



IMPACT
STATEMENT
2017-18





OUR MISSION

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

OUR IMPACT

The ICCF is working at the **highest levels of governments** and in **national parks and protected areas** in developing countries around the globe, filling a niche in the conservation arena: building political will and driving policy that is good for people, the economy, and the environment.

The ICCF brings together a strong collaboration of technical experts and private-sector leaders to provide policymakers with the tools they need to create policies that promote economic growth and conserve vital natural resources for future generations.

More and more governments are recognizing the success of, and benefiting from, our parliamentary caucus model, first pioneered in the U.S. Congress and now being replicated in parliaments in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Through these caucuses and our **International Conservation Corps program - which provides technical assistance to national parks and protected areas around the world** - we are driving strong results on a range of issues including combating wildlife trafficking, building the institutional capacity of national parks systems, and ensuring the sustainability of ocean resources.

John Basil Gantt
President, ICCF U.S.



Representative Henry Cuellar, Co-Chair of the International Conservation Caucus, greets President of Botswana Mokgweetsi Masisi at the 2018 Gala.



Costa Rican President Carlos Alvarado Quesada addresses Members of Congress at an ICCF Congressional Member Dinner on Capitol Hill.



President of Mozambique Filipe Nyusi with John Gantt and USAID's Bill Steiger at an ICCF reception held during the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

BUILDING POLITICAL WILL

Supporting the formation and development of multiparty legislative conservation caucuses.

CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP

“ Many of the biggest threats of the coming years will come from regions with resource insecurity, and the education ICCF brings policymakers is critical to our understanding of the underlying nature of these threats.”

-- **Senator Tom Udall (D-NM)**
Co-Chair, U.S. Senate International Conservation Caucus

“ The caucus model has helped to build a useful platform of interaction between policymakers and a wide range of stakeholders. As part of the caucus endeavor, important legislation was passed in a bipartisan consensus . . . for the good of conservation of wildlife.”

-- **Hon. Francisco Mucanheia, MP**
Co-Chair of the Mozambique Parliamentary Forum on Conservation



Colombian Senator Daira Galvis signs the Declaration of Mount Vernon, an agreement signed by legislators from 10 countries to promote conservation.

The ICCF views the lack of good governance as the limiting factor when it comes to creating positive, sustainable solutions to natural resource management issues.

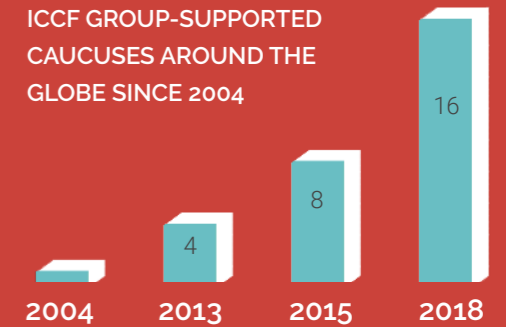
To effectively address this limitation, the ICCF works to build political will through the establishment and development of legislative caucuses centered around issues of conservation governance. These caucuses, informal groups of members of a particular legislative body, organized around a shared policy interest or concern, allow for a non-partisan dialogue aimed at finding real solutions. The ICCF has supported this dialogue by establishing an informal secretariat for each respective caucus and convening a cross-sectoral stakeholder network to provide caucus members with relevant expertise.



THE CAUCUS MODEL

Educating global policymakers.

ICCF GROUP-SUPPORTED CAUCUSES AROUND THE GLOBE SINCE 2004



With the success of the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus and the effectiveness of ICCF U.S. in its role supporting the caucus, ICCF leadership looked to replicate the caucus model around the globe. The ICCF 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.

PROVIDING ON-THE-GROUND SOLUTIONS

The International Conservation Corps: harnessing America's experience to assist developing nations.

