

## Paul Bates MA PhD Director



Paul Bates has been Director of the Harrison Institute since 1994 and is an Honorary Associate Professor at the University of Exeter. He leads the Institute's biodiversity research programme, international scientific collaborations and postgraduate mentoring.

His research focuses on the diversity, taxonomy and conservation of mammals across Africa, Arabia and Asia. Together with colleagues and students, he has described 19 mammal species and five subspecies new to science ([learn more](#)) and has published extensively on Old World tropical mammals, including the monographs *The Mammals of Arabia* and *The Bats of the Indian*

*Subcontinent* ([learn more](#))

Alongside his research, Paul has helped secure more than US\$2.3 million for biodiversity research, scientific capacity development and conservation projects. He has supervised MSc and PhD students from across Asia, Africa and Europe, many of whom now lead research and conservation programmes in their own countries.

He has led four UK Government Darwin Initiative projects, coordinated international research partnerships, co-hosted international conferences and numerous workshops in Africa and Asia, and helped establish regional scientific networks including Bat Conservation Africa (BCA) and the Southeast Asia Bat Conservation and Research Unit (SEABCRU).