

## Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias



Braulio Ferreira de Souza Dias is a Brazilian biologist graduated at the University of Brasilia (1975) and with a PhD in zoology from the University of Edinburgh (1981) working on biodiversity, fire ecology, tropical ecology and conservation and on the science-policy interface on biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Braulio worked on savanna ecology at the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) Ecological Reserve in Brasilia from 1978 till 1991 and at the University of Brasilia as researcher and lecturer since 1982 till present on forest protection and on savanna ecology.

Braulio has worked for the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment from 1991 till 2011 initially as research director of the national environment agency (IBAMA), then as coordinator and director for biodiversity conservation and finally as national secretary for biodiversity and forests, and from February 2012 till February 2017 was the Executive Secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) based in Montreal, Canada.

Braulio was a key negotiator for the establishment of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation (GSPC), the International Pollinators Initiative, the Biodiversity for Food and Nutrition Initiative, the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES) and the Global Strategic Plan for Biodiversity for 2011-2020 with the 20 Aichi Targets.

Braulio is a board member of several Brazilian conservation organizations (Pro-Nature Foundation, SAVE Brazil, LIFE Institute and Sustainable Amazon Foundation), a former board member of international conservation and research organizations (Birdlife International, Future Earth, International Union of Biological Sciences (IUBS), Diversitas Program, Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI), STAP of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Alliance of Bioversity International & the International Center for Tropical Agriculture etc. Braulio has also been an advisor to the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on agroecology and on mainstreaming biodiversity in agriculture.

In Brazil Braulio has coordinated the establishment and implementation of several national conservation initiatives (Brazilian Biodiversity Program and Project, Brazilian Fund for Biodiversity (FUNBIO), Brazilian National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), National Council for Genetic Patrimony (CGEN), National Coordination Commission on Biodiversity (CONABIO), Brazilian Pollinator Initiative, and has been a member of the National Technical Committee on Biosafety (CTNBio).

Braulio received in 2018 the National Biodiversity Prize from the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment.

From November 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 till March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 Braulio has been the Science Officer of the Science Panel for the Amazon established by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network and since June 2023 is the Director for Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Use at the Brazilian Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.