**Kamaljit S. Bawa— Brief CV**

Kamal Bawa is an Honorary Senior Fellow and Founder-President of the Bangalore-based Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) that has been consistently ranked as # 20 globally and #2 in Asia among the world’s environment think tanks. He is also a Distinguished Professor of Biology at the University of Massachusetts Boston, Dr. Bawa obtained his Ph.D from Botany Department, Punjab University, Chandigarh, India. He served as postdoctoral research associate (1967-1972) before joining Harvard University in 1972 as a Bullard Fellow. In 1974 he joined the University of Massachusetts, Boston as an Assistant Professor (1974-1977), and Associate Professor (1977-1981). He became a Professor in 1981, and was awarded Distinguished Professorship in 1996. Bawa was the Chair of Biology Department at the University of Massachusetts, Boston from 1989 to 1992.

***Research***

Bawa has published more than 200 scientific papers and 11 authored or edited books and monographs. His research has spanned a broad range of subjects, from population biology of tropical forest trees to deforestation in the tropics to conservation and sustainable use of tropical forests. He has pioneered concepts and approaches to monitor biodiversity from the level of genes to landscapes, and integrated ideas and tools from social and natural sciences to develop models and institutions for sustainable use of natural resources. As an example, his most recent efforts to examine climate change resilience and ecosystem services in the Himalaya integrate concerns about and solutions for conservation and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystem services, alleviation of poverty, and climate change mitigation, taking into account policy and institutional responses to global environmental change.

***Honours and Awards***

Among the many awards Bawa has received are: Giorgio Ruffolo Fellowship at Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government (2009), Charles Bullard (twice1972, 2010) and Maria Moors Cabot Fellowship (1973) at Harvard University, Guggenheim Fellowship (1987), Pew Scholar in Conservation and the Environment (1992), the world’s first prize in sustainability--the **Gunnerus Award in Sustainability Science** from the Royal Norwegian Society of Letters and Sciences (2012), and the international **MIDORI Prize in Biodiversity (2014)** from the Aeon Foundation in Japan at the United Nations Conference of Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity. The two professional societies in his field, the **Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation**, and **Society for Conservation Biology** has bestowed on him their highest awards. The Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation elected him as its **President** and then as an **Honorary Fellow**; he has received the **Distinguished Service Award** from the Society for Conservation Biology.

In 2014, the University of Alberta honoured him by conferring an **honorary Doctor of Science degree**. Kamal Bawa is an elected member of the **American Academy of Arts and Sciences** (2012), the **Royal Norwegian Society of Letters and Sciences** (2012), and **Royal Society** of London (2015), and the **American Philosophical Society** (2019), the oldest learned society in the United States. In 2016, he received **Jose Cuatrecasas Medal** for Excellence in Tropical Botany from Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC, and 2018 **Linnean Medal** in Botany given annually by the Linnaean Society of London. In 2019, he received an **honorary Doctor of Science degree** form Concordia University, Montreal.

The University of Massachusetts, Boston has honoured him twice: he has received the Chancellor’s Award for distinction in scholarship as well as the Chancellor’s Award for distinction in professional service.

Bawa has headed or served on a number of scientific panels, and he currently serves on the governing boards of several national and international organizations. His second coffee-table book, *Himalaya: Mountains of Life,* a sequel to *Sahyadris: India’s Western Ghats* was published in January 2013*.* [www.kbawa.com](about:blank)

***Selected Recent Membership on Panels***

Jury Member, Indianapolis Prize, 2017-2018; National Geographic Society Committee for Research and Exploration, since 2011-present; CONABIO, Mexico, since 2011-2016; Nature Serve, 2010-15; Science Panel for Ecosystem Change and Human Well Being, ICSU Program for Asia and Pacific, 2008–09; US National Committee for the International Union of Biological Sciences, 2002–08; DIVERSITAS Agrobiodiversity Group Science Committee, 2006-2009; Scientific Advisory Board, TEAM Program, Conservation International, since 2007-2009; Center for Sustainability, Missouri Botanical Garden, 2006-2011; W. L. Brown Center for Plant Genetics Resources, Missouri Botanical Garden, 2003-2015.

### Selected Recent Editorial Boards

*Conservation and Society*, Editor in Chief, since 2001, *Ecology, Economy and Society*, Editor in Chief, since 2017; *PLoS One*, Academic Editor, 2011-2016; *Ecology and Society*, Associate Editor, since 2009; *Journal of Sustainable Forestry* Editorial Board , since 2005 Plant Systematics and Evolution, Editorial Advisory Board, 1993-1998.

##### Selected Recent Board Memberships

Science Advisory Board, National Center for Biological Sciences, Bangalore; since 2015; Trustee, S M. Sehgal Foundation, Gurgaon, India, since 2005; Founder and Trustee, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Environment and Development, Bangalore, 2000–2009; Board Member, Solutions Benefiting Life, Sudbury, MA, since 2005; Board Member, New England Forestry Foundation, Groton, MA, 2000– 2004; Founder and Board Member, Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment, Belmont, MA, since 1996.

***Publications***

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