Simon C. Nemtzov

Conservation policy professional, international negotiator, wildlife trade expert, ecologist and marine biologist. Expert in: wildlife trade, behavioral ecology, human-wildlife conflict and wildlife hair forensics



Personal information

Born: Toronto, Canada

Residence: Canada: until 1973

USA: 1973-1975; 1976-1983; 1992-1997 Israel: 1975-1976; 1983-1992; 1997- present Citizenships: Canadian and Israeli (dual citizen)

TN visa allowing work in the USA on demand (no employer sponsorship)

U.S. Social Security number: 262-55-7777

Israeli ID number: 015535370

Languages: Fluent in English and Hebrew; fair knowledge of French; working

knowledge of Spanish.

Family status: Married + two children living at home

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Higher Education

Post-doctoral studies, 1993-1995, in Behavioral Ecology of marine fish, IUI Marine Biology Institute (Tel Aviv University), Eilat, Israel

Ph.D. (Doctorate), 1992, in Ecology and Evolution Stonybrook University (State University of New York at Stony Brook), New York, USA. *Dissertation topic*: Behavioral ecology of Caribbean razorfishes (family Labridae)

Teaching Certification for High School Biology, 1991 State University of New York, Stony Brook, New York, USA. M.S. (Masters), 1982, in Zoology

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, USA

Thesis topic: Social control of sex change in marine fishes in the Gulf of Eilat (Aqaba)

B.A. (Bachelors), 1979, in Biology

Queens College, City University of New York, Flushing, New York, USA

A.A. (Associates), 1977, in pre-Biology (with Honors) Miami-Dade College, Miami, Florida, USA

Research and professional experience

Current

Wildlife Experts and Professionals Ltd.

Founder and CEO of professional consulting firm for governments and NGOs, on multiple wildlife conservation and environmental issues, www.WildlifeExperts.pro

Current

Chief Scientific Advisor

Biblical Museum of Natural History, Bet Shemesh, Israel www.biblicalnaturalhistory.org

2012 to 2025

Head of International Relations and Coordinator for International Treaties
Department of Information Systems, Science Division
Israel Nature and Parks Authority (INPA), Jerusalem, Israel.

Representative of the State of Israel and the Official National Focal Point for numerous Multinational Environmental Agreements (MEA's) and Treaties, including:

- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Official National Focal Point for the treaty and National Focal Point for the Nagoya Protocol on Access and Benefit Sharing
- Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES); official Scientific Authority for Israel; member Standing Committee (2017present) and of the CITES Animals Committee (2014-2020) representing Europe Region
- Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) National Focal Point and Scientific Councilor (Regional Representative for Europe)
- African-Eurasian Waterbird Agreement (AEWA) National Focal Point
- **Agreement on the Conservation of European Bats** (EuroBats) National Focal Point
- Agreement on Conservation of Cetaceans of the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas (ACCOBAMS) National Focal Point

- Convention on Migratory Species Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Birds of Prey in Africa and Eurasia (Raptors MOU) - National Focal Point
- Convention on the Mediterranean Sea (Barcelona Convention); National Focal Point for Mediterranean Action Plan (MAP), for program of Regional Activity Centers and Special Protected Areas (RAC/SPA), and for Strategic Action Program for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAP-BIO)
- Convention on Conservation of Wetlands (Ramsar Convention) National Focal Point

Member of the State of Israel Negotiating team:

- International Legally Binding Instrument on the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ Treaty)
- International Whaling Commission
- World Health Organization Intergovernmental Negotiating Body to Draft and Negotiate a WHO Convention, Agreement or Other International Instrument on Pandemic Prevention, Preparedness and Response
- World Heritage Convention

Representative of the State of Israel and Official National Contact Point for other international bodies:

- The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES)
- International Union for Nature Conservation (IUCN) also Head of Israel's National IUCN Committee
- Man and Biosphere Program (UNESCO)

1995 to 2012

Wildlife Ecologist

Department of Ecology, Science and Conservation Division, Israel Nature and Parks Authority (INPA), Jerusalem, Israel.

