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# Volvo Environment Prize

The Volvo Environment Prize is awarded for "Outstanding innovations or scientific discoveries which in broad terms fall within the environmental field".

Since 1990 the Prize has been awarded to 34 individuals, of whom two subsequently received the Nobel Prize. The Volvo Environment Prize is awarded by an independent foundation, the Volvo Environment Prize Foundation.

The Volvo Environment Prize consists of a diploma, a glass sculpture and a cash award of SEK 1.5 million (approximately EUR 160,000 or USD 220,000).

## Nomination, evaluation and selection

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The Volvo Environment Prize Foundation invites universities, research institutes, scientists and engineers as well as other individuals and organizations to submit nominations for the Volvo Environment Prize.

The span of disciplines and activities for which nominations can be made is very wide. The work of nominees should be based on scientific grounds. Nominations must clearly describe and explain the nominee's main achievements and their importance.

A Scientific Committee reviews the nominations and presents a report to an international Prize Jury. The Jury recommends one or several laureates to the Board of the Volvo Environment Prize Foundation, which then makes the formal decision.

Nominations should be submitted in English using the official form available on the Internet at [www.environment-prize.com](http://www.environment-prize.com) or by mail. Further nomination guidelines are also found on the web page.

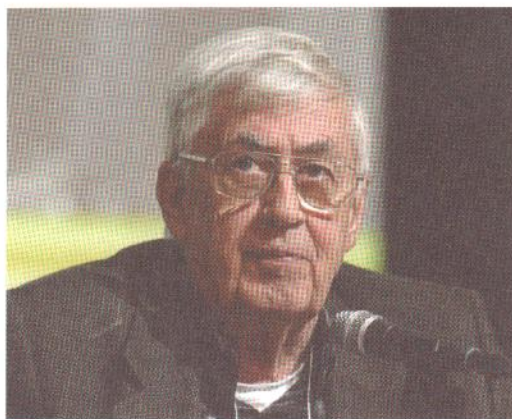
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## Laureate 2008

Crawford "Buzz" Holling, Emeritus Eminent Scholar and Professor in Ecological Sciences at the University of Florida. He is currently living in Vancouver, Canada.

Buzz Holling is perhaps best known as the father of the resilience theory. Resilience is the capacity to deal with change and to continue to develop. It refers to the capacity of a social ecological system both to withstand perturbations — from, for instance, climatic or economic shock — and to rebuild and renew itself.



Over the years, Buzz Holling's research and theories have influenced scientists and policymakers all over the world and have increased knowledge of governing natural resources and how human society — and nature itself — deals with crisis. His thinking has also influenced the sustainable development debate.

"Crawford (Buzz) Holling is one of the most creative and influential ecologists of our times. His integrative thinking has shed new light on the growth, collapse and regeneration of coupled human-ecological systems."

*From Prize Jury motivation*

For information about previous laureates – visit the website [www.environment-prize.com](http://www.environment-prize.com)

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