



Galapagos Conservancy Announces New President

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Fairfax, VA – October 1, 2020. The Board of Directors of Galapagos Conservancy, Inc. (“Galapagos Conservancy” or “GC”) announces the appointment of Dr. Paul Salaman as President of GC following the retirement of its former President and founder, Johannah Barry.

“On behalf of the Board and everyone at Galapagos Conservancy, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Salaman to the GC team. We are fortunate to have someone of Dr. Salaman’s experience as a manager, conservationist and scientist as GC’s new President,” said Bradley T. Johnson, Chair of Galapagos Conservancy’s Board of Directors. “The Board is looking forward to working with Dr. Salaman in the years to come as GC continues to operate directly and with its key partners to make an important contribution to preserving and protecting biodiversity in the Galapagos archipelago.”

Mr. Johnson added, “I know that I speak for everyone at Galapagos Conservancy in thanking Johannah Barry for her exceptional dedication and work since founding GC, and the many contributions she has made to conservation in the Galapagos. Ms. Barry will be assisting Dr. Salaman to ensure an orderly transition.”

“I’m honored to be named the new president of Galapagos Conservancy and very excited to join their talented team,” said Salaman. “For 35 years, GC has been the sole US-based organization dedicated to providing critical support and actions to save the unique biodiversity of the Galapagos archipelago. With serious new challenges facing the survival of some of the most iconic species on the Galapagos, my goal is to grow the organization to address those threats and ensure the Galapagos is preserved for nature and humankind.”

Dr. Salaman is a recognized expert on global biodiversity conservation and has been heavily involved in advancing science-based conservation actions and priorities for the most threatened species, including directing urgent interventions to save critically endangered species at imminent risk of extinction. With over 30 years of research and conservation experience, Dr. Salaman has worked to bridge the gap between academic research and on-the-ground conservation action in South America and across the tropics. Dr. Salaman has long been involved with the Galapagos Islands and most recently helped establish the Jocotoco Galapagos Reserve in 2018. Dr. Salaman graduated from the University of Oxford with a Ph.D. in Tropical Ecology.



About Galapagos Conservancy:

The mission of Galapagos Conservancy is to protect the unique biodiversity and ecosystems of Galapagos by supporting research and management, informing public policy, and building a sustainable society.

Galapagos Conservancy is the only US-based organization focused exclusively on protecting the unique ecosystems and biodiversity of the Galapagos archipelago. Through direct program activity and strategic grant making, GC and its predecessor entities have advanced and supported the conservation of the Galapagos for more than three decades by promoting a balance between human society and nature that will protect and enhance the irreplaceable ecosystems of the Galapagos archipelago. In addition to grants to other institutions and individuals, GC has initiated three internal programs: the Giant Tortoise Restoration Initiative launched in 2014, the Education for Sustainability program launched in 2016, and Vital Signs launched in 2020. These are long-term programs carried out in collaboration with Ecuadorian governmental institutions and others.

GC's singular focus has allowed the organization to target its communications, funding, and technical resources to projects specific to Galapagos biodiversity conservation. GC works with organizations and individuals whose vision and mission are aligned with GC's mission.

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