Senior-Level National Program Officer with managerial responsibilities <u>concurrently</u> in 5 areas within the INPA (Israeli government's sole agency for wildlife conservation):

• Senior Program Officer for Wildlife-Human Conflict Mitigation Initiate, organize, manage and implement a wide variety of country-wide programs for wildlife conservation in Israel, mainly community-based collaborative programs to reduce wildlife-human conflict in agriculture. Also manage a unit which advises the Israeli Air Force on methods to avoid BASH (bird-

aircraft strike hazard).

- Senior Program Officer for Wildlife Management. Oversee country-wide conservation programs for a wide variety of Israeli wildlife species, (e.g. partridges, cormorants, wild-boar, jackals, wolves) and for management and control of overabundant and invasive species.
- Senior Program Officer for International Wildlife Trade and Invasive Species Control
- Serve as Scientific Authority for Israel for CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species) and Focal for other Multilateral Environmental Agreements (CBD, Ramsar, CMS, AEWA)
- Director of National Council for Invasive Species
- Director of risk assessment program for preventing invasive species
- Manage permits for wildlife imports and exports, and provide opinions for Israel's wildlife trade policy.
- Official representative of the State of Israel at meetings of CITES (including Animals Committee and Conference of the Parties) and other MEA's
- **Scientific Authority for Hunting Policy.** Establish and monitor the country's policy for hunting including acting as scientific consultant for legislation, licensing and enforcement. Also, oversee all depredation permits for protected wildlife species.

1992 - 1994

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Tel Aviv University, Israel

- Field researcher at the Interuniversity Institute of Marine Science (IUI) in Eilat, Israel.
- Two-year field study on behavioral ecology of tropical marine fishes.
- Lecturer at IUI and Tel Aviv University on ichthyology and behavioral ecology.

1987-1992

Doctoral Graduate Student and Research Assistant, Stonybrook University, Stonybrook, USA

• Directed independent field study at southern Caribbean island of Bonaire on behavioral ecology and intraspecific variation in social behavior of fishes. Concurrently, served as research and teaching assistant at the university for a variety of courses (e.g., Zoology, Vertebrate Ecology, Biometry, Comparative Anatomy) -

1982-1983

Research Assistant, USDA Agricultural Research Center, Beltsville Maryland, USA.

• Research assistant for agricultural and nutritional research

1983-1987

Dairy Herd Manager, Kibbutz Rosh Tzurim, Israel

• Manager of 300-head, high-yield modern dairy farm, with 1.3 million liters annual production, with annual average of >10,000 kg of milk per milking cow

1981-1982

- Graduate Student and Research Assistant, Univ. of Maryland, College Park, USA
- Directed independent field research project in the Red Sea (Israel and Egypt) under direction of Prof. Eugenie Clark with the National Geographic Society
- Thesis topic: Sex change and social behavior of tropical marine razorfishes (Family Labridae)

Language skills

- English Mother tongue; experienced author, editor and orator
- **Hebrew** Fluent in reading, writing and speaking.
- French Working knowledge with intermediate reading and speaking
- **Spanish** Working knowledge.

University level teaching experience

- 1996-Present Guest lecturer at numerous universities and conferences in Israel, the USA and overseas, including lecture tours
- 1992-1996. Guest instructor and project director (mostly in Hebrew) at field courses at the Interuniversity Institute of Eilat, including: The Red Sea Ecosystem, Ichthyology, Coral Reef Ecology, and Marine Biology for Foreign Students.
- 1987-1991. Graduate teaching assistant at State University of New York, Stonybrook for courses in: Introductory Biology, Biometry (biological statistics), Community Ecology, and Comparative Vertebrate Anatomy.
- 1980-1981. Graduate teaching assistant at University of Maryland for courses in: Introductory Zoology, Life in the Ocean, and Marine Vertebrate Zoology. Organized and taught laboratory sessions.

Managerial Experience

- Senior-Level National Program Manager (1995 2012): Manager of Department of Animal Protection with 3 field rangers and 2 office staff; organize, develop and implement Department operating plans, goals, and budgets.
- Earthwatch (1994) Manager of research teams of 4-6 field workers (Eilat, Israel).
- Graduate Field Research (1987-1992) Managed annual field research crews of 3-5 workers each (Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles).
- Dairy Farm Manager (1983-1987) Managed large modern Israeli dairy farm on a kibbutz, including milk production, and cow breeding program, with of staff of 8-10 workers (Annual budget: \$3,000,000)

Wildlife Forensics

Director of the INPA Forensics Laboratory for Identification of Wildlife Hair (2009 - present).

