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Our Mission

The mission of The ICCF Group is to advance conservation governance by building political support and providing on-the-ground solutions.



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THE 2018 MOUNT VERNON INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CAUCUS SUMMIT

ABOUT THE SUMMIT

On Monday, September 24, 2018, representatives of parliamentary conservation caucuses supported by The ICCF Group across the Americas, Africa, and Asia; business and civil society stakeholders; and leaders of U.S. Government and multilateral development organizations, including the U.S. Agency for International Development, the Global Environment Facility, and U.N. Environment converge just outside Washington, D.C. for a historic summit of legislators.



Legislative leaders from around the globe gather at George Washington's historic Mount Vernon estate to examine the role of conservation governance in addressing threats and responding to opportunities related to parks and protected areas; marine debris and ocean health; and illegal extraction of resources, including wildlife crime and wildlife trafficking, poaching, illegal fishing, and illegal timber and mineral extraction. This international summit will center around a shared commitment to good natural resource management as a crucial element of sustainable development strategies.



The Caucus Model

A caucus is an informal group of members of a particular legislative body, organized around a shared policy interest or concern. Caucuses provide a space for dialogue between legislators holding differing policy positions through which they can explore innovative, nonpartisan solutions.

The International Conservation Caucus was founded in the U.S. House of Representatives in September 2003 with a commitment to helping the United States lead public and private international partnerships that provide stewardship of natural resources for habitat and biodiversity protection, poverty reduction, economic development and regional security. The caucus is one of the largest bipartisan groups in the U.S. Congress, comprised of nearly one-third of both the House and Senate.

With the success of the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus and the effectiveness of ICCF in its role supporting the caucus, ICCF leadership established The ICCF Group to replicate the caucus model around the globe. The ICCF Group has since supported the establishment of 16 active and engaged, multiparty caucuses in legislatures across Africa, Asia, and Latin America to address national and regional conservation challenges.

The ICCF Group supports these caucuses by establishing an informal secretariat for each respective caucus and convening a cross-sectoral stakeholder network to provide caucus members with relevant expertise.





A GLOBAL NETWORK



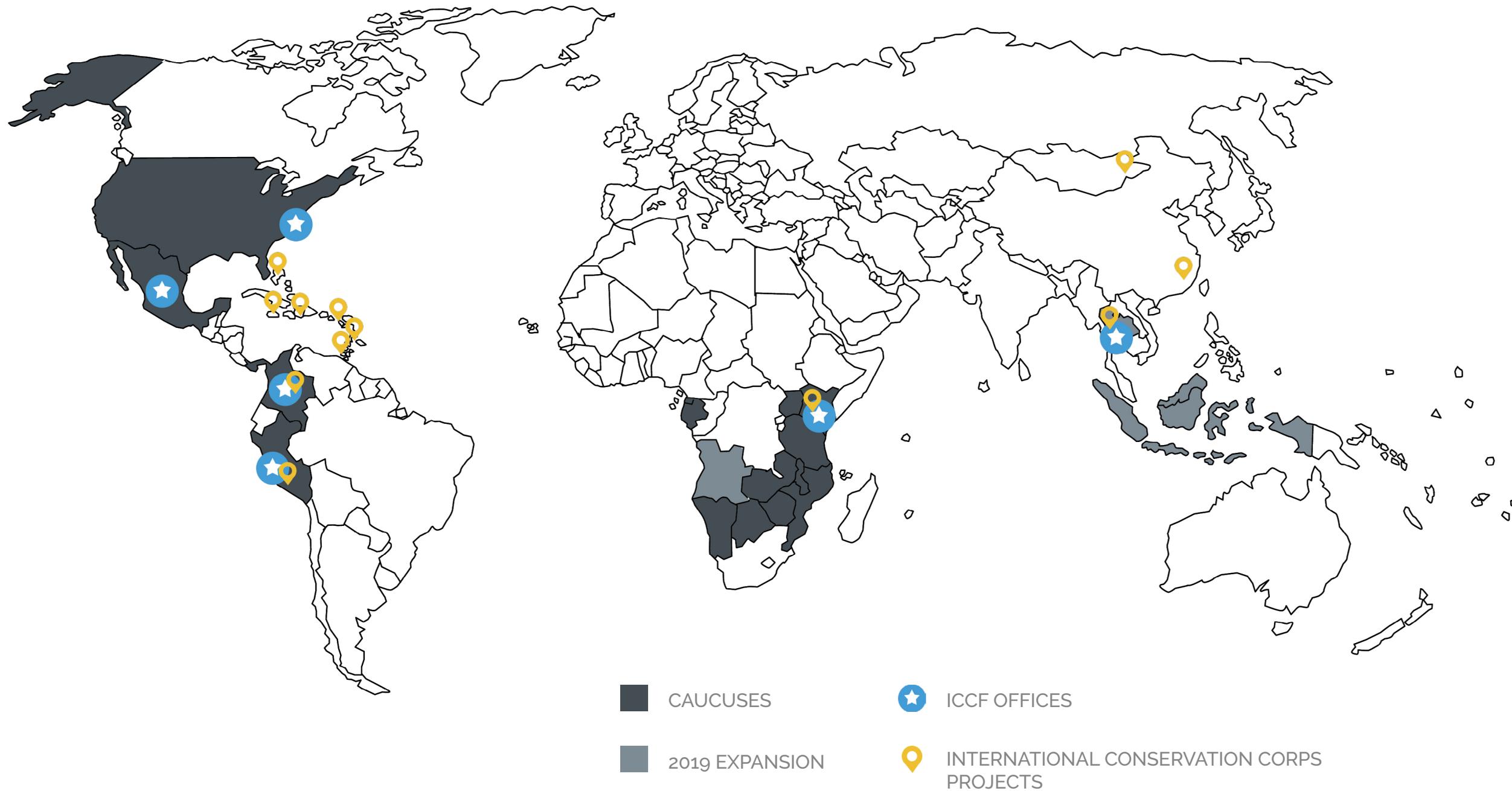
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CAUCUS IMPACT



