

The story of A Rocha – an international Christian conservation organisation.

Marie Connett Porceddu Ph.D, MBA, International Director and CEO of A Rocha

**Thursday 5th June (World Environment day)
7.30pm, Oxford Terrace Baptist Church Lounge
(cnr Madras St and Oxford Tce)**

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Dr Marie Connett Porceddu is originally from New Zealand. She assumed the position of A Rocha CEO in 2007 to support A Rocha's global programmes in biodiversity conservation. She is a Ph.D. botanist with many years of experience in forestry sector research management. She also has an MBA, with business and intellectual property law experience in several countries. She previously held the Deputy CEO role in a Southern hemisphere-based NGO providing web-based information to support innovation, including by disadvantaged communities, committed to local solutions in the areas of food security and public health.

She will talk about the A Rocha organisation, which has many interesting and inspiring stories from it's beginning in the 1980's in Portugal, to now where it has bases in many countries around the world. She will also discuss some of the challenges and unique contributions that Christians bring to caring for the environment. There will be lots of time for questions and discussion with Marie who brings a wealth of knowledge on environmental issues, as well as ethical and spiritual issues relating to the state of the environment and our lifestyles.

