



Steve Forrest

Steve Forrest is a biologist, conservationist, and attorney from Truckee, CA by way of Montana.

This will be Steve's 26th field season in Antarctica, working with the Antarctic Site Inventory since its inception. The ASI has become the largest repository of penguin population data and trends for the Antarctic Peninsula for the past three decades, the majority of which has come from data collected by ship-based ASI researchers and collaborators and is the primary source of information informing regional tourism, fishing, and climate change impacts to this remarkable part of the planet. In addition to the many contributions to ASI's public database for penguin numbers, MAPPPD (in collaboration with the Lynch Lab, Stony Brook University), Steve has coauthored numerous peer-reviewed articles on penguin species occurrence and population trends on the Antarctic Peninsula, including



voyages on research platforms from small yachts to national research program vessels. In 2015, Steve coordinated a joint expedition of the Lynch Lab and Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution that led to documentation of a "supercolony" of hundreds of thousands of Adelie penguins in the Wedell Sea, one of the "hotspots" for marine bird conservation in the Antarctic Peninsula. In 2020 Steve led field efforts for another Lynch Lab led effort that revisited remote shores of the outer South Shetland Islands, surveying chinstrap penguins that had not been resurveyed in some cases for nearly 50 years. He is currently an advisor to the Expert Panel of the Association of Responsible Krill Fishers and participated as a member of the Oceanites delegation to the 40th Commission on Antarctic Marine Living Resources.

When not in Antarctica Steve works in research and science-based advocacy for some of North America's most endangered grassland species. For two decades Steve was a Senior Program Officer for both Defenders of Wildlife and the World Wildlife Fund, and currently continues this work as a biological consultant in private practice studying the highly endangered black-footed ferret. He is coauthor of *Prairie Night* (Smithsonian Press), an account of the ferret recovery in the early days of the once thought extinct mammal, and continues to participate on the US Fish and Wildlife Service's Black-footed Ferret Conservation Subcommittee. Steve was a cofounder of the American Prairie, a now nearly half million-acre grassland conservation reserve in northern Montana that aims to restore ecological processes and species at historic scale. Steve holds a B.S. from Oregon State University, an M.S. in Environmental Studies from the Yale University School of Forestry, and a J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law. Steve enjoys skiing, white-water rafting and trying to keep up with his wife mountain biking.