- Oversee operations of a specialized laboratory dedicated to the identification of wildlife hair to provide continuous forensic services to the INPA Enforcement Department, aiding in wildlife crime investigations.
- Conduct forensic wildlife hair analyses, prepare expert opinions, and serve as an Expert Witness in court, supporting prosecutions of wildlife poachers and smugglers.

SCUBA Diving History

Scuba certification (USA): December 1977

Organization: National Association of Scuba Diving Schools

Level: Basic

Scuba Certification (Israel): October 1983

Organization: Federation for Underwater Activities in Israel

Level: 2 stars

Total dives logged to date: about 1000 Total hours logged to date: about 1300

Official Representative of the State of Israel at the International Level

- 16th CITES Animals Committee, Shepherdstown, USA (December, 2000)
- 45th CITES Standing Committee, Paris, France (June, 2001)
- 17th CITES Animals Committee, Hanoi, Viet Nam (August, 2001)
- COST 626 (European Program for Cooperation on Science and Technology), on European Aquatic Habitat Modeling, Management Meeting, Vigo, Spain (November, 2001)
- 18th CITES Animals Committee, San Jose, Costa Rica (April, 2002)
- 2002 CITES Asian Regional Meeting, Ulan Baatar, Mongolia (August, 2002)
- 12th CITES Conference of the Parties, Santiago, Chile (November, 2002) Head of Delegation
- 19th CITES Animals Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (Sept., 2003)
- 2nd ACCOBAMS Scientific Committee (Agreement on Conservation of Cetaceans of the Baltic and Mediterranean Seas), Istanbul, Turkey (Nov., 2003)
- 20th CITES Animals Committee, South Africa (September, 2004)
- 13th CITES Conference of the Parties, Bangkok, Thailand (October, 2004)
- COST 635 (European Program for Cooperation on Science and Technology), on Conserving Biodiversity – Interdisciplinary Initiative to Reduce pan-European Cormorant-Fisheries Conflicts, Management Meeting (Brussels, October, 2004)
- 21st CITES Animals Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (May 2005)
- COST 635 Case Study -1, Hula Valley, Israel (January, 2006)

- 22nd CITES Animals Committee, Lima, Peru (July, 2006)
- COST 635 Management Meeting, Slovenia (October, 2006)
- COST 635 Case Study -2, Henko, Finland (April, 2007)
- COST 635 STSM Cormorant management, United Kingdom (May, 2007)
- COST 635 STSM Cormorant management, Simferopol, Ukraine (May, 2007)
- 14th CITES Conference of the Parties, Hague, Netherlands (June, 2007)
- Workshop of the European Inland Fisheries Commission of the FAO (Food and Agricultural Association of the UN, Bonn, Germany (November, 2007)
- COST 635 STSM Human-Wildlife Conflicts, Lisbon, Portugal (December, 2007)
- COST 635 Management Meeting, Jindřichův Hradec, Czech Republic (April, 2008)
- 23rd CITES Animals Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (April, 2008)
- COST 635 Case Study -3, Paris, France (September, 2008)
- ISEAL High Level Conference on Governmental Use of Voluntary Standards, Geneva, Switzerland (October, 2008)
- International Expert Workshop on CITES Non-Detriment Findings, Cancun, Mexico (November, 2008)
- Expert Witness Testimony at House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, Legislative Hearing on H.R. 669, the "Nonnative Wildlife Invasion Prevention Act", Washington DC, USA (April 23rd, 2009).
- 15th CITES Conference of the Parties, Doha, Qatar (March 2010)
- 25th CITES Animals Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (July, 2011)
- 62nd Standing Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (July, 2012)
- 11th Conference of the Parties, Convention on Biological Diversity, Hyderabad, India (October, 2012)
- 16th CITES Conference of the Parties, Bangkok, Thailand (March, 2013)
- Barcelona Convention, 11th Meeting of Focal Points for RAC/SPA, Rabat, Morocco (July, 2013)
- SBSTTA 18, Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, Canada (October, 2013)
- ACCOBAMS (Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area) MOP5, Tangier, Morocco (November, 2013)
- 65nd CITES Standing Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (July, 2014)
- EuroBats MOP7, Brussels, Belgium (September, 2014)
- 11th CMS-COP (Conference of the Parties Convention on Migratory Species), Quito, Ecuador (November, 2014)
- 27th CITES Animals Committee, Veracruz, Mexico (April, 2014)
- IPBES (The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services), Plenary 3, Bonn, Germany (January, 2015)
- Barcelona Convention, 12th Meeting of Focal Points for RAC/SPA, Athens, Greece (June, 2015)
- 28th CITES Animals Committee, Tel Aviv, Israel (August-September, 2015) and head of the Local Organizing Committee for this meeting
- SBSTTA 19, Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, Canada (November,

