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In Remembrance

Dear TiME supporter,

It is with great sadness that we share the news of the passing of Professor Paul Ehrlich, a valued member of TiME's Scientific Advisory Committee.

Paul will be remembered for his groundbreaking contributions to conservation biology and his lifelong dedication to making the world a better place. He leaves behind generations of students and colleagues who have followed his path.

TiME's Scientific Advisory Committee, Board of Directors and volunteers extend their deepest condolences to his family, friends, and all who were inspired by his work.

CC BY-SA 2.5 Paul Ehrlich

Remembering Paul Ehrlich

Professor Alon Tal, TiME's co-founder and Paul Ehrlich's friend, shares:

"Now that he is no longer with us, we are left with Ehrlich's immense intellectual and moral legacy. As he reminded us time and again, denying the ecological consequences of a global population exceeding eight billion does not make those limits disappear. Nature is indifferent to ideology. **Paul Ehrlich's work was never a call for despair, but for foresight and responsibility.** Ehrlich's ideas, and the solutions he championed, continue to offer a path forward for humanity and for the only planet we will ever know."

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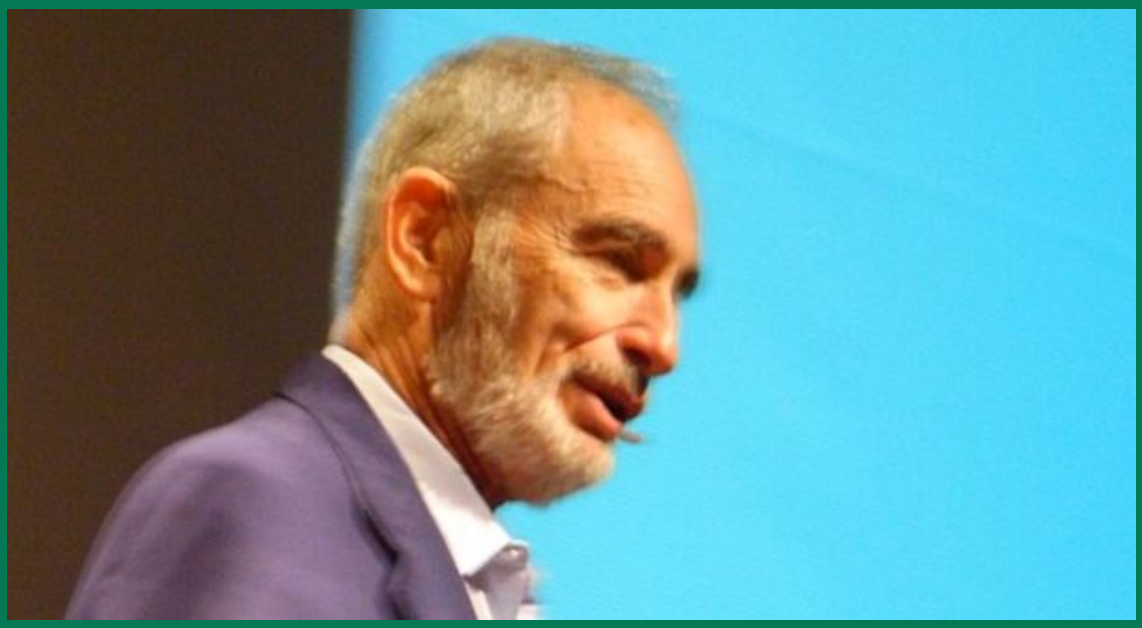

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From the archives: TiME's 2023 tribute to Paul Ehrlich's 90th birthday

"One of the basic facts of population biology — that branch of biology that deals with groups of organisms — is that the simpler an ecosystem is, the more unstable it is. A complex forest, consisting of a great variety of plants and animals, will persist year in and year out (with no interference from man). The system contains many elements, and changes in different elements often cancel each other out.… Man, however, is a simplifier of complex ecosystems and a creator of simple ecosystems."

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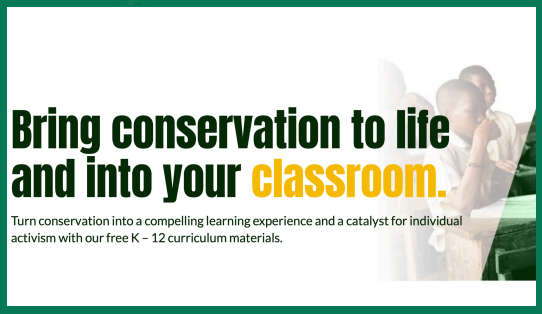

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