officer and then Reserves Manager responsible for 60 nature reserves across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, also completing an MSc in Rural Estate, Amenity and Land Management at Harper Adams University College. In 2009 I became the Great Fen Restoration Manager responsible for wetland creation in the Great Fen including the Water Works (paludiculture) project 2019 to date.

Kate Carver - Great Fen Project Manager - I joined the Wildlife Trust BCN in 2020 as the Great Fen Project Manager, delivering the Project Partners vision for the Great Fen. Prior to that, following a long career in the heritage sector, I worked for the National Trust for 12 years, managing cultural, landscape, and environmental heritage in East Anglia.