2015)

- International Workshop on Policy and Science in the Mediterranean Sea, Nir Etzion, Israel (November, 2015)
- 66th CITES Standing Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (January, 2016)
- Barcelona Convention, 19th Conference of the Parties, Athens, Greece (February, 2016)
- 13th Meeting of Technical Committee of the African-Eurasian Waterbirds Agreement (AEWA), Nahsholim, Israel (March, 2016) – and head of the Local Organizing Committee for this meeting
- 17th CITES Conference of the Parties, Johannesburg, South Africa (September, 2016)
- ACCOBAMS (Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Black Sea Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area) MOP6, Monte Carlo, Monaco (November, 2016)
- EUNIC International Panel on Sustainability and the SDG's, Ankara, Turkey (February, 2017)
- IUCN Regional Office for West Asia IUCN Regional Office for Europe Israel, Trilateral meeting, Allenby Bridge, Jordan (March, 2017)
- Barcelona Convention, 13th Meeting of Focal Points for RAC/SPA, Alexandria, Egypt (May, 2017)
- 2nd Meeting of the Convention on Migratory Species Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (MIKT-2), Sliema, Malta (June, 2017)
- 29th CITES Animals Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (July, 2017)
- 12th CMS-COP (Conference of the Parties Convention on Migratory Species), Manila, Philippines (October, 2017)
- 48th Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Convention on Migratory Species, Manila, Philippines (October, 2017)
- 69th CITES Standing Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (November, 2017)
- 10th World Protected Areas Leadership Forum, IUCN WCPA World Commission on Protected Areas, Dead Sea, Israel (March, 2018)
- 1st IUCN Workshop on Marine Invasive Species Management in Mediterranean Marine Protected Areas, Ayia Napa, Cyprus (April, 2018)
- Barcelona Convention Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Programme of the Mediterranean Sea and Coast and Related Assessment Criteria (IMAP); Rome, Italy (July, 2018)
- 30th CITES Animals Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (July, 2018)
- 1st Session of the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), UN Headquarters, New York, USA (September, 2018)
- 70th CITES Standing Committee, Sochi, Russian Federation (October, 2017)
- 8th Meeting of the Parties of the EuroBats Agreement, Monte Carlo, Monaco (October, 2018)
- 7th Meeting of the Parties of the African-Eurasian Migratory Waterbird Agreement (AEWA), Durban, South Africa (December, 2018)

