Steve Irwin – Honours

1997  Whilst on a fishing trip with his father, Steve discovered a new species of turtle. Steve was given the honour of naming the newly discovered species and named it after his family; Irwin's Turtle *Elseya irwini*.

2000  Awarded the Sunshine Coast Tourism Memorial Award 2000 for ‘Most Outstanding Contribution to Tourism’.

Awarded Honorary Senior Fellow by the University of the Sunshine Coast.

2001  Awarded the Centenary Medal for his services to global conservation and tourism.

2002  Awarded a Queensland Museum Medalist for his work in conservation.

Winner of Brisbane’s Best Export Award.

2003  Named Queenslander of the Year.

2004  Nominated for Australian of the Year.

Recognised as Tourism Export of the Year.

2007  Named the favourite male personality on pay TV at the ASTRA Awards.

Inducted into the Logies Hall of Fame.

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society rename its ship ‘Steve Irwin’ in honour of Steve’s conservation efforts.
The Rwandan Government named a baby gorilla after Steve as a tribute to his work in wildlife conservation.

The Crocodile Rehabilitation and Research Centre in Neyyar Wildlife Sanctuary was named by the Kerala government after Steve.

Awarded the Adjunct Professorship posthumously by the University of Queensland’s School of Integrative Biology.

2009  A khaki-coloured treesnail was named Crikey steveirwini in memory Steve. Like its namesake, this rainforest treesnail is both dazzling and impressive. The small (15mm), rare species has a high spire and is creamy yellow with coppery brown spiral bands. To date, it has only been found at a few localities in the Central Wet Tropics region of north-eastern Queensland.

Queensland honoured Steve’s contributions, naming him as one of the twelve ‘greats of Queensland business’ to be inducted into the Queensland Business Leaders Hall of Fame.

Commemorated in the Royal Australian Mint’s Inspirational Australians series, appearing on an uncirculated $1 coin.

FILMING

Steve and Terri Irwin filmed over 300 episodes of The Crocodile Hunter, Croc Diaries, Croc Files, New Breed Vets, Ghosts of War and starred in the feature length film The Crocodile Hunter: Collision Course. These programmes have been seen in more than 140 countries by 500 million viewers worldwide.

In 2006, Irwin provided his voice for the animated film Happy Feet, as an elephant seal named Trev. The film was dedicated to Irwin, as he died during post-production.[10] Another, previously incomplete
scene, featuring Irwin providing the voice of an Albatross and essentially playing himself, was restored to the DVD release.

Among the Happy Feet DVD’s special features is a scene that was cut from the film where Mumble meets a blue whale and an albatross. The albatross was Steve Irwin’s first voice role in the film before he voiced the elephant seal in the final cut. The scene was finished and included on the DVD in memory of Steve Irwin. This scene is done in Steve’s classic documentary style, with the albatross telling the viewer all about the other characters in the scene, and the impact people are having on their environment.

The film was dedicated in memory of Nick Enright, Michael Jonson, Robby McNeilly Green, and Steve Irwin.

Steve also appeared on Dr Dolittle 2 in 2001, in 5 takes of Pacific Rim in 2006 and the Mystery Hunters in 2002.

Irwin was the feature of The Wiggles "Wiggly Safari" 2002 DVD release.

MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

Steve enthusiastically joined with the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service to promote Australia’s strict quarantine/customs requirements, with advertisements and posters featuring slogans such as, "Quarantine Matters! Don't muck with it". His payments for these advertising campaigns were directed into his wildlife fund.

In 2004, Steve was appointed ambassador for The Ghan, the passenger train running from Adelaide to Alice Springs in the central Australian outback, when the line was extended all the way to Darwin on the northern coast that year.