COLOMBIA

- Approval of 2013 Minamata Convention on Mercury
- Law passed for the protection of Andean highlands (páramos)
- Strengthened Police Code to fight use of mercury in illegal gold mining
- Legislation filed to combat illegal mining
- Legislative action on marine debris (plastic bags)

GABON

- Caucus working to amend Gabon penal code relating to wildlife offenses
- Action Plan for Central African Regional Collaboration developed

KENYA

- Critical amendments to the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act (2013)
- Harmonization of wildlife, water management, forestry, and fisheries laws
- Support for Water Security Bill (2014)

MALAWI

- Development and passage of amendments to the Malawi Wildlife and National Parks Act

MEXICO

- General Law of Sustainable Forestry Development of 2018

MOZAMBIQUE

- Development and passage of amendments to Mozambique's Conservation Law of 2014
- Bilateral Agreement on the Coordinated Conservation and Management of the Niassa-Selous Ecosystem signed between The United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Mozambique

NAMIBIA

- Passage of Nature Conservation Amendment Act in June 2017, dramatically increasing fines for rhino and elephant poachers, and elevating fines and prison terms for illegal possession of protected species

PERU

- Legislation filed to combat illegal mining

TANZANIA

- Bilateral Agreement with Zambia on the Coordinated Conservation and Management of the Miombo/Mopane Woodland Ecosystem
- Bilateral Agreement with Mozambique on the Coordinated Conservation and Management of the Niassa-Selous Ecosystem

UNITED STATES

- Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act
- Tropical Forest Conservation Act Reauthorization
- Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act
- Lacey Act Amendments to Ban Illegal Timber Imports
- Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act
- Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act
- Save Our Seas Act
- Defending Economic Livelihoods and

Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act (passed in House)

- Ratification of 4 multinational oceans treaties
- Significantly increased overall funding for conservation

ZAMBIA

- Zambia Wildlife Act 2015
- Zambia Forests Act 2015
- Zambia National Parks and Wildlife Policy
- Bilateral Agreement on the Coordinated Conservation and Management of the Miombo/Mopane Woodland Ecosystem with Tanzania

REGIONAL

- Arusha Declaration on Regional Conservation & Combating Wildlife/ Environmental Crime signed by Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia
- Declaration of Bogotá on the Role of Legislators in the Promotion of Sustainable Forest Management signed by Colombia, Mexico, and Peru



UNITED STATES

ADVANCING U.S. CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP

ICCF was founded in 2006 to develop and support the leadership of the bipartisan U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus (ICC) in the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate—a coalition that now comprises more than one-third of Congress—with ICCF hosting regular educational briefings, roundtables, and other events. The Oceans Caucus Foundation (OCF), an independent program within ICCF, similarly works with the leadership of the U.S. Congressional Oceans Caucus (OC) to advance marine governance.