- Expert Workshop on Classification of Marine Benthic Habitats in the Mediterranean Sea, Rome, Italy (January, 2019)
- Barcelona Convention, Meeting of Focal Points for RAC/SPA, Marseille, France (March, 2019)
- 3rd Meeting of the UN-Environment/Convention on Migratory Species Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean, Rome (May, 2019)
- Barcelona Convention. Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) Biodiversity and Fisheries, Rome, Italy (May, 2019)
- Barcelona Convention, 14th Meeting of Thematic Focal Points for RAC/SPA, Portoroz, Slovenia (June, 2019)
- 11th meeting of the Parties ACCOBAMS, Istanbul, Turkey (November, 2019).
- SBSTTA 23, Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal, Canada (December 2019)
- Barcelona Convention, workshop on Sensitive Areas in the Mediterranean, Tirana, Albania (December 2019)
- 13th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS-COP13), Gandhinagar, India (February 2020)
- Conference on Interaction & Confidence Building Measures in Asia Experts Seminar on Biodiversity Conservation, Beijing, China (November, 2020) – [participation online]
- 2nd Extraordinary Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, Montreal Canada (November, 2020) [participation online]
- Integrated Meetings of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups on IMAP Implementation in the Mediterranean Sea, (December, 2020).
- Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia, Kazakhstan (December, 2020) [participation online].
- Barcelona Convention, Post-2020 Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biodiversity and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in the Mediterranean Region (Post-2020 SAP BIO) Workshop (February, 2021) [participation online]
- The Post-2020 SAPBIO Aegean-Levantine Sub-regional Workshop (March, 2021) [participation online]
- 73rd CITES Standing Committee (May, 2021)- [participation online]
- SBSTTA 24, Convention on Biological Diversity (May-June, 2021) [participation online]
- SBI-3, Convention on Biological Diversity (May-June, 2021) [participation online]
- Barcelona Convention, Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on IMAP implementation on Biodiversity and Fisheries (June, 2021) [participation online]
- 31st CITES Animals Committee (June, 2021) [participation online]
- 4th Meeting of the UN-Environment/Convention on Migratory Species Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean, Rome (June, 2021) [participation online]

- Barcelona Convention, 15th Meeting of SPA/BD Focal Points (June, 2021) [participation online]
- Barcelona Convention, 8th SAP BIO National Correspondent meeting (June, 2021) [participation online]
- Third meeting of the Open-ended Working Group on the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Convention on Biological Diversity (August, 2021) [participation online]
- Extraordinary Conference of the Parties, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands, October 2021 [participation online]
- 74th CITES Standing Committee, Lyon France (March, 2022)
- Geneva Biodiversity Conference of the Convention on Biological Diversity, (SBSTTA-24, SBI-3, OEWG-3), Geneva, Switzerland (March, 2022)
- 4th meeting of the Convention on Biological Diversity open-ended working group (OEWG) on the Post-2020 Global Bioldiversity Framework, UN Environmental Programme Headquarters, Nairobi, Kenya (June, 2022)
- 9th Plenary of IPBES (The Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services), Bonn, Germany (July, 2022) [participation online]
- 5th Session of the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), UN Headquarters, New York, USA (August, 2022)
- IUCN Mediterranean Center, Regional meeting, Malaga, Spain (September 2022)
- 3rd Meeting of the Israeli Society for Conservation Science, Tel Aviv, Israel (October, 2022)
- CITES SC75/76 and 19th COP, Panama City, Panama (November, 2022)
- Barcelona Convention, 9th Meeting of National Correspondents of the Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity in the Mediterranean Region (SAPBIO), Barcelona, Spain (February, 2023)
- 5th Session (part 2) of the Intergovernmental Conference (IGC) on Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), UN Headquarters, New York, USA (February, 2023)
- Barcelona Convention, Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON) on Biodiversity and Fisheries, Athens, Greece (March, 2023)
- Barcelona Convention, 16th Meeting of Focal Points for Specially Protected Areas and Biological Diversity (SPA/BD Focal Points), Silema, Malta (May, 2023)
- 32nd CITES Animals Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (June, 2023)
- Barcelona Convention, Integrated Meeting of the Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Groups on Monitoring (CORMON), Athens, Greece (June, 2023)
- 4th Steering Committee of the project: Towards achieving the Good Environmental Status of the Mediterranean Sea and coast through an ecologically representative and efficiently managed and monitored network of Marine Protected Areas (IMAP-MPA). Tangier, Morocco (July, 2023)
- 16th Meeting of the Scientific Council of the Convention on Migratory Species, Bonn, Germany (July, 2023)
- 10th Plenary of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity

