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G. Cornelis van Kooten is professor and Senior Canada Research Chair at the University of Victoria, Canada. He received a Ph.D. in agricultural and resource economics from Oregon State University in 1982.

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Dr. van Kooten has over 25 years experience in natural resource economics, including non-market valuation, bio-economic modeling of wildlife populations, economics of carbon sequestration, managing lands for multiple tradeoffs, and the economics of renewable energy.



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His interests range from agricultural and forest economics to development and computational economics. He has published some 170 peer-reviewed journal articles and more than 35 book chapters; he is the author or co-author of five books on land and forest economics, and co-editor of three books.

His book with Erwin H. Bulte entitled *The Economics of Nature* (Blackwell, 2000) is considered a classic reference book for researchers in the field of wildlife and public land economics. And his 1995 paper in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* on the uptake of carbon in forest ecosystems is the standard reference for work in the field of terrestrial carbon offsets.

Dr. van Kooten has been a consultant to various governments and government agencies, the United Nations, the World Bank, and a variety of non-governmental organizations, including the International Fund for Animal Welfare and the WWF. His numerous graduate students have gone on to work in the private sector, academic institutions and government.