The ICCF Group serves hundreds of parliamentarians to strengthen legislative frameworks in a manner that is good for the planet, economies, and local communities.

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In Picture: Fishermen from The Ciénaga Grande de Santa Marta (Spanish for Large Marsh of Saint Martha) in a demonstration to Colombian Congressmen, at an IUU Fishing mission hosted by Fundación ICCF Colombia.
MISSION
To Advance Conservation Governance by Building Political Will, Providing On-the-Ground Solutions.

VISION
A World Where People and Nature Sustain and Nurture One Another.

WHAT WE DO
• WE BUILD POLITICAL WILL,
The ICCF Group advances leadership in conservation by building political will among parliamentary and congressional leaders, and by supporting ministries in the management of protected areas.

• CATALYZING CHANGE WITH KNOWLEDGE & EXPERTISE,
We support political will to conserve natural resources by catalyzing strategic partnerships and knowledge sharing between policymakers and our extensive network.

• TO PRESERVE THE WORLD’S MOST CRITICAL LANDSCAPES,
Legislative outcomes, public-private partnerships, & land management demonstrate our model is a cost-effective, sustainable solution to conservation governance challenges.

IN PICTURE: Russell G. Moore, Land Architect, International Conservation Corps member, drawing a sketch for technical assistance to Colombia National Parks.
WHERE WE WORK

The ICCF Group has offices in the United States (ICCF U.S.), Africa (ICCF Kenya), Europe (ICCF-UK), Asia (ICCF Indonesia), and Latin America (ICCF Colombia). Each ICCF office is established as a separate legal entity, registered in the host country, with its own Board of Directors. These entities have charitable status in their respective countries, and their role is to further the mission of the ICCF Group. These separate legal entities are bound by a collaboration agreement that ensures a common purpose for all.
THE ICCF CONSERVATION COUNCIL

Our council members offer unique perspectives and share a common desire to implement conservation projects safeguarding wildlife and biodiversity, protecting and restoring habitats, and generating economic opportunities and social benefits for surrounding communities who are necessarily the long-term stewards of local natural resources.

“IT’S THE EXPERIENCE THAT COMES FROM THOSE NGOS AND VOLUNTEERS THAT ARE ASSISTING IN THIS WIDER EFFORT TO COME UP WITH LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS THAT WILL PROTECT SPECIES FAR INTO THE FUTURE.”

CHAIRMAN ED ROYCE
FOUNDING CO-CHAIR OF THE U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CAUCUS
THE ICCF INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM

Through the International Conservation Corps program, the ICCF Group provides expertise to help partner nations develop protected-area, wildlife management, and conservation strategies. International Conservation Corps team members are veterans of U.S. and Canadian government agencies such as U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and each member has decades of practical experience managing national parks, wildlife, forests, and water. These professionals work to complete demanding projects in countries in Latin America, Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean.

IN PICTURE: Dr. Julita Miranda, Member of Congress and former Director of the National Natural Parks of Colombia, welcomes International Conservation Corps member and former Chief of Interpretive Planning at NPS Sam Vaughn at an ICCF workshop for park rangers.
THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS DEPLOYS SEASONED PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE DECADES OF REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE IN PROTECTED AREAS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT.

The International Conservation Corps program is a highly effective, low-cost means of providing technical assistance, helping partner nations to fulfill their objectives and to develop institutional and human capacity. The program is the least costly way to project the vast U.S. experience in the management of national parks and natural resources in useful ways overseas, and it is more effective than other forms of technical assistance from the U.S., from other countries, and from often highly paid consultants. U.S. and Canadian conservation agencies have long realized the potential of expanding their mission beyond their own borders to provide assistance and expertise in key regions but have lacked the funding to properly sustain international programs. The International Conservation Corps has the systemic capacity to channel the experience and talent of these respective agencies and retired experts to meet the specific needs of partner nations and provide the necessary funding and in-country political support through the ICCF Group.

IN PICTURE: National Natural Parks staff and International Conservation Corps members at a workshop in Bogotá-Colombia on the institutional plan of the agency.
GLOBAL CHALLENGES

Although most developing nations have set aside large areas for preservation, and much has been accomplished to scientifically catalogue critical natural resources, most of these nations lack the human and institutional capacity needed to manage these natural resources, leading to the destruction of biodiversity, water, and forests which are vital sources of environmental security, aesthetic value, cultural heritage, food security, and sustainable economic development.

This lack of capacity leads to unsustainable use and destruction of natural resources through inappropriate development, unmanaged tourism, poaching, erosion, pollution, and other problems.

To support the worldwide growth in human population and consumption, it is imperative to help overcome this global management deficit to ensure that economic and other benefits perpetually convey from ecosystems to forestry, fish, and wildlife sectors, the tourism industry, and agribusiness.

