

Prof Julian Bayliss

The original Mountain Man!

Described as "the man who discovered an unseen world", Prof Julian Bayliss is an ecologist and conservation scientist. He has been involved in coordinating scientific expeditions, undertaking biodiversity surveys, establishing ecological monitoring activities, and protected area management, with extensive work in Ethiopia, Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Mozambique, Madagascar, and South Africa (as well as in West Africa). His passion for mountains has led him to inaccessible sheer mountain faces in northern Mozambique resulting in the discovery of over 25 new species to science and arguably the largest and smallest rainforests in southern Africa. As a result, he is compiling the last 15 years of biological survey to provide the evidence base for a potentially new montane ecoregion in south-east Africa of global importance.

A Fellow of the Linnean Society, the Royal Geographical and Royal Entomological societies, Prof Bayliss is currently the Chief Technical Advisor (CTA) for the Enhanced Management and Enforcement of Ethiopia's Protected Area Estate Project - a UNDP GEF6 project (<https://ethiopias-elephants.com/>) implemented through the Ethiopian Wildlife Conservation Authority (EWCA) to establish an Environmental Crime Unit and help improve management in five protected areas in Ethiopia. He is also the conservation and science advisor on a new project which will turn Mt Mabu forest in northern Mozambique, the largest rainforest in southern Africa, into Mozambique's latest protected area.