Most nations have created systems of national parks and protected areas to protect their most valuable natural resources. Yet, many countries lack the human and institutional capacity to adequately manage them. The ICCF International Conservation Corps program was formed and is operated by retired senior executives from U.S. and Canadian land management agencies to provide technical assistance, based upon decades of real experience. These professionals work to complete demanding projects in countries in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean and have contributed over \$3 million in volunteer services to date.



AFRICA

⇒ **Kenya:** Working with Maasai communities in the Naibunga Conservancy



LATIN AMERICA

⇒ **Colombia:** Building management capacity in Colombia's national parks system



CARIBBEAN

- ⇒ **Bahamas:** Strengthening capacity for management of forests and national parks
- ⇒ **Jamaica:** Developed business plans for five important national parks



ASIA

- ⇒ **Thailand:** Strengthening Thailand's premier park with the Amata Foundation
- ⇒ **China:** Supporting the Paulson Institute's work with China to establish a national park system

ONGOING PROJECTS

Working on four continents.



WASHINGTON, DC

The U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus - "the most popular caucus on Capitol Hill" - is made up of more than 1/3 of the U.S. Congress, including a nearly equal number of Republicans and Democrats.



BOGOTA, COLOMBIA

The Colombian Congress, led by the Colombian Conservation Caucus, approved legislation regulating activities in and around the páramos in order to manage in an effective way the restoration and sustainable use of these integral ecosystems.



LUANDA, ANGOLA

In 2019, the ICCF looks to continue to engage the Angolan government and Members of Parliament toward the formation of a parliamentary conservation caucus.

MAP KEY



Office



Caucus



Expansion



International Conservation Corps Project



WHERE WE WORK

A growing global network.



A Member of the Assembly of the Republic of Mozambique examines legislative text at an ICCF-facilitated workshop.

COMBATING WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

Putting an end to the African poaching crisis.

The illegal slaughter and trade in African wildlife is creating instability, threatening national security, and undermining the foundations of economic development.

The ICCF is building political will to improve governance on wildlife by catalyzing dialogue between U.S. and international policymakers and facilitating the work of parliamentary caucuses in 10 countries. Over the past several years, these caucuses have led legislative initiatives to toughen penalties for wildlife criminals.

The ICCF is also working with judicial and prosecutions authorities across Africa to promote legal reform and improved law enforcement. After organizing a series of regional judiciary training workshops across the continent, The ICCF is now working to bring guidance and expertise to local judges and prosecutors in five countries: Gabon, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, and Zambia.

IMPACTING LEGISLATIVE OUTCOMES

UNITED STATES

⇒ Unanimous passage in the House of the Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act

AFRICA

⇒ Nature Conservation Amendment Act, 2017 (Namibia)

STRENGTHENING CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS



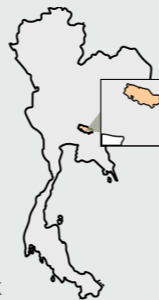
WORKING WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES

The International Conservation Corps is working to support Kenya's Naibunga Conservancy, where Masai communities have put aside 40 percent of their land that is home to many significant threatened wildlife species and is a key migration route for elephants.





KHAO YAI FRIENDSHIP TRAIL THAILAND



Khao Yai is Thailand's oldest and 3rd largest national park. It is also one of the country's most visited parks. In Khao Yai, The ICCF brought in U.S. park experts to help improve the operations of the park and subsequently position the park as a regional learning platform to assist national parks in the region.

In 2018, International Conservation Corps experts are working with the Thai National Park Service and Khao Yai National Park to develop a U.S.-Thailand Friendship Trail to celebrate 200 years of relations.



SUSTAINABLE FINANCING COLOMBIA

At a national level in Colombia, the ICCF is working with *Parques Nacionales Naturales* (PNN) - Colombia's national parks agency - to improve their ability to manage tourism in Colombia's national parks.

In 2018, the Colombian Congress, led by the Colombian Conservation Caucus, approved legislation, which in an effort to make PNN more financially sustainable, includes a provision that would allow for funds to be transferred from the electricity sector to PNN.