- and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), Bonn, Germany (August, 2023)
- Aqaba-Eilat Coordination Committee, (AECC), Aqaba, Jordan (September, 2023)
- Convention on Biodiversity technical expert workshop to review modalities for modifying the descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSA's) and describing new areas, Oslo, Norway (November 2023), participation on-line.
- CITES International Expert Workshop on Non-Detriment Findings (NDFs), Nairobi, Kenya (December, 2023)
- Conference of the Parties COP14, Convention on Migratory Species, Samarkand, Uzbekistan (February, 2024)
- Convention on Biological Diversity, Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, SBSTTA 26, Nairobi, Kenya (May, 2024)
- Barcelona Convention, 10th Meeting of the National Correspondents for SAPBIO -Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity, online (June, 2024)
- 33rd CITES Animals Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (July, 2024)
- 7th Meeting of the Sessional Committee of the Convention on Migratory Species Scientific Council, Bonn, Germany, (September, 2024)
- UN Biodiversity Conference, 16th Conference of the Parties, Convention on Biological Diversity, Cali, Colombia (October, 2024)
- 78th CITES Standing Committee, Geneva, Switzerland (February, 2025)
- Barcelona Convention Ecosystem Approach Correspondence Group on Monitoring (CORMON), Biodiversity and Fisheries, Athens, Greece (April 2025)
- Barcelona Convention 11th Meeting of National Correspondents of the Post-2020 SAPBIO - Strategic Action Programme for the Conservation of Biological Diversity Athens, Greece (April 2025)

Upcoming international meetings

- Meeting of the Mediterranean Action Plan Focal Group and EcAp Coordination Group, Athens, Greece, (September, 2025)
- Convention on Biological Diversity, Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice, SBSTTA 27, Panama City, Panama (October, 2025)
- 79th & 80th CITES Standing Committee, Samarkand, Uzbekistan (November, 2025)
- CITES COP20 Samarkand, Uzbekistan (November, 2025)
- 24th Meeting of the Contracting Parties of the Barcelona Convention COP 24, Cairo, Egypt (December, 2025)
- Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, COP15, Campo Grande, Brazil (March, 2026)
- 17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity, (COP 17), Yerevan, Armenia (October, 2026)

Organizer of International Multilateral Meetings

- 3rd European Vertebrate Wildlife Management Conference, Israel (Sept. 2001)*
- COST 635 Cormorant Case Study Meeting Hula Valley, Israel* (January, 2006)
- 2nd Asian Regional Meeting on Conservation Biology, Bangalore, India (August, 2012)
- 3rd Asian Regional Meeting on Conservation Biology, Melaka, Malaysia (August, 2014)
- 28th meeting of the Animals Committee of the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species, Tel Aviv, Israel (August, 2015)*
- 13th Meeting of the Technical Committee of the African-Eurasian Waterbirds Agreement, Nahsholim, Israel (March, 2016)*
- 10th World Protected Areas Leadership Forum, IUCN WCPA World Commission on Protected Areas, Dead Sea, Israel (March, 2018)*
- (* Head of the Local Organizing Committee)

Coordinator of Bilateral Memoranda of Understanding (MOU's)

Initiated, negotiated and facilitated numerous bilateral international agreements:

- INPA with the China's State Forestry Administration, China (2017)
- Sister Park agreement between Carmel National Park, Israel, with Black Forest National Park, Germany (2017)
- INPA with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife (DPNW), Zambia (2019)
- INPA with the National Agency for Protected Areas in Albania (NAPA), Albania (2019)
- INPA with the Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya (2019)
- INPA with the United States Department of the Interior, USA (2020)
- INPA with Abu Dhabi Environment Agency, United Arab Emirates (2022)
- Sister Park agreement between World Heritage Sites: Nahal Mearot Caves, Israel and Lake Turkana National Parks, Kenya (in preparation).

Current Professional Association Activities

The Society for Conservation Biology

- Former Member of the Global Board of Governors (President of Asia Section) from 2009-2013
- Founder and Past President, Israel Chapter of the SCB
- Member Task Force on Invasive Species
- Member International Treaties Working Group

Conservation Biology (professional scientific journal)

• Handing Editor since 2012

IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature)

- Head of Israel's National IUCN Committee
- Commission Member IUCN WCPA (World Commission on Protected Areas)
- Commission Member WI-IUCN SSC (Species Survival Commission) specialist groups: Cormorant Specialist Group; Wolf Specialist Group; Crocodile Specialist Group; Shark Specialist Group
- Commission Member IUCN SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group 2017-present
- Commission Member IUCN SSC Human-Wildlife Conflict Task Force

Delivering Alien Invasive Species in Europe (DAISIE)

• Registered Expert

The Israel Zoological Society

• Member (also, former Officer from 1997 to 2001)

