



## The Faculty



**Prof. Giovanni Zurlini** is full professor of ecology at the University of Salento, Italy. He has published more than 200 research papers in scientific peer-reviewed journals. He has also many issued or pending patents worldwide.

He served as Director of Center for Marine Studies at ENEA (Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Economic Sustainable Development). He served as senior researcher at the CNR (Italian National Research Council). He got his Ph. D. in the Netherlands, at the University of Utrecht in 1980. He has received many awards, such as, from the Chile government, from Russian universities. He was elected vice-president of the IALE (International Association of Landscape Ecology). He has been invited for lecturing by many Institutions and Universities from all over the world such as, University of Kiel, Bohn (Germany), Utrecht, Wageningen (NL), EPA at Las Vegas and Durham (USA), China (Beijing), the Academy of Science, London School of Economics (UK), California University River Side, US Geological Survey, US Forest Service, CSIRO Canberra (Australia). He is member and founder of the worldwide Ecosystem Service Partnership (ESP - <http://es-partnership.org>). He is associate editor-in-chief of Ecological Indicators (Elsevier) and coordinating editor of Landscape Ecology (Springer). He is responsible of many projects on sustainability and ecosystem services at the national and European level.



**Dr. Thiru Selvan** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Forestry and Biodiversity at Tripura University (A Central University), Agartala, Tripura, INDIA. Dr Selvan, trained in forestry, has

been working and researching in diverse areas of natural resource management with focus to ecology and environment for more than 15 years and published more than 30 peer reviewed papers. He has been a field forester and trainer. A merit awardee during his Ph. D., Dr Selvan has also been awarded the IASc-INSA-NASI Summer Research Fellowship. He is a member of many renowned organizations. Currently, he is implementing projects with support from NMHS on social and ecological systems.

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