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Position:

Freelance writer, broadcaster and communications consultant.

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Experience:

Tim was Environment Correspondent for BBC News from 1997 to 2006, based in London. In this role he was responsible for bringing the full range of environmental issues to a wider public in radio, television and online news outlets reaching UK and global audiences. Dominant issues included climate change, biodiversity, agriculture, fisheries, waste management and water resources.

In 2004-5 Tim took a sabbatical year, during which he acted as consultant to the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, drafting its Board Statement, *Living Beyond Our Means: Ecosystems and Human Well-Being*. (Island Press, 2005)

In April 2006, he left the BBC after 20 years to work as a freelance, based in the Vale do Ribeira, São Paulo State, Brazil.

Recent and Current Projects:

Tim continues to contribute radio, television and online journalism to the BBC, focussing mainly on environmental issues with a bias towards Brazil and Latin America. He also provides articles to various websites and specialist magazines. He is Associate Director, Brazil of Rockhopper Productions, a London-based television production company specialising in social and environmental documentaries.

He recently completed a contract as editorial consultant to the Caribbean Sea Ecosystem Assessment (CARSEA), a sub-global assessment of the MA, through the Cropper Foundation based in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago. He has an ongoing contract for communications consultancy with the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) secretariat, and is a regular editor of research papers from the UN University Institute of Advanced Studies in Yokohama, Japan.