The leadership of the ICC and OC have achieved a number of legislative successes, including significantly increasing overall U.S. funding for international conservation and directing the implementation of:

- Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act
- Tropical Forest Conservation Act Reauthorization
- Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act and Reauthorization
- Lacey Act Amendments to Ban Illegal Timber Imports
- Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Enforcement Act
- Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act

In order to better support the ICC and OC with balanced, nonpartisan information and expertise, ICCF has convened a council of a diverse group of the most important and active leaders in industry and the NGO and institutional communities: the ICCF Conservation Council. These organizations, led by ICCF, work together across industries and varying interests to seek consensus on matters of international conservation and to promote U.S. conservation leadership.



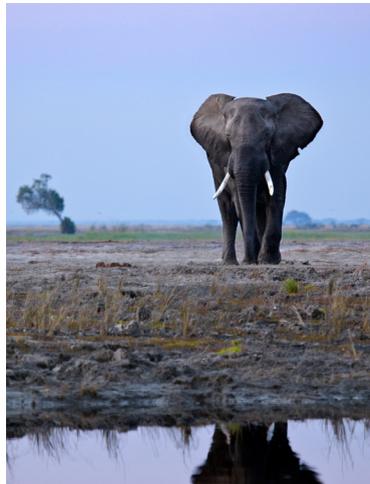
International Conservation Caucus

COMBATING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

In 2016, Representative Ed Royce, founding co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus, and other members of the ICC introduced and garnered support to pass the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act.

CONSERVING CRITICAL ECOSYSTEMS

ICC co-chairs in the House and Senate recently introduced legislation aimed at promoting sustainable economic growth through trans-boundary conservation programs in the Okavango River Basin, home of Africa's largest remaining elephant population.



Oceans Caucus

FIGHTING ILLEGAL FISHING

In 2015, leaders of the House and Senate Oceans Caucus advanced legislation implementing the Agreement on Port State Measures (PSMA), an international treaty addressing the challenge of illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing.

TACKLING MARINE DEBRIS

OC co-chairs in the House and Senate introduced and garnered support to pass legislation in the 115th Congress aimed at promoting a global response to the growing marine debris crisis, including reauthorizing federal programs to counter marine debris.



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LATIN AMERICA



SOLUTIONS IN CONGRESS AND IN THE FIELD

The ICCF Group is working in governments and on the ground in Latin America to advance leadership and build capacity to manage natural resources, including in parks and protected areas. The ICCF Group has facilitated the establishment of congressional conservation caucuses in Colombia, Peru, and Mexico and is collaborating with each of these coalitions of policymakers to provide them with comprehensive information and innovative solutions on issues of natural resource management. Equipped with objective information, these Members of Congress can make informed decisions and lead the way in forming sound, nonpartisan, conservation policies that benefit their respective nations.

On the ground, experts from The ICCF Group's International Conservation Corps work hand in hand with governmental and non-governmental partners in developing nations to achieve conservation priorities and develop institutional capacity to effectively manage parks and protected areas. In Colombia, International Conservation Corps team members are working with the National Natural Parks of Colombia to strengthen its management capacity, especially improving the ability to sustainably support increased tourism to bring much-needed jobs to rural communities; developing a new institutional planning system; incorporating interpretation services at heavily visited parks; strengthening commercial services management; and developing a strategy for a new national training program. Having demonstrated successful work with the National Parks Service in Colombia (PNN), The ICCF Group has signed an MOU to work with SERNANP - the National Parks Service in Peru - and identified key areas for collaboration in which the ICCF program can support Peru through expert technical assistance.