IN PICTURE: Dep. Martha Oliva Garcia (ret.), co-chair of the Mexican Conservation Caucus, installing a camera trap to monitor wildlife in the “El Zapotal” Reserve located in the Mayan Rainforest.
THE ICCF GROUP AND LEGISLATURES

HOW THE CAUCUS MODEL IS TRANSFORMING CONSERVATION GOVERNANCE AROUND THE WORLD.

As an nonprofit organization on the global political stage, the ICCF Group is breaking ground, empowering hundreds of parliamentarians to reach across the aisle and sponsor legislation that, while covering a wide range of issues, shares a common purpose: To strengthen a country’s legislative framework in a manner that isn’t exclusively good for the planet, but for economies and local communities as well.

IN PICTURE: U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Co-Chair of the U.S. Congressional Oceans Caucus.

PROVEN RESULTS

Our work to share globally a legislative model with proven results in the United States has led parliamentarians abroad to embrace a new approach to governance, one characterized by nonpartisanship and a focus on topics on which political parties can find common ground.

Priorities are identified and agreed upon by the parliamentarians.

The ICCF Group provides support, growing the caucus within the legislature and catalyzing strategic partnerships and knowledge sharing between its policymakers and our extensive network.

IN PICTURE: Representative Carlos Ardila, Congressman of the Republic of Colombia.
In Washington, D.C., ICCF advances U.S. leadership in international conservation through public and private partnerships and developing the next generation of conservation leaders in the U.S. Congress.

- Informing policy: ICCF educates and acts as secretariat to the leadership of the bipartisan U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus, made up of more than 1/3 of the U.S. Congress.
- Building political will: We bring together leaders at the highest levels of government, business, and the NGO community, setting the conservation and environmental agenda by coordinating people with scientific expertise, organizations that support and manage programs on the ground, and policymakers who shape legislation.
- Championing public-private collaboration: Through ICCF, public- and private-sector organizations collaborate and seek consensus on conservation issues and share their expertise with policymakers, providing sound, market-oriented conservation solutions with the highest standards in accountability, effectiveness, and transparency.

IN PICTURE: U.S. Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) addresses the audience at the 2021 ICCF U.S. Congressional International Conservation Leadership Awards Dinner.
ICCF HISTORY

BIRTH OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CAUCUS AND ICCF

In 2000, National Geographic Explorer and Wildlife Conservation Society Field Scientist Dr. Mike Fay completed a Mega Transect across more than 2,000 miles of Africa’s Congo Basin. He gathered pledges of support from several major conservation organizations for the establishment of protected areas and national parks in the Congo Basin, conditional upon matching support from U.S. Government grants. Dr. Fay sought the help of his long-time friend David Barron, who had been working in Africa for many years on issues of development and democracy, to find this matching support. David pulled together a number of the most important Democratic and Republican Members of the U.S. Congress to meet over dinner with Dr. Fay and several U.S. agency leaders to discuss what would become the historic Congo...
With the support of the President of Gabon and with a $53 million pledge from Secretary of State Colin Powell and other members of the Bush Administration, 13 new national parks were formed in the Congo Basin, resulting in tens of millions of acres dedicated to national parks and protected areas. This project was such a great success that many of the same key Members of Congress came back together in September 2001 and decided to launch an International Conservation Caucus (ICC) in the U.S. House of Representatives and later in the U.S. Senate to work in a bipartisan fashion on other international conservation challenges and opportunities. David was to build a foundation to support the leadership of the caucus with educational programs. That foundation became ICCF.
The ICC was founded in 2003 with a commitment to helping the U.S. 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 OC was founded in 2011 to increase awareness and find common ground in responding to issues facing the oceans and coasts. Senators Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), Co-Chairs of the bipartisan Senate Oceans Caucus, recently introduced the BLUE GLOBE Act to advance data collection of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts.
CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS INTRODUCE BIPARTISAN USFIC ACT

Senate and House ICC Co-Chairs, Senators Rob Portman (R-OH), Richard Burr (R-NC), Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), Chris Coons (D-DE) and Representatives Dave Joyce (R-OH), Betty McCollum (D-MI), Henry Cuellar (D-TX), Chris Stewart (R-UT), were joined by ICC member Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and new incoming Co-Chairs Senator John Boozman (R-AR), Thom Tillis (R-NC), and Martin Heinrich (D-NM) in introducing the United States Foundation for International Conservation Act of 2022.
The bipartisan measure would establish and appropriate funds for a charitable nonprofit, independent of the United States government, to carry out activities to promote the long-term management of protected and conserved areas in developing countries; work to identify and support implementation-ready projects that would benefit indigenous peoples and local communities; and encourage, accept, and administer private funds as leveraged by public contributions. This new public-private partnership can mobilize significant new funding from both public and private sources to help solidify the type of long-term funding and resources required for the effective management of protected and conserved areas while leveraging the strengths of both sectors for years to come. A long list of CEOs and philanthropists have already committed to partnering with the USFIC, including:

- Rob Walton, Co-President of the Rob and Melani Walton Foundation;
- Frank Mars, Chairman of Mars, Inc.;
- Wendy Paulson, Chairman of the Bobolink Foundation;
- Andrew Steer, President and CEO of the Bezos Earth Fund;
- and leaders of many of the most respected international conservation NGOs.

