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UCT professor to be honoured with prestigious award by Emperor of Japan at special ceremony

11 September 2019 | 17:00 | 21st Floor | The Towers | Hertzog Boulevard | Cape Town

University of Cape Town (UCT) applied mathematician and fisheries scientist Emeritus Professor Doug Butterworth will be awarded the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon by the Emperor of Japan for his contribution to the sustainable management of the country's fisheries, in particular southern bluefin tuna, one of the world's most valuable fisheries.

The conferment will take place at 17:00 on Wednesday, 11 September 2019, on the 21st Floor of the The Towers, Hertzog Boulevard (next to Office of the Consul of Japan, Heerengracht Corner). The Order is given for distinguished achievements in the advancement of one's field. Previous recipients include American actor and film maker Clint Eastwood and French civil engineer Gustave Eiffel, who designed and oversaw construction of the Eiffel Tower.

Professor Butterworth, who also previously received South Africa's highest National Order of Mapungubwe (Silver), has been responsible for developing the scientific methods underlying the management of nearly all South Africa's major fisheries. He has made major contributions internationally to the analysis and management of bluefin tuna and various whale populations, as well as Antarctic krill and fisheries in Canada and the United States.

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