In 2010, the ocean-dependent economy (six industrial sectors) generated 2.6 million jobs and $245 billion.

Governments, businesses, and NGOs must integrate their capacities and strengths to maintain the ocean and coastal ecosystem services that form the foundation of a healthy global economy.

Pressure on the oceans’ natural resources in the 21st century could generate economic dislocation, instability, and even conflict, leading to irreparable damage to U.S. strategic and economic interests.

"We are a global power, with global interests and global responsibilities. We can ignore but we cannot escape this basic truth, and any retreat from our responsibilities endangers both our national ideals and our national interests."
—President Ronald Reagan, October 21, 1987

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the annual U.S. Congressional International Conservation Gala, hosted by ICCF. We are honored to lead a growing collaboration of private sector leaders dedicated to international conservation and good natural resource management. Tonight we celebrate the expansion of ICCF to include a new oceans initiative.

Keeping oceans healthy and productive is a global challenge, but one that is essential to national and economic security. By understanding ways that we can utilize our oceans sustainably, taking into consideration the pressures caused by increasing demand, we are empowered to better protect our oceans resources and increase their long-term economic value. To do so successfully, we must find solutions that integrate the environmental and business communities with public sector institutions.

This Gala commemorates the launch of the Oceans Caucus Foundation, a new ICCF initiative that encourages policymakers to proactively address oceans resource challenges that shape our national and economic security. This Gala, and other programs we host throughout the year, aim to bring together leaders in the public and private sectors to share ideas and expertise and to form stronger collaborations to achieve “natural security” for the U.S. and other countries around the world.

Tonight we have gathered together an impressive group of leaders from the public and private sectors to recognize outstanding leaders whose conservation achievements have brought us closer to ensuring security of the natural wealth on which we all depend for our health and prosperity. Thank you for joining us this evening.

Sincerely,

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H.E. FELIPE CALDERÓN
President of Mexico

MENU
First Course
Chèvre and Potato Millefeuille
Basil and Lemon Biscuits and Cheese Palmiers
Main Course
Pistachio Crusted Halibut
Rice with Lemony Herbs, Fava Beans and Caramelized Sweet Peppers
Spring Vegetables
Vegan Shepherd’s Pie
Dessert
Chocolate Mocha Tart
WHAT IS IT?
The Oceans Caucus Foundation (OCF) is an educational initiative that maintains a collaborative structure that helps policymakers proactively address and react to global oceans conservation challenges.

OCF's mission is to educate U.S. and international policymakers about issues of ocean conservation worldwide, including balancing the needs of marine ecosystems and biodiversity with those of sustainable fishing, commerce, and transportation industries using market-driven solutions. The OCF does so by bringing together policymakers, scientists, conservation experts, and corporate and NGO leaders through briefings and roundtables. We invite public and private stakeholders, local interests and multi-national entities to help provide the expertise and resources necessary to create the new framework needed to address these challenges.

An extension of ICCF, OCF carries with it ICCF’s pro-business, pro-development, and pro-environment approach to conservation strategies.

WHY?
OCF recognizes the importance of the fundamental link between good Natural Resource Wealth Management™ and sustainable economic growth.

HOW?
The OCF educates decision-makers utilizing an unparalleled network of industry leaders and oceans experts in sound natural resource management.

ICCF, well-known for its inclusive, unbiased, pragmatic approach to natural resource challenges, shares its global network of private sector leaders and expertise in Congressional consensus-building with its new oceans initiative.

OCF engages U.S. policymakers with an educational program that features a nonpartisan message: conservation of oceans’ natural goods and services grows the American economy by ensuring that the resources that the fishing, energy, shipping, tourism, and countless other industries depend upon will always be available.

A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR OCEANS AND COASTAL CONSERVATION POLICY
As demonstrated by your presence at tonight's Gala as well as the engagement of new partners in our oceans framework, enthusiasm for natural resource conservation is growing.

OCF joins the strong global network of ICCF and its Conservation Council of Nations – a collaboration of hundreds of corporate, NGO, and parliamentarian partners – to build ties and share ideas to help secure a prosperous future for us all.

Together, we share greater opportunities to leverage policy with public-private partnerships to meet the world’s many conservation challenges.

ABOUT THE ICCF CONSERVATION COUNCIL OF NATIONS
The Conservation Council of Nations (CCN) is a global network of legislators and parliamentarians that collaborate and exchange best practices and solutions for international conservation policies.

ABOUT CONSERVATION OCEANS PARTNERS

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ABOUT ICCF
ICCF works with the leadership of the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus (ICC), which comprises more than one-third of the U.S. Congress, to identify critical conservation issues and generate the broadest audience for ICCF educational programs. ICCF’s support of the Members of the ICC has helped the Caucus grow and remain bipartisan in nature for more than 10 years.

COUNCIL OF NATIONS
The CCN focuses on creating conservation caucuses as a forum to educate policymakers from all different backgrounds and industries about the value and importance of proper natural resource management – and how sustainable use of natural resources is beneficial to economic and social development, national and regional security, poverty alleviation, and human health. The caucuses link together through regional programs, conferences, and roundtable events – providing an opportunity for caucus members to network, meet their peers and develop lasting relationships which will further the mission of the MPs and the respective caucuses at home and abroad.
**U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION GALA**

**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

**H.E. Professor John Evans Atta Mills**
President John Evans Atta Mills is the third President of the Fourth Republic of Ghana. He was inaugurated in 2009, having previously served as Vice-President from 1997-2001. He earned a PhD in Law from Stanford Law School, where he was a Fullbright Scholar, taught law for nearly 25 years, and has extensive experience in financial oversight. One of the major undertakings of the government of Ghana has been to overhaul fisheries management in order to promote aquaculture, restore dwindling fish populations, and return Ghanaian fisheries to a sustainable path.

**The Honorable Freundel Stuart**
Prime Minister Freundel Stuart is the seventh Prime Minister of Barbados, a position he has held since 2010. He previously served in the Upper House (Senate), as Attorney General and Minister of Home Affairs and as Deputy Prime Minister. In 2011, he was appointed to the United Nations Global Panel on Sustainability. The government of Barbados faces many conservation challenges as a result of the island nation’s dense population, but in the past several years the government has developed comprehensive new policies to address water and land conservation issues. The new Coastal Zone Management Unit, for example, was established to monitor, protect, and rehabilitate coastal resources and habitats. Although Barbados is a water-scarce country, 100% of the population has access to clean water.

**H.H. Shaikh Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa**
H.H. Shaikh Abdullah Bin Hamad Al-Khalifa is the second son and Personal Representative of the King of Bahrain, a senior member of the civil judiciary, and the President of General Authority for the Protection of Marine Resources, Environment, and Wildlife of Bahrain. Bahrain’s marine ecosystems include extensive sea grass beds and mudflats, patchy coral reefs, and offshore islands, and are home to several threatened species, including dugongs and the green turtle. Bahrain has developed a comprehensive environmental plan to restore the integrity of ecosystems and promote wise management of natural resources. Additionally, under the patronage of His Highness, the Bahrain Action Plan for Marine World Heritage was created to identify steps to increase the area of ocean and sea protected by the World Heritage Marine Programme.

**William “Beau” Wrigley Jr.**
William “Beau” Wrigley Jr. is the former President, Chairman, and Chief Executive Officer of the Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. He serves on National Geographic Society’s Council of Advisors, is a Board Member and Trustee of Conservation International, and is a Co-Chair of the Ocean Health Council. The Wrigley Foundation provided funding and motivation for the Ocean Health Index project—a partnership between Conservation International, the National Geographic Society, and the New England Aquarium—to raise public awareness, guide international policy, and protect the oceans by creating a single index to help simplify and communicate extremely complex issues of ocean condition (“the Dow Jones of the ocean”).

**Bruce Babbitt**
Bruce Babbitt, former Attorney General and Governor of Arizona, served as U.S. Secretary of the Interior from 1993 to 2001. With degrees in geology, geophysics, and law, he tackled some of the most complex and controversial issues in public land management, including reforms to mining, grazing, and endangered species law and the protection of millions of acres of federal land through the designation of several national monuments. Secretary Babbitt is credited with shaping the old growth forest plan in the Pacific Northwest; drafting plans to restore the ecosystem of South Florida, the Everglades, and Florida Bay—the largest environmental restoration project in history; large new legislation for protection of national wildlife refuges; helping to enact the California Desert Protection Act—the largest land protection bill in the lower 48 states; negotiating the largest state-federal land swap in the history of the lower 48 states to create parks in Utah; and bringing together environmental advocates, urban water users, and farm interests to address deterioration of the California Bay-Delta system through the CaFED Bay Delta Accord.

**Former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt**
Former Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt was confirmed as the 49th Secretary of the Interior in 2006. Throughout his career Secretary Babbitt was known for his great success in achieving cooperation among diverse groups. During his six-year term as U.S. Senator, he wrote, negotiated, and won passage of two major pieces of bipartisan legislation: a bill to end unfunded federal mandates on state, local, and tribal governments, and a substantial revision of the federal Safe Drinking Water Act.

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He was instrumental in achieving an historic bipartisan four-state agreement to restore salmon to rivers, and one of his most notable achievements was an historic agreement among seven Colorado River basin states to implement operational guidelines to address an ongoing drought, encourage and promote water conservation, and lay the groundwork for future collaboration to address issues such as drought or surplus through consultation and negotiation.