NATIONAL PARKS & CONSERVATION

National parks and other forms of protected areas are the fundamental mechanism for conservation globally, yet most countries lack the funding and capacity necessary to effectively manage these areas. The ICCF uses the expertise of U.S. & Canadian national park professionals to help address this problem in many developing nations.

BUILDING NATIONAL PARKS CAPACITY

Conserving critical ecosystems.

TACKLING MARINE DEBRIS

Cleaning up our oceans.

The health of our oceans is essential for human survival. Ocean resources are the foundation for economic activity, increased quality of life, and national security. The ICCF Oceans Caucus Foundation (OCF) educates U.S. and international policymakers about important challenges facing our oceans like illegal fishing and marine debris, which threaten global economic development and security.

NATIONAL SECURITY

National Security Briefing Series features U.S. Navy and Coast Guard expertise, identifying security impacts of illegal fishing and marine debris and the U.S. military response.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The bipartisan Save Our Seas (SOS) Act, S. 3508, authored by Oceans Caucus Co-Chairs to promote a global response to the marine debris crisis, passed both the House and Senate unanimously and has been signed into law.

SAVE OUR SEAS WHAT THEY'RE SAYING



“The prevalence of marine debris on our shores is a chronic issue. This bill will serve to strengthen the federal response capabilities to marine debris disasters, combat land based marine debris resources, and encourage interagency coordination in stemming the tide of ocean trash.”

-- Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK)
Honorary Co-Chair, U.S. Senate Oceans Caucus



“Everyone from scientists, to journalists, to fishermen, to coastal industries and international corporations are sounding the alarm about plastic trash and other marine debris polluting our oceans. It's time to protect our precious marine ecosystems and coastal economies from this threat.”

-- Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
Founding Co-Chair, U.S. Senate Oceans Caucus



“I'm pleased – very pleased, I must say – to put my signature on this important legislation.”

-- President Donald J. Trump



PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY IN FORESTRY & MINING

Conserving resources for future generations.

FORESTRY

MEXICO

- ⇒ Passage of the General Law of Sustainable Forestry Development of 2018

LATIN AMERICA

- ⇒ Declaration of Bogotá on the Role of Legislators in the Promotion of Sustainable Forest Management signed by Colombia, Mexico, and

MINING

COLOMBIA

- ⇒ Approval of 2013 Minamata Convention on Mercury (2018)
- ⇒ Strengthened Police Code to fight use of mercury in illegal gold

SHEDDING LIGHT ON COMMUNITY FORESTRY

The ICCF 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 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.



IMPACT TO DATE

Advancing good conservation

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

LATIN AMERICA

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)

MEXICO

- General Law of Sustainable Forestry Development of 2018

PERU

- Legislation filed to combat illegal mining

AFRICA

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

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

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

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PARLIAMENTARY CONSERVATION CAUCUSES

made up of

600+

LEGISLATORS ACROSS THE GLOBE

representing

14

COUNTRIES

and

35+

POLITICAL PARTIES

SIGNATORY COUNTRIES



REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA



REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA



GABONESE REPUBLIC



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



REPUBLIC OF MALAWI



UNITED MEXICAN STATES



REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



REPUBLIC OF PERU



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

MOUNT VERNON SUMMIT 2018

THE 2018 MOUNT VERNON INTERNATIONAL
CONSERVATION CAUCUS SUMMIT

On Monday, September 24, 2018, representatives of parliamentary conservation caucuses supported by the ICCF gathered 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. The international summit centered around a shared commitment to good natural resource management as a crucial element of sustainable development strategies.

At the conclusion of the Mount Vernon Summit, legislative leaders representing ten countries across Africa and Latin America signed the Declaration of Mount Vernon, committing to promote conservation and the sustainable utilization of natural resources.



