

Beatrix Lanzinger Director of Community Conservation



Beatrix Lanzinger has worked with the Harrison Institute since 2010 and is an Honorary Lecturer at the University of Exeter. She leads the Institute's community conservation programme, developing projects that combine biodiversity conservation with education, sustainable livelihoods and local leadership.

Her work focuses on helping communities protect their natural and cultural heritage while creating practical opportunities for long-term conservation. She has developed projects in Myanmar and Bhutan, working closely with local partners, schools, government agencies and conservation organisations.

Beatrix is an award-winning conservation project manager. Her Myanmar ecotourism initiative, Destination Ayeyarwady, which linked the conservation of the endangered Irrawaddy River dolphin with community development, received Myanmar's *Best Community Involvement in Tourism* award in 2017 and an ASEAN Ecotourism Award in 2019.

She believes that lasting conservation is achieved by giving local people the knowledge, skills and confidence to lead conservation themselves, and works to build partnerships that continue long after individual projects have ended.