

**Introduction of Peer Reviewer, Dr. Peter Duinker
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Dr. Duinker is a Professor and Director of the School of Resource Management and Environmental Science at Dalhousie University in Halifax. He holds a Ph.D. in Agriculture from the University of Guelph, a Masters of Environmental Studies from Dalhousie University in Forest Ecology, and a Ph.D. from the University of New Brunswick in Forest Management and Environmental Assessment. Up until June 1998 he was a professor in the Faculty of Forestry at Lakehead University and between 1988 and 1998 he was also the Chair in Forest Management and Policy at Lakehead.

Dr. Duinker has a wide range of research interests including environmental assessments, forest policy, forest management planning, sustainable forest management systems, forest biodiversity assessments, and public participation. He has authored or co-authored almost 200 publications on these or related topics. Dr. Duinker is also a researcher and leader for integrated resource management and a group leader for public participation in the Sustainable Forest Management Network, University of Alberta. He is also co-manager for the Environment Canada Office for Canadian Climate Impacts.

Dr. Duinker's recent activities include environmental assessment, public involvement with forest management, forest-modelling research.

From 1997 to 2001 he filed annual reports on the cumulative effects assessment and has participated as an instructor in the course on cumulative effects assessment for Atlantic Canada. He has also served as an advisor to the environmental protection agency and the people's republic of China.

Dr. Duinker was co-chair on the forest policy management panel in the early 1990. He frequently advises government on environmental assessment and forest management activities. Currently, he is a co-chair for the Nova Scotia technical forest advisory committee, the chair of the voluntary planning natural resources committee. In addition to Canadian forests, Dr. Duinker has experience in European and Siberian forests.

With that, I will go to Dr. Duinker.