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Ornithologist with fieldwork experience centered on Iceland. B.Sc. degree from Aberdeen University Scotland, D.Phil. from Oxford University, England. Primary focus of research is on seabirds in general, with many other sidelines, such as shorebirds, passerines, incidental mammals, and many others, even invertebrates, toponymy (study of place names) and onomatology (study of names). Field biologist as well as museum curator for decades. - Curator and Director of Icelandic Institute of Natural History since 1978, last ten years special research position as Chief Scientist. Retired May 2013. Bird conservation and management issues, for decades advisory to government on these aspects. Coordinator of the Icelandic Bird Ringing Scheme over 30 years. Long experience in numerous committee works both domestic, Nordic and international. For instance, Icelandic National Representative of the Arctic Council's CAFF (Conservation of Arctic Flora and Fauna) working group since inauguration in 1993 until 2011, twice Chair. Corresponding member of NABO (North Atlantic Biocultural Organization) since before formal establishment in 1992. - Research interests include population and monitoring studies, distributional and banding studies, climate change and contaminants, relationship of humans and nature.

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