Corporation British Columbia Coastal Group and Forest Project Team, for the conception of, commitment to, and implementation of their “Forest Project” approach to management.

Ecologists and staff of MacMillan Bloedel Ltd., a large forest products company operating in BC in the late 1990s, originated this new approach to ecosystem management in 1997. The Forest Project planning and stewardship approach, led by the same individuals, has persisted through the purchase of MacMillan Bloedel by Weyerhaeuser in 1999. The Forest Project allocates the land resource base into three zones, each with a unique mix of management objectives and techniques: Timber, Habitat, and Old Growth. Even in the Timber zone, clear-cutting has been eliminated and each zone is managed with a distinct mix of partial cutting systems. The shift from clear-cutting to the silvicultural system of Variable Retention (based on recommendations from a scientific panel on sustainable forestry practices) is being accomplished with an emphasis on employee safety and a corporate objective focused on economic margin rather than absolute harvest volume. The Forest Project Team has developed formal mechanisms for adaptive management and for seeking feedback and input from the scientific community, including the organization of annual reviews by a panel of external evaluators from the scientific, environmental, and corporate communities. The Forest Project has also formed notable partnerships, such as the creation of a new company, Iisaak Forest Resources, with five First Nations in the local area.

The Ecological Society of America is very pleased to recognize these efforts by presenting Glen Dunsworth, Forest Renewal and Biodiversity Program Leader, and Bill Beece, Forest Ecologist, with the Corporate Award for 2001.

**Corporate Award Subcommittee:** Laura Foster Huenneke (Chair), Gregory Aplet, Joan Ehrenfeld, Susan Galatowitsch, Carolyn Hunsaker, Kate Lajitha

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**HONORARY MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

**Madhav Gadgil**

Honorary membership in the Ecological Society of America is awarded to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the field of ecology and who live and work outside of the U.S., Canada, and Mexico. The 2001 Honorary ESA Member is Dr. Madhav Gadgil, one of the best and most prominent ecologists of our time. He is arguably the most distinguished ecologist in India, and is among the finest ecologists in Asia. Both his research and conservation interests successfully blend community ecology and human sociology as an unbroken continuum. He has had a profound effect on conservation in India, not only through his own work, but also by training many outstanding young ecologists.

Madhav Gadgil is totally committed to solving environmental problems in the Third World by analyzing issues carefully and applying ecological theory. These themes are discussed in two books, *This Fissured Land: An Ecological History of India*, and *Ecology and Equity: Use and Abuse of Nature in Contemporary India*. These books are among the best expressions of the dilemmas of the equitable and sustainable use of natural resources.

Originally a fish biologist when he went to Harvard for his Ph.D, Gadgil became interested in issues of life history evolution and the role of dispersal in population dynamics. He co-authored an influential book (M. Gadgil and W. H. Bossert. 1970, *Life History Consequences of Natural Selection*), and papers on selection of optimal life histories for plants, and on *r* and *K* theory.

After returning to India, he established the Center for Ecological Sciences at the Indian Institute of Science, which is the premier ecological research group in India. Research through CES embraces an enormous spectrum of topics, with students and faculty working on nonlinear dynamics, conservation biology, native plant restoration, insect ecology, forest ecology, elephant behavior, and ecology of native tribes. He has published on conservation, animal ecology, plant ecology, human ecology, and economics of resources, agriculture, and property rights. To each problem studied, Gadgil brings a fresh and usually novel insight, firmly rooted in ecological theory.

No ecologist in India has as much influence as Madhav Gadgil, both through his voluminous writing and his service as special counsel to the Indian government. His membership in several Academies of Science, and his active participation in international organizations and committees on ecology and conservation, also document his international stature and recognition.

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