

Pierre L. Ibisch

Prof. Dr. Pierre L. Ibisch (*1967) is Professor for Nature Conservation at the Department for Forest and Environment at Eberswalde University for Sustainable Development since 2004. Since 2009, he holds research professorships, the recent one dedicated to 'Ecosystem-based sustainable development'.

Pierre served as dean of the faculty and was founding head of the international Master's programme *Global Change Management*. In Eberswalde, he is founding director of the *Centre for Econics and Ecosystem Management* (since 2011) and one of the scientific directors of the *Biosphere Reserves Institute* (since 2019).

He has served for many years on the board of the *Society for Conservation Biology* Europe Section (2005-2007, 2011-2013) and as chair of the Policy Committee of the section. He was a co-founder of the *European Congress of Conservation Biology* (ECCB; 2006 onwards). He is vice chair of the *Deutsche Umweltstiftung* (German Environment Foundation).

Extensive experience with research and nature conservation projects in countries of the global South, in Europe and boreal Russia. He lived and worked for about 9 years in Bolivia alone, and conducted consulting and research activities in Eurasia, Central and South America as well as Africa, but has also been responsible for various projects in Europe (e.g. related to landscape planning or ecosystem-based climate change adaptation). Since 2010, he is dedicated to the continuous development of a methodology for adaptive risk and vulnerability management in conservation and sustainable (MARISCO methodology). For instance, the methodology was used for the nomination and management planning of Asia's first transboundary biosphere reserve in the Altai Mountains, coordinated by Pierre and his team.

Extensive publication activity with >550 scientific articles, chapters and book publications mainly on botany, ecology and sustainability; mainly in English, Spanish and German¹. Amongst others, Pierre is leading editor and author of a textbook on biodiversity in Bolivia, and a textbook on sustainable development (in German and English). He is a co-founder of the Roadless Initiative and first author of a global study on roadless areas published in *Science*, which achieved top public attention².

Forest-related research work refers to the investigation of ecosystem properties for microclimatic buffering and cooling and for post-calamity restoration. He is leader of two long-term projects that involve pine plantations. As a leading critical voice, he regularly comments on forest ecology and forest policy issues. A special interest goes to the effectiveness of sustainability certification. A certain focus of his work is the European beech forest ecosystem. Pierre and his team were also responsible for a Europe-wide screening and the organization of a dialogue process for nomination with scientists and senior ministerial officials from 20 countries within the framework of the extension of a serial UNESCO World Heritage Site dedicated to old beech forests. He was also involved in the nomination process and founded a *European Beech Forest Network*.

More information and publication list:

<https://www.centreforeconics.org/the-centre-and-who-we-are/founding-co-directors-pierre-ibisch-peter-hobson/>

¹ >4,120 citations; *h index* according to *Google Scholar* of 29; according to *ResearchGate* of 25.

² In the 99th percentile: it's in the top 5% of all research outputs ever tracked by [Altmetric](https://www.altmetric.com/); rank 21 of all 963 outputs from *Science* of similar age.