

Obituary: Dr. Peter King, IGES Senior Fellow (1948-2023)

Dr. Peter Noel King passed away peacefully on 9 October 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand at the age of 74. He was a leading and internationally recognised natural resources management expert with decades of professional engagement in a broad range of environment and sustainability-oriented projects and programmes throughout the Asia-Pacific region.

After working with the Australian government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), Peter joined the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) in 2005 and served as a Senior Policy Advisor and Senior Fellow for nearly two decades. He advised on the development of the Institute and engaged in a wide range projects from the Institute's regional office in Bangkok. He was also an environmental expert and consultant to many international organisations, and he played a key role in many global and regional environmental assessment reports, most notably UNEP's Global Environmental Outlook series.

Peter once said that his whole career was about protecting nature and his advice was to "Get out and experience nature. Nature has been around a lot longer than humans, and it has many of the solutions that we are searching for. And if you can't find a solution, at least you'll find peace".

Peter touched many lives at IGES and beyond as he had a wide network as well as a personable character. He was very approachable and was always willing to mentor, guide, lend a helping hand, provide reassurance, and offer wise advice to his friends and colleagues on both professional and personal matters. Peter was also a good storyteller and had a great sense of humour, often lighting up the meeting room with his infectious laughter.

Peter undoubtedly made an immeasurable contribution to the IGES's strategic direction and its achievements. He will be very much missed by his family, friends and colleagues.

[Dr. Peter Noel King](#)