IN PICTURE: Melani and Rob Walton at the 2021 ICCF U.S. Congressional International Conservation Leadership Awards Dinner.
IMPACT

U.S. LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

A LOOK AT THE POLICIES SPONSORED BY CO-CHAIRS AND MEMBERS OF CAUCUSES THAT ICCF SUPPORTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

GROWING CLIMATE SOLUTIONS ACT
Assists farmers, ranchers, and private landowners to access voluntary environmental credit markets through a program to register entities providing technical assistance or process verification.

TROPICAL FOREST AND CORAL REEF CONSERVATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT
Implements “debt-for-nature” swaps, whereby countries are able to redirect debt repayments to instead support the conservation of tropical forests.

2022 UPDATE
Senator Portman, Co-Chair of the International Conservation Caucus, again introduced legislation, the Tropical Forest and Coral Reef Conservation Reauthorization Act (TFCCA), which reauthorized the program. In 2022, led by Senator Portman and Senator Chris Coons (D-DE), Congress again extended TFCCA authorization through 2027.

DEFENDING ECONOMIC LIVELIHOODS AND THREATENED ANIMALS ACT
Promotes sustainable economic growth through trans-boundary conservation programs in the Okavango River Basin, home to Africa’s largest remaining elephant population.

THE ELIMINATE, NEUTRALIZE, AND DISRUPT WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING ACT
Creates a coordinated U.S. Government response to combat poaching and the illegal trade in wildlife.

2022 UPDATE: Congress passed the END Wildlife Trafficking Reauthorization and Improvements Act, reauthorizing the Report on Major Wildlife Trafficking Countries and Presidential Task Force on Wildlife...
Trafficking Responsibilities created under the 2016 END Wildlife Trafficking Act through 2028. Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) and Senator Rob Portman (R-OH), Co-Chairs of the International Conservation Caucus, introduced the reauthorization bill in the Senate that passed as part of the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). In addition to extending authority for the report and task force, the bill amended the frequency of the report and expanded the responsibilities of the task force, including to pursue programs expanding the role of anti-trafficking technology and that address wildlife trafficking online.

**MULTINATIONAL SPECIES CONSERVATION FUNDS SEMIPOSTAL STAMP ACT**
Releases a special stamp, the proceeds from which are transferred to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to support species conservation programs.

**LACEY ACT AMENDMENTS TO BAN ILLEGAL TIMBER IMPORTS**
Amends the Lacey Act as part of the 2008 Farm Bill to combat trafficking in wildlife, fish, and plants, by expanding its protections to include a greater number of plants and plant products, specifically including products made from illegally logged wood.

**CONGO BASIN FOREST PARTNERSHIP ACT**
Led to $53 million pledged, 13 new national parks formed, and tens of millions of acres dedicated to protected areas in the Congo Basin.

**BLUE GLOBE ACT**
Advances data collection of the Great Lakes, oceans, bays, estuaries, and coasts to accelerate technology innovation, grow the marine workforce, and develop a better understanding of the blue economy.

*In Picture*: Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), Co-Chair of the Oceans Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives.
NATIONAL OCEAN EXPLORATION ACT
Provides statutory authority for the National Ocean Mapping, Exploration, and Characterization Council and revises several programs at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) that support ocean and coastal mapping, hydrographic surveys, and spatial data collection.

SOS 2.0
Improves international collaboration on marine debris research and alternative materials, and invests in the U.S. waste management recycling infrastructure; creates a foundation and trust fund to provide additional capacity for NOAA’s marine debris program.

MARITIME SAFE ACT
Addresses as part of the National Defense Authorization Act (FY2020) the threat to national security from illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and associated illegal activity through a whole-of-government approach.

SAVE OUR SEAS ACT
Reauthorizes the NOAA Marine Debris Program through 2022, which works to address marine debris through research, prevention, and reduction.

ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED, & UNREGULATED FISHING ENFORCEMENT ACT
Implements the Agreement on Port State Measures by advancing U.S. efforts to prevent illegally harvested fish from entering U.S. ports and markets and addresses key priorities in the previous Administration’s action plan for combating illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and seafood fraud.

RATIFICATION OF 4 MULTINATIONAL OCEANS TREATIES
Protects American fishermen from being disadvantaged by illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing.