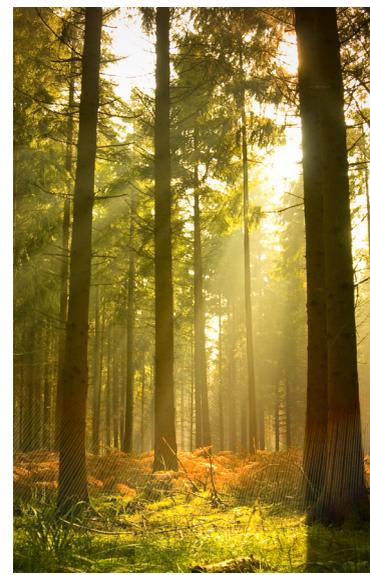
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MISSION SHEDS LIGHT ON COMMUNITY FORESTRY

The ICCF Group is collaborating with Mexico's National Forest Commission (CONAFOR) to promote sustainable development of Mexico's forests and jungles, with focus on community management. In 2018, The ICCF Group led a field mission to the state of Durango with key legislators to see firsthand the contributions of community forest companies toward biodiversity and sustainable development.

"The [mission] allowed me to experience the work that forest communities in Mexico do to conserve natural resources as valuable and at the same time generating social well-being. It is fundamental that we continue strengthening the legal framework on the subject of forests and look for incentives for these communities' work," said Dip. Edna González Evia of Mexico.

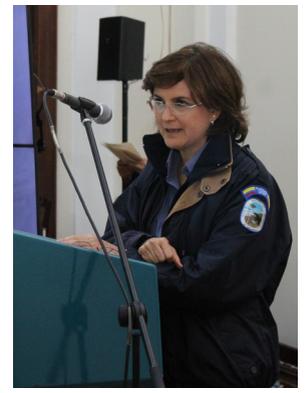
Not long after, the Mexican House of Representatives approved amendments to the General Law of Sustainable Forestry Development, which include the creation of a Community Forestry Management Program. A number of Congressmen were involved in drafting and editing the bill including GPCM members, who advocated for community forest management on the Senate floor.



Quotable

"The National Natural Parks of Colombia have had the valuable support of ICCF in various actions that we have developed, contributing to strengthen our mission in the management of the protected areas of the National System of Natural Parks (SPNN). One of them has been the socialization with members of the Conservationist Caucus and the Congress of the Republic on the importance of protected areas for the socioeconomic development of the country."

-- DR. JULIA MIRANDA
Director, National Natural Parks of Colombia



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National Parks

Improving management of its National Parks is a priority for Colombia. The Colombian Conservation Caucus is working to assess and address the challenges facing the National Parks System in order to promote ecotourism activities in important areas around the country. Part of this effort includes securing sustainable financing for Colombia's National Parks.

Illegal Mining

Conservation Caucus legislative initiatives have focused on the promotion of responsible mining practices, including formalization, fighting against illegal mining, and suppressing the use of mercury. Caucus leadership led efforts in Congress which led to Colombia's formal accession to the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

Water

Recognizing water as an axis of sustainable development, the Conservation Caucus is looking at water-related topics like water quality, groundwater management, sustainable use, access to potable water, sanitation, wastewater pollution, and drought.

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IN THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES | TERM: 2018-2022



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Fisheries Management

Colombia is the only country in South America with extensive marine-coastal territories in both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Fishing in these oceans is, for coastal communities, a primary income- and employment-generating activity. However, illegal fishing has become a challenge that affects the benefits generated by this activity. Illegal fishing also impacts national security with links to smuggling of fuel and illicit trafficking in gold. The Colombian Oceans Caucus is beginning discussion of this topic through a series of multisectoral dialogues that will be developed in the Congress of the Republic and through a field mission to the Utria National Park in the Region of Pacific. Through these activities, caucus members hope to gain a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities that fisheries generate and to understand the role they can play as legislators to promote initiatives that will lead to effective solutions.

Ecotourism

Colombia continues to be an important destination for international tourism. In 2016, the country received 5,092,052 international visitors, the highest figure in the country's tourism history, far surpassing country goals. Tourism is currently the second largest income-generator in the country, reaching US \$ 5.251 million in 2015, 7.45% higher than the previous year. With this growth in tourism, there are numerous opportunities to enhance tourism in Colombia's national parks as a strategic economic sector of the country. Ecotourism can generate social, environmental, and economic benefits that will allow the country's protected areas to be developed in a sustainable manner. The Colombian Conservation Caucus and the Colombian Oceans Caucus are endeavoring to assess these opportunities by carrying out field missions and seeing first-hand how they as legislators can play a role in promoting sustainable development through ecotourism, particularly in protected areas in the post-conflict zone.

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MEXICAN CONSERVATION PARLIAMENTARY GROUP (GPCM)

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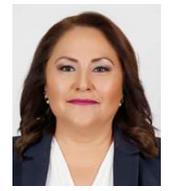


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Sustainable Forestry

Community forest management, including both the conservation and the sustainable use of forest ecosystems, is essential for the development of the nation, especially to improve the living conditions of the people who inhabit the forest communities. An important part of the work of the Mexican Conservation Parliamentary Group in this area has focused on the promotion of multisectoral dialogues to identify proposals for improvement of public policies and legislation to ensure the promotion of sustainable forest management, community rights and compliance with the biodiversity and sustainable development goals that the country has acquired under various international and national frameworks.

Protected Areas Management

Mexico has 182 federal natural protected areas that represent 90,839,521.55 hectares. These areas conserve the most representative ecosystems of the country and their biodiversity, protect the country's main hydrological basins, provide raw materials, and harmoniously promote the integration of communities and nature to promote long-term sustainable development. Despite having a strong parks system, the country has recognized the need to improve its management and financing. The Mexican Conservation Parliamentary Group promotes multisectoral dialogue to promote the strengthening of national parks through public-private partnerships and promote innovative schemes that integrate communities in conservation activities.

Biodiversity

Although Mexico represents only 1% of the earth's surface, it houses around 12% of the world's biodiversity and a large number of endemic species. The Mexican Conservation Parliamentary Group works to promote the conservation and sustainable use of the country's biodiversity, addressing issues such as the illegal trafficking of species, the conservation of habitats, the application of the CITES convention, the role of communities in the conservation of biodiversity, and the strengthening of legislation and policies on the matter.

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Water

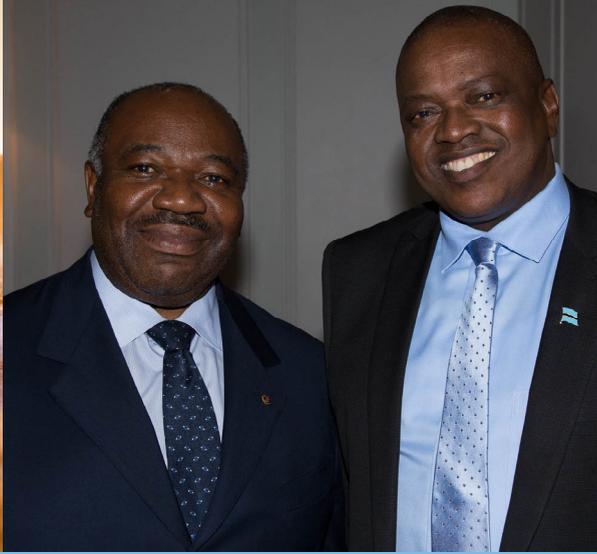
Peru is one of the 20 countries in the world richest in water. However, the resource is not allocated where it is most needed. Sewage and drainage systems have not yet been completed in all parts of the country, and many districts of the capital even do not have potable water service. Members of the Peruvian Conservation Caucus and their parliamentary colleagues are working to promote multisectoral dialogue and consider legislative initiatives on this issue.

Illegal Mining

Mining is one of the largest economic sectors in Peru. As a result, illegal and informal mining practices are prevalent. Currently, there are several bills that have been introduced in the Peruvian Congress that seek to address this challenge. The government has indicated that it will continue to focus on the formalization of small-scale and artisanal miners. Members of the Peruvian Conservation Caucus have likewise held discussions on the issue and are exploring possible solutions.

