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She received her Ph.D. from Cambridge University, UK, for research on the ecology of primates in Peninsular Malaysia. She moved to Sarawak, Malaysia, in 1984, and worked there for the next 18 years. This started by conducting the first ever detailed field study of the proboscis monkey, followed by studies of the effects of hunting and logging on wildlife. Her time in Sarawak culminated in her leading a team, with WCS and Sarawak Government staff, to write a comprehensive wildlife policy for the State, and subsequently to head a unit within the Government to oversee its implementation.

After that, she became Director, Hunting and Wildlife Trade Program at WCS. This included working with WCS field staff to develop strategies to address the bushmeat trade in Central Africa and the illegal wildlife trade in China. Her current role involves overseeing WCS's species conservation programs globally.

Liz has trained wildlife practitioners at many levels, including post-graduate students and government wildlife staff in Sarawak, Sabah, Myanmar and China. She has published widely, with more than 130 scientific and popular publications.

Her services to conservation have been recognized by her being awarded the "Golden Ark" award by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, "Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire" (MBE) by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, D.Sc. (*honoris causa*) by Nottingham University, UK, and Merdeka Award for Outstanding Contribution to the People of Malaysia.

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