IN PICTURE: Senator Martin Heinrich (D-NM), Co-Chair of the International Conservation Caucus in the U.S. Senate.
THE ICCF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION AWARDS DINNER

THE MOST IMPORTANT AND EXCLUSIVE GATHERING OF CONSERVATIONISTS FROM THE CORPORATE, NGO, AND GOVERNMENT COMMUNITIES TO PROMOTE U.S. LEADERSHIP IN THE SOUND MANAGEMENT OF THE WORLD’S NATURAL RESOURCES

The 500+ guests at each year’s Awards Dinner include members of the U.S. Cabinet, 100+ Members of Congress, policymakers and opinion leaders from around the globe, world business leaders, celebrities, and leaders from the international NGO community. This powerful cross-sectoral audience offers an unparalleled opportunity for guests to engage with the most important bipartisan caucuses on Capitol Hill, high-level foreign delegations, and influential business and conservation leaders.

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IN PICTURE: Jeff Bezos, Executive Chair of the Bezos Earth Fund, addresses audience at the 2023 ICCF U.S. Congressional International Conservation Leadership Gala.
THE ICCF TEDDY ROOSEVELT® INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION AWARD

The ICCF Teddy Roosevelt® International Conservation Award recognizes outstanding conservation leadership in government.

RECIPIENTS

- HM King Charles III
- HSH Albert II of Monaco
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- H.E. Felipe Calderón, President of the United States of Mexico
- H.E. Ivan Duque Marquez, President of Colombia
- LtGen Ian Khama, President of Botswana
- H.E. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, President of the Philippines
- Hon. Jens Stoltenberg, Prime Minister of Norway
- U.S. Senator Rob Portman (R-OH), Director of The Office of Management and Budget
- U.S. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)
- U.S. Representative Ed Royce, Chairman, House Committee on Foreign Affairs
- The Great Green Wall Initiative, accepted by H.E. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal
- Russell E. Train, Founder and Chairman, Emeritus of The World Wildlife Fund

IN PICTURE: His Majesty King Charles III addresses the audience at the ICCF Awards Dinner on Extraordinary Leadership in International Conservation.
THE ICCF GROUP IN THE UK

THE ALL-PARTY PARLIAMENTARY GROUP ON INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION

ICCF-UK is a registered incorporated charity with the mission to advance British leadership in international conservation through public-private partnerships and developing the next generation of parliamentary conservation leaders.

To achieve this, ICCF-UK develops cross-party coalitions in the UK Parliament to advance domestic legislation that can impact international conservation and supports collaborative working between British parliamentarians and international legislators in pursuit of common goals.

The APPG on International Conservation provides a forum to address wildlife conservation and biodiversity issues affecting our planet, including ecosystem collapse, species extinction, land degradation, invasive species, illegal fishing, and other threats to international conservation.

ICCF-UK is also the European Hub for the ICCF Group and coordinates the ICCF Group’s work related to the Commonwealth.
**House of Parliament, United Kingdom**

**All-Party Parliamentary Group on International Conservation**

Established: 2019

**Acronym:** APPG

**Leadership**

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- Theo Clarke MP
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- Lord Randall of Uxbridge
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- Ian Byrne MP
- Sally-Ann Hart MP
- Baroness Young of Old Scone

ICCF-UK is the secretariat to the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on International Conservation within the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The APPG seeks to advance knowledge and support for international conservation within the British Parliament.

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- Damian Greene MP
- Andrew Selous MP
- Lisa Cameron MP
- Deidre Brock MP
- Rt Hon. Phillip Dunne MP
- Ben Lake MP
- Baroness Suggs
- Sir Robert Goodwill MP

**In Picture:** Barry Gardiner MP, Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on International Conservation.
ICCF-UK PARTY CONFERENCE PROGRAM BRINGS TOGETHER CONSERVATION LEADERS TO ADDRESS KEY CHALLENGES

ICCF-UK held its biggest conference season to date this Autumn, with seven events discussing issues ranging from African conservation to the circular economy, reducing plastic pollution, and a Global Plastics Treaty. Cross-party and industry commitments were made towards a strong international treaty on plastics, and to ensure British supply chains do not cause harm to nature either directly or indirectly.

RIGHT: Namibian High Commissioner H.E. Linda Anne Scott
ICCF-UK

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ISSUES

- Conservation finance and financing mechanisms
- Convention on Biological Diversity
- Nature-based Solutions and the road to Glasgow
- The Blue Economy
- Illegal logging and mining
- Habitat restoration
- Plastics and waste
- Illegal fishing

ABOUT

ICCF-UK supports the membership of the APPG by providing bespoke written briefings, as well as policy-neutral written briefings on parliamentary business relevant to international conservation. