

Indiana Jones of Conservation wins the prestigious Indianapolis Prize!

Thirty-two nominees from around the world
Six finalists

Russ Mittermeier!

How great is this?! Russ is the evergreen hero of conservation worldwide. Underlying his flamboyance, the swag and glib lies a pure heart for the conservation of wildlife, the environment, and local communities. A fantastic memory for people, places, events and species, this man is a living and walking encyclopedia on wildlife. Equally comfortable with hardcore science and local outreach, his ability to communicate in six languages with confidence and humor is worth watching (even if you can't understand them). A stickler for perfection, he understands the need for compromises when it comes to promoting conservation. A rare virtue, Russ plays the role of on-the-ground activities, research, taxonomy, eco-tourism, press conferences, presentations, fundraising, networking and any challenge thrown at him in conservation, with elan. I have had the pleasure of knowing him and working with him for a decade and a half and I can't but help think of him as the Indiana Jones of Conservation.



Russ Mittermeier at the Mediterranean Biome in Eden Project, Cornwall, UK

Well deserved, Russ! Congratulations!

Sanjay Molur