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Marinus Werger is full professor of plant ecology & biodiversity at Utrecht University since 1980. He started his research career as a terrestrial plant ecologist working in deserts and dry savannas in southern Africa, then moved to tropical forest ecology, mainly in Latin America, South China, Vietnam and Indonesia. Much of his research was carried out within the framework of large international teams. He also holds a professorship in plant ecology at SW China University, Chongqing, and in 1998 he received the Friendship Award from the Government of P.R. China for his extensive involvements in plant ecology in China. Since its initiation in 1987 he is chairman curator of the Prince Bernhard Chair for International Nature Conservation at Utrecht University. From 1979 to 1986 he was coordinator for Europe of the International Society of Tropical Ecology and in 1997-1998 functioned as Dutch representative on the International Monitoring Committee for the 4th Framework Programme of the EU. He served as member and (vice-)chair of several national and international boards on ecology/biology, is editor-in-chief of book series on ecology and biodiversity published by Kluwer and Springer Life Sciences, and serves on the boards of several international journals on (tropical) plant ecology. In 1987 he was elected a member of the Royal Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) and chaired its Section of Biology from 1991 to 1998.