DECLARATION OF MOUNT VERNON

In signing the Declaration of Mount Vernon, legislators recognized that good management of natural resources is of vital importance for sustainable development, long-term economic growth, and improving quality of life for present and future generations. Committing to continue South-South dialogue and work together, these legislators recognized too that their national parliaments play a fundamental role in creating the national political will to manage and conserve in a sustainable way the world's natural resources.

NOTABLE
PAST
AWARDS

2015

His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales

Teddy Roosevelt® Award



2012

H.E. Felipe Calderon, President of Mexico

Teddy Roosevelt® Award



2009

His Serene Highness, The Prince of Monaco

Teddy Roosevelt® Award



ICCF GALA 2018

THE 2018 U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION GALA.

Each year, guests at the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Gala, including Members of Congress, foreign dignitaries, and leaders from business and the international NGO community, gather to celebrate leadership in international conservation. In 2018, ICCF presented three awards to individuals and organizations whose conviction to conserve nature is manifest through their exemplary work.



CONSERVATION AWARDS

Teddy Roosevelt® International Conservation Award

Hon. Sheldon Whitehouse,
United States Senator (RI)

"Good Steward" Award

African Parks

Conservation Leadership in Business Award

Vulcan Inc.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

His Excellency Mogweetsi Masisi,
President of Botswana

Dr. Naoko Ishii,
CEO, Global Environment Facility



Senator Dan Sullivan (R-AK) presents Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), founding co-chair of the Senate Oceans Caucus, with the 2018 ICCF Teddy Roosevelt® International Conservation Award.

The year's most important gathering of conservationists, policymakers, and global business leaders to celebrate leadership in international conservation.

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What you see engaging this extraordinary organization, it's not bipartisan; it's trans-partisan. Because when we are talking about protecting persons, protecting community, and protecting this gift of the earth and all the beautiful resources that we've been given, that's called being human. Fundamentally, I think that's why this is such an easy way for members to participate in something that goes beyond the normal divides, that goes beyond the normal rancor, and that goes beyond the normal types of discourse we have [in Congress].”

-- Representative Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE)
Co-Chair, International Conservation Caucus



“

[PNN has] 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. 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 socio-economic development of the country.”

-- Dra. Julia Miranda Londoño
Director, Parques Nacionales Naturales de Colombia



WHAT THEY SAY

WORKING WITH PUBLIC & PRIVATE SECTORS

Conservation Council of Business, Multilateral & NGO Partners.

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| Abercrombie & Kent Philanthropy | Discovery | Rainforest Alliance |
| African Network for Animal Welfare | ExxonMobil Corporation | Rare |
| African Parks | Frankfurt Zoological Society | Rare Species Fund |
| African Wildlife Foundation | Friends of Conservation | Reforestamos México |
| Alliance One International | Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves | SeaWorld Parks & Entertainment |
| Alyeska Pipeline | Global Environment Facility | Solar Energy Industries Assn. |
| Amata Foundation | Gorongosa National Park | Space for Giants |
| American Forest & Paper Assn. | International Paper | Tudor Investment Corporation |
| Anadarko Petroleum Corporation | Kelley Drye | U.N. Development Programme |
| BakerHostetler | Kenya Tourism Board | U.N. Environment |
| Band Foundation | Leopard Tours | USAID |
| Bank of America | Lilongwe Wildlife Trust | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service |
| Base Titanium | Love for Africa | Valar Frontier Solutions |
| The Bobolink Foundation | Mars, Inc. | Volkswagen Group of America, Inc. |
| Bumble Bee Foods | Microsoft | Vulcan, Inc. |
| Conservation International | The Nature Conservancy | Walton Family Foundation |
| Cheetah Conservation Fund | Newmont Mining | WILD Foundation |
| Cincinnati Zoo | Panthera | Wilderness Foundation |
| The Coca-Cola Company | Paulson Institute | Wildlife Conservation Society |
| Code Blue Foundation | Pelagic Data Systems | World Bank Group |
| Corporate Council on Africa | Philip Stephenson Foundation | World Wildlife Fund |



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