Protected Areas

As the National Service of Natural Protected Areas by the State (SERNANP) seeks to protect Peru's biodiversity, it becomes important to locate and recover additional natural areas. For the CCP, efforts related to National Parks will continue to promote multiparty dialogue advancing the conservation of these areas, including sustainable forest management as a key factor to contribute to sustainable development, the conservation of biological diversity, and the generation of social well-being.



EMPOWERING POLICYMAKERS & THE JUDICIARY

The ICCF Group is working in East, Southern, and Central Africa to foster political will for conservation and support the sustainable management of natural resources. The ICCF Group has facilitated the establishment of parliamentary conservation caucuses in ten countries and is collaborating with each of these coalitions of policymakers to strengthen governance across several key natural resource sectors. The ICCF Group coordinates high-level political engagement with expertise on conservation strategies and solutions; facilitates interactions between U.S. and international policymakers, conservation organizations, and government agencies; and seeks to leverage and integrate resources in support of sustainable natural resource management policies.

ICCF-supported caucuses enable, inform, and strengthen policymakers in their commitment to conservation. They provide a forum for a broad range of stakeholders to share expertise with policymakers and develop public-private partnerships, to strengthen and harmonize laws and policies, and to work out solutions among competing interests. Conservation caucuses link the local, national, and international levels of governance to ensure the implementation of best practices in natural resource management.

The ICCF Group is also leveraging its relationships and the expertise of partners to strengthen the capacity of prosecutions authorities and the judiciary across Sub-Saharan Africa to successfully handle wildlife crime cases. To this end, The ICCF Group has convened a series of workshops with judges, prosecutors, local magistrates, and customs and law enforcement agents to develop country-specific "road maps" for implementing standard operating procedures for criminal justice institutions with top-level political buy-in and support.



Notable

MALAWI C.W.T. LAW SHOWS ITS TEETH

Malawi, identified by the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) as a "country of primary concern," has lost 50 percent of its elephant population since the 1980s.

In December 2016, to combat poaching trends, Malawi's National Assembly passed amendments to its Wildlife and National Parks Act that stiffened criminal penalties for poachers and traffickers of "listed species," namely rhinos and elephants. Under these amendments, convicted offenders face extended prison sentences of up to 30 years.

Less than a year later, in October 2017, a court sentenced convicted rhino poachers to 18 years in prison, the most severe penalty ever handed down for poaching in the country's history. A month later, a separate court convicted two elephant poachers and sentenced them each to 13 years' imprisonment.

With these decisions, Malawi's new law has proven to have teeth. The long-term result, if tougher penalties can effectively deter the killing of Africa's iconic wildlife species, will be seeing a "country of primary concern" transform into one with a thriving wildlife population and, consequently, a thriving wildlife tourism industry that can support human development.



Quotable

"The caucus model has helped to build a useful platform of interaction between policymakers. As part of the caucus endeavour, important legislation was passed in a bipartisan consensus, and all main entities are committed to ensuring the law is effectively enforced for the good of conservation of wildlife and the environment."

-- **HON. FRANCISCO MUCANHEIA, MP**
Co-Chair, Mozambique Parliamentary Forum on Conservation



BOTSWANA CONSERVATION PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS (BOCOPAC)

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Ecotourism Development

BOCOPAC's strategic objectives recognize that biodiversity is crucial for sustainable tourism development throughout the land. The caucus aims to review the legal framework for the protection and sustainable management of Botswana's natural resources and natural capital, prioritizing the examination of legal protections of endangered and/or protected wildlife species in order to facilitate good governance in the management of National Parks, game-management areas, and other wild spaces.

Environmental Crime

Environmental crime is an increasing challenge for Botswana. To ensure that law enforcement, prosecution authorities and customs officials can effectively investigate and prosecute illegal trade of wildlife, forest, and fisheries products within Botswana's borders, BOCOPAC is working to ensure that legislation and policy apply the strongest standards for combating environmental crimes.

Community-Based Conservation

BOCOPAC is focusing on promoting national sustainable development goals in order to improve livelihoods. BOCOPAC members recognize that (i) conservation and economic development go hand-in-hand and that (ii) when local communities take ownership of natural resources, they have a vested interest in promoting wise resource utilization. To this end, BOCOPAC looks to incorporate local communities into Botswana's wildlife management framework.