Awards and honors

- Chosen as International Expert for Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Technical Workshop on International Trade in Marine Ornamental Fishes, Brisbane, Australia (May 2024)
- Outstanding Employee of the Year for 2022 Israel Nature and Parks Authority.
- Chosen as International Expert for Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) international expert workshop on Non-Detriment Findings (NDFs), Nairobi, Kenya (December, 2023).
- Chosen as International Expert for Convention on Biodiversity (CBD) technical expert workshop to review modalities for modifying the descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas (EBSA's) and describing new areas, Oslo, Norway (November 2023).
- Chosen as International Expert for Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) thematic workshop on area-based conservation measures (ABCM) for the Post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, Montreal, Canada (December 2019).
- Chosen as International Expert for Convention on Migratory Species (CMS) Intergovernmental Task Force on Illegal Killing, Taking and Trade of Migratory Birds in the Mediterranean (2017- present).
- Chosen as International Expert for Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
 Expert Workshop on Alien Species in Wildlife Trade, Experiences in the Use of
 Biological Control Agents and Development of Decision Support Tools for
 Management of Invasive Alien Species, Montreal, Canada (October, 2015)
- Fellow of the Humane Society Institute for Science and Policy (2011)
- Chosen as International Expert for Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) Expert Workshop on Preventing Biological Invasions: Best Practices in Pre-Import Risk Screening for Species of Live Animals in International Trade, Notre Dame University, Indiana, USA (April 2008)

- INPA Fund for Nature Conservation Equipment Grant for prevention of wildlifehuman conflicts (2005-2007)
- Species Survival Network Grants (2004-2012)
- International Fund for Animal Welfare Grant for Arava Gazelle conservation (2004)
- Defenders of Wildlife Grant (2004)
- Travel grants, Species Survival Network (2000-2011)
- Israel Zoological Society (Officer, 1997-2001)
- British Council Award (1999)
- Mop Har Merkaz Research Grant (3 years, 1997-2000)
- Center for Field Studies Earthwatch Grant (1994)
- Tobias Landau Fund for Marine Research (grants 1992-1994)
- Lerner-Gray Fund for Marine Research (1991)
- Raney Fund Award (1991)
- Explorer's Club Grant (1990)
- Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute Fellowship (1989)
- Organization of American States Award (1989)
- Sigma Xi Student Grants (1981-2)

Peer-reviewed scientific publications

- 1. Nemtzov, S.C. 1982. Monandric protogynous hermaphroditism in the Red Sea razorfish, *Xyrichtys pentadactylus* (Teleostei: Labridae). **M.Sc. Thesis**, University of Maryland, College Park, MD.
- 2. Nemtzov, S.C. 1985. Social control of sex change in the Red Sea razorfish, *Xyrichtys pentadactylus* (Teleostei, Labridae). **Environmental Biology of Fishes** 14: 199-211.
- 3. Nemtzov, S.C. & L.M. Albert-Nemtzov. 1987. First record of the snake-eel *Brachysomophis cirrhochilus* (Pisces: Ophichthidae) in the Red Sea. **Israel Journal of Zoology** 34: 11-12.
- 4. Nemtzov, S.C., S. Kajiura & C. Lompart. 1993. Diel color phase changes in the coney, *Epinephelus fulvus* (Pisces: Serranidae). **Copeia** 1993: 883-885
- 5. Nemtzov, S.C. 1992. Intraspecific variation in the social and mating behavior of Caribbean razorfishes (Teleostei, Labridae). **Ph.D. Dissertation**, State University of New York, Stony Brook, NY.
- 6. Nemtzov, S.C. & E. Clark. 1993. Intraspecific egg predation by male razorfishes during broadcast spawning: filial cannibalism or intra-pair parasistism? **Israel Journal of Zoology** 35 (abstract).
- 7. Nemtzov, S.C. & E. Clark. 1994. Intraspecific egg predation by male razorfishes during broadcast spawning: filial cannibalism or intra-pair parasistism? **Bulletin of Marine Sciences** 55: 133-141.
- 8. Nemtzov, S.C. 1994. Intraspecific variation in predator avoidance behavior of Caribbean razorfishes (Pisces, Labridae): effect on courtship and mating. **Environmental Biology of Fishes** 41: 403-414.
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