**Former Secretary of the Interior Dirk Kempthorne**
He further recognized the importance of international partners to U.S. prosperity and led numerous international trade missions and delegations.

**Secretary Kempthorne has been credited with envisioning the near-century of national parks; laying the groundwork for landscape-style stewardship at the Bureau of Land Management; improving the lives of American Indians, Alaska Natives, and insular residents; protecting and restoring landscape, ocean, and coastal resources; strengthening southwest border law enforcement; protecting wild bird habitat and populations; and conserving, managing, and developing vital water resources.**
AWARD RECIPIENTS

ICCF Teddy Roosevelt® International Conservation Award
ICCF presents the Teddy Roosevelt® International Conservation Award to recognize innovative leadership in conservation policy by a government leader. It is our great pleasure to present this prestigious award to the President of the United States of Mexico, Felipe Calderón in recognition of his impressive record as an innovator of environmental policy, a champion of oceans, and a leader in transboundary conservation. President Calderón’s administration has raised awareness of deforestation through various policy measures such as planting over 8 million trees and attracting green-technology companies to Mexico. 4.6 million ha of the country’s forest receives support for the preservation of forests and jungles and the reforestation and restoration of soil and forest ecosystems. During President Calderón’s term, natural protected areas have increased by 3.6 million ha.

President Calderón has also partnered with the U.S. Department of the Interior in developing a cooperative action plan for conservation in the Big Bend/Rio Bravo region. In 2009, The United States, Canada, and Mexico agreed to work together to protect wilderness areas across North America by establishing an intergovernmental committee to exchange research and approaches that address challenges such as fire control and invasive species in land, marine, and coastal protected areas throughout the continent. Mexico and the United States recently announced the U.S.-Mexico Environmental Program (Border 2012), a collaboration between the United States and Mexico to improve the environment and protect the health of the nearly 12 million people living along the border.

In 2009, President Calderón designated the Bahía de los Ángeles Biosphere Reserve as a naturally protected area in the Gulf of California – an area encompassing beaches and coastal wetlands known as a home for protected and endangered marine species.

Other examples of President Calderón’s dedication to conservation include the largest budget ever for protected areas management in Mexico and the creation of a Conservation Program for Endangered Species, to focus on species such as the vaquita dolphin, the leatherback turtle, and the jaguar.

Conservation Leadership in Business Award
The ICCF Conservation Leadership in Business Award is presented annually to recognize leaders in business who inspire market-based solutions to inspire solutions to environmental crises. This year we are pleased to honor Bumble Bee Foods with this award. Bumble Bee Foods is an industry leader with its internal sustainability programs, its active participation in a wide range of fishery management organizations, its support for science-based sustainability initiatives, and its involvement in public-private partnerships to improve sustainability standards. Bumble Bee is committed to ensuring that the seafood they provide to customers is sourced from sustainably harvested stocks and has taken a strong leadership role in responsible harvesting and science-based management of fisheries.

In 2009, Bumble Bee founded the International Seafood Sustainability Foundation (ISSF) – a global partnership among scientists, World Wildlife Fund, and tuna processors representing nearly 75% of the world’s shelf stable tuna production. This unique combination of industry, science, and the environmental community is committed to driving positive change in tuna fisheries through direct action of its participants.

ICCF’s “Good Steward” Award
ICCF’s “Good Steward” Award is presented annually to recognize outstanding individual leadership in conservation. It is our great pleasure to present this award to Bo Derek, a long-time advocate for animal welfare. In 2006 she was appointed U.S. Special Envoy of the Secretary of State for Wildlife Trafficking Issues, and has travelled around the world advocating better legislation and enforcement to combat the illegal wildlife trade. She was also appointed Commissioner of the California Horse Racing Board by the Governor of California. Bo is an outspoken advocate for sharks, polar bears, big cats, and many other species. She is renowned for her global campaign to combat shark finning and has recently launched a new initiative with Sir Richard Branson to protect Canada’s polar bear population. She is founder and president of Bless the Beasts, has served as a Board Member of WildAid since 2006, and joined the WildAid Canada Board of Directors in 2010.

PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS

The ICCF Teddy Roosevelt® International Conservation Award
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The Right Honorable Tony Blair
The Honorable Jens Stoltenberg
Her Excellency Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo
His Serene Highness Prince Albert II of Monaco
Russell Train
Great Green Wall Initiative (Seven Countries)
His Excellency Lieutenant General Seretse Khama Ian Khama

The ICCF Conservation Leadership in Business Award
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Yvon Chouinard
National Geographic Society
Unilever

ICCF’s “Good Steward” Award
Harrison Ford
Kris and Doug Tompkins
Ed Norton
Rob Walton

ICCF Lifetime Achievement Award
The Honorable Stewart Udall
Magalen O. “Maggie” Bryant

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