GABONESE PARLIAMENTARY CONSERVATION CAUCUS (CPGC)

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Wildlife Trafficking

Gabon is a source country for forest elephant ivory in the Congo Basin region. Current laws impose relatively weak penalties for those convicted of trafficking protected species, doing little to dissuade ivory trafficking. Members of the Gabonese Parliamentary Conservation Caucus are examining options to strengthen penalties in amendments to the Forest Code in prevision of debates in Parliament. Members of the caucus are also working with members of the judiciary to ensure that judges understand the importance of applying deterrent sanctions.

Illegal Logging

Timber is a major export in Gabon. However, there are entities trading in timber that seek to bypass the state and circumvent international trade regulations by illicit means. Instances of illegal logging are not regularly reported to prosecutions officials; a lack of clarity in the law, instead, results in the resolution of cases by local enforcement officers who reach monetary settlements with offenders. The Parliamentary Caucus is working to address this gap, considering a clearer judicial monitoring system.

Human-Wildlife Conflict

In some areas of Gabon, there are significant conflicts between human populations and elephants. Such instances of human-wildlife conflict have led the executive authorities to erect barriers around certain plantations and national parks. The caucus is working with the ANPN to conduct field visits to better understand the problem and assess possible solutions.

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Wildlife Trafficking

In 2013, members of the PCC-K led efforts to include stiff penalties for convicted poachers and traffickers in the 2013 Wildlife Conservation and Management Act. Still, cases related to wildlife crimes are characterized by judicial process delays and, if and when sentences are handed down, they are often contrary to the legislation. The PCC-K is looking to analyze the challenges faced by the judiciary related to sentencing. Further, as Parliament considers an Amendment Bill to the 2013 Wildlife Conservation and Management Act, PCC-K members look to address these and other issues governing wildlife offences.

Illegal Logging

In Kenya, illegal logging is widespread in the country, for both timber and charcoal production. The PCC-K is committed to increasing cooperation among government leaders in order to tackle the illegal trade in the region. Following the findings of a task force, which toured the country speaking with Kenyans about forest management and illegal logging, members of the PCC-K discussed the results of the investigative report. The PCC-K will continue to lead discussion as Parliament considers policy solutions to address this growing issue.

Pollution

Ensuring Kenya maintains a balance between economic development and conservation remains a priority for the PCC-K. Issues central to this discussion are air and water pollution, especially chemical runoff. The effects of industrial pollution are felt not only in the major cities, but also in urban and rural areas across the country. Caucus members are actively involved in identifying solutions to these environmental challenges, working to bring together government leaders and relevant stakeholders to discuss the pollution risks in communities and consider how environmental policies can be improved.

MALAWI PARLIAMENTARY CONSERVATION CAUCUS (MPCC)

IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF MALAWI | TERM: 2015-2019



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Wildlife Trafficking

Malawi is Southern Africa's principal transit route for organized criminal syndicates trafficking illicit wildlife products. The MPCC is currently focusing on (i) the enforcement of the new Wildlife Act Amendment Bill, passed in 2017, and (ii) tackling corruption in the wildlife and forestry sectors that is leading to the over-exploitation of natural resources, working together with the Anti-Corruption Bureau and the other associated government agencies and mobilizing support from external funders for specific interventions.

Deforestation

Malawi has one of the highest rates of deforestation in the world (and the highest rate of deforestation in the SADC region) as a result of illegal logging (often for export), charcoal production, and, to a smaller extent, tobacco farming. The MPCC is currently pushing to see the Forestry Act amended by the end of 2018, which will not only increase penalties for forest crime, in particular to tackle the charcoal trade, but also allow for more public-private management to promote afforestation. The MPCC has also been working with the tobacco sector to champion those companies that have been environmentally responsible and holding those with less environmentally responsible practices to account.

Sustainable Mining

MPCC is also pushing ahead on the Mining and Minerals Act to ensure the nation's natural resources benefit the people. The current proposed amendment ensures private companies have greater commitments to invest in the local communities near the mines and that money from mines is put into investments that support future generations, such as infrastructure.

