

Biography



Professor Hanski has worked in population and community ecology and conservation biology since the early 1980s. He has contributed to the study of population regulation, cyclic population dynamics, and the mechanisms of coexistence in communities. Research conducted by him and his research group has been instrumental for the development of metapopulation biology, an important branch of biology with great significance for conservation and management. The long-term and large-scale research project on the metapopulation biology of the Glanville fritillary butterfly is one of the best examples of how theoretical work can be effectively linked with empirical studies in ecology.

Professor Hanski is a foreign member of the Royal Society and of many other national science academies. He has received several prizes and awards. He is a research professor at the University of Helsinki, Finland.