IMPACT STATEMENT
2017-18

ICCF
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.
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.

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"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)
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The ICCF has supported the formation and development of multiparty legislative conservation caucuses.

THE CAUCUS MODEL
Educating global policymakers.

ICCF GROUP-SUPPORTED CAUCUSES AROUND THE GLOBE SINCE 2004

2004 2013 2015 2018
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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.

ONGOING PROJECTS

Working on four continents.

AFRICA
- Kenya: Working with Maasai communities in the Nabunga 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
WHERE WE WORK
A growing global network.

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.

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

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.
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.
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.

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.
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.

IN FOCUS
SAVE OUR SEAS

WHAT THEY’RE SAYING

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

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

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Conserving resources for future generations.

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

MINING
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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.
### UNITED STATES
- Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act
- Tropical Forest Conservation Act Reauthorization
- Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semi-postal 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)
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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.

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.
The year’s most important gathering of conservationists, policymakers, and global business leaders to celebrate leadership in international conservation.
What you see engaging this extraordinary organization, it’s not bipartisan; it’s transpartisan. 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

WORKING WITH PUBLIC & PRIVATE SECTORS
Conservation Council of Business, Multilateral & NGO Partners

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