

## **MA, Keping (China)**

### **Current employment and position/title:**

Professor of Ecology for the Institute of Botany, Chinese Academy of Sciences

### **Experience in fields of concern to IUCN:**

Prof. Dr. Ma Keping is a Professor of Biodiversity and its Conservation and has published more than 190 peer reviewed papers and edited 10 related books. Prof. Ma is one of the Chinese scientists who initiated biodiversity research in China. As Secretary General for both the Biodiversity Committee of the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Chinese National Committee of Diversitas, Prof Ma has organized 9 national symposia on biodiversity conservation and sustainable use together with the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), State Forestry Administration (SFA), Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Education, WWF, TNC since 1994.

He is also a member of the Executive Committee of IMOSEB (International Mechanism of Scientific Expertise on Biodiversity), he co-chaired the Asian consultation meeting, among other activities and made an important contribution to the development of a new mechanism. As a Scientific Advisor to the Chinese Delegation, Prof. Ma attended most of the meetings of Conference of Parties (COP) to the Convention in Biological Diversity and its related extra-COPs and working group meetings on thematic issues. Prof. Dr. Ma Keping is a prominent scientist on biodiversity and its conservation. He has gained tens of projects on biodiversity and its conservation from Chinese government agencies and international organizations.

### **Particular qualifications to be a Regional Councillor:**

Owing to his great contribution to nature conservation, Prof. Ma was appointed as the IUCN Regional Councillor for South and East Asia in 2008 and made a lot of efforts involved in the Union's activities, including setting up the IUCN Working Group in China, promoting the development of IUCN group members in China, developing the Asian Plant Conservation Report 2010 formally published in 2011 and chairing sessions of the 5th Regional Conservation Forum of Asia in 2011. Prof. Ma participated in evaluations on national parks and landscapes in China and gave lectures and conservation advice to related managers. He also accompanied the evaluation experts from IUCN and related organizations to visit Dujiangyan World Heritage Site, Northwest Yunnan World Heritage Site, Giant Panda habitat site of Sichuan, Wudalianchi volcanic sites of Heilongjiang, China. We are confident that Prof Ma will make a difference for the performance of IUCN in Asia if he is approved as a Regional Councillor.