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Dear Readers,

It is with very mixed emotions that I am writing to let you know that I have stepped down after 15 years of service as Executive Editor of *Conservation Magazine* to focus on my work with penguins. I am very proud of our accomplishments with *Conservation*. Our success in melding science, technology, and innovation won us Maggie Awards, a gold award for best quality in a magazine with under 30,000 subscribers, and loyal subscribers like you. Because of our quality, our articles were picked up by other magazines, blogs, and readers, extending our reach to tens of thousands of people. We provided content to classrooms around the world and information to support decision makers in a variety of disciplines.

Now it's time for me to focus fully on penguins and training the next generation of conservation focused scientists. Along with my long-term study on penguins in Punta Tombo, Argentina (now over 32 years!) and being the Director of the Center for Penguins as Ocean Sentinels, I have agreed to co-chair the Penguin Specialist Group for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) with Dr. Popi Borboroglu, President of the Global Penguin Society.

On a recent trip, we built nests for Galápagos penguins in our collaborative project with Galápagos National Park and recommended two Marine Protected Areas for the penguins. It is our dream to build Galápagos penguins a small, predator-free island in Elizabeth Bay to secure their population.

It is an exciting time and there is much to be done. We are determined to make the world safer for penguins.

Thank you for your loyalty to *Conservation*. You can stay in touch with our penguin work by visiting www.penguinstudies.org. April 25 is World Penguin Day so don't miss the new videos from my class.

I hope our paths cross soon,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. Dee Boersma".

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