MOZAMBIQUE PARLIAMENTARY FORUM ON CONSERVATION (MPFC)

IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC | TERM: 2014-2019



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Wildlife Trafficking

As the wildlife population of Mozambique continues to decline due to poaching and trafficking, the Mozambique Parliamentary Forum on Conservation (MPFC) recognizes the need to take action. In 2017, Parliament passed an Amendment to the 2014 Conservation Law, increasing the penalties for wildlife crime. However, the MPFC acknowledges the existing gaps within the legal and judicial framework and understands that joint efforts are required to efficiently prosecute wildlife crimes. Moreover, magistrates require more skills and education on wildlife crime management to efficiently handle cases and implement existing conservation laws. Therefore, part of the parliamentary forum's agenda has included bringing together magistrates and officials along with wildlife crime experts to discuss potential solutions to the challenges that hinder wildlife-related prosecutions in the country.

Illegal Logging

Believing the illegal export of timber from Mozambique to be leading to rapid deforestation, the Government took steps to improve cooperation among law enforcement agencies. The MPFC supported the tax updates on raw timber exports in 2017 as an effort to combat the illegal trade of timber. Moreover, the Government is currently revising the Forest Law, and the MPCF is supporting its development.

Fisheries Management

Mozambique has 2,515km of coastline rich in hydrocarbons and other marine resources such as shrimp and tuna. To properly capitalize on and protect these resources, the Government has taken steps to acknowledge the importance of its maritime domain, and the MPFC has recognized the need for capacity building in terms of the management and enforcement of this domain. Improving maritime enforcement will also help Mozambique to combat illegal fishing.

NAMIBIA CONSERVATION PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS (NACOPAC)

IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF NAMIBIA | TERM: 2014-2019



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Wildlife Management

Namibia's model for community conservancies had been a proven success. Nevertheless, poaching and trafficking are an increasing threat. NACOPAC members understand that with the right policy framework in place, there can be a strong recovery of wildlife. To this end, members worked to support the Nature Conservation Amendment Act in 2017, which significantly increased penalties for convicted poachers and traffickers of elephants and rhinos.

Illegal Fishing

Illegal fishing in Namibia's marine and freshwater fisheries continues to increase. Recognizing pirate fishing to be a transnational challenge, NACOPAC, as part of its strategy to combat illegal fishing, is seeking better coordination with neighboring countries. Having in 2017 acceded to the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA), efforts for Namibia focus on updating and improving existing IUU (illegal, unreported and unregulated) fishing legislation.

Freshwater Security

Namibian capital Windhoek and other areas around the country continue to face water scarcity due to drought and other factors. To address this crisis, NACOPAC members are working to develop the water management programs needed to create sustained water flow through dry seasons. Part of NACOPAC's approach is encouraging the diversification of Namibia's energy sources by looking into the feasibility of solar, wind, nuclear, coal and natural gas production/generation, thereby lowering the burden on hydropower and enabling a greater flow of freshwater.

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Biodiversity & Wetlands

Responsibility for the management of biodiversity and wetlands is shared among a number of departments and ministries in Zambia. The implications of such a decentralized framework manifest themselves in a lack of institutional clarity and in other policy and legal issues surrounding biodiversity and wetlands, requiring urgent attention. To address this challenge, the ZPCC is working to develop a national wetlands management policy.

Wildlife and Protected Areas

Some aspect of Zambia's legal framework for managing protected areas are outdated. ZPCC members recognize that costly institutional arrangements require an urgent reorientation to promote private-sector participation. The ZPCC is currently focusing on incorporating new models of protected area management and promoting community stewardship of natural resources. Part of this effort involves considerations to revise the 1998 Wildlife Act.

Forestry

The 1999 Forest Act, though passed through parliament, was never enacted by the government. Rather, the government backtracked on its decision to establish an autonomous Forest Commission. New forestry-related opportunities that have yielded good results elsewhere in the world include carbon markets, community forestry, and public-private partnerships. So as not to miss out on these opportunities, the ZPCC will look to address weaknesses in forestry governance. The ZPCC is considering a review of policy & legislation that would enable Zambians to benefit from new market-based incentives in the forestry sector.



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Quotable

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-- CHAIRMAN ED ROYCE

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