

Vincent Graffin's background and career is dedicated to nature conservation and sustainable development.

Vincent Graffin is working at the National Museum of Natural History in France. He is Delegate on Ethics, Office of the President, after having been Director for Sustainable Development, Nature Conservation and Expertise.

Concerning ethics, Vincent Graffin has been involved from the very beginning in the IUCN Biosphere Ethics Initiative (BEI). During the CBD COP in Nagoya it was decided to implement the BEI in three museal institutions: Space for Life – Montréal (Canada), Musées de la civilisation (Québec-Canada) and the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (MNHN - Paris). Vincent steered this process which led to the signature of a common "Déclaration" and an ongoing institutional permanent ethical process. He is in charge today to promote and to coordinate the implementation of a global ethics policy in the MNHN (scientific integrity, ethical assessment in scientific research, management, etc...).

As Director for Sustainable Development, Nature Conservation and Expertise, his main responsibility was the management of the Expertise activity of the MNHN which is implemented by more than 100 scientists. This activity consists mainly to provide a scientific support to the French Ministry of Ecology.

At that time, Vincent Graffin also been local elected representative in charge of environment in Boulogne-Billancourt (France, 100 000 inhabitants) from 2008 to 2014. This city has been several times awarded for its innovative environmental policy at that time.

His scientific background led previously Vincent Graffin to work many years at the WWF. He set up and managed a freshwater programme in France before taking the head of the European Freshwater Programme of WWF-International.

Vincent's background is a post graduate diploma of Engineer in Land, Water and Forest Management (Ingénieur du Génie Rural, des Eaux et des Forêts) which provides the top civil servants in this field in the French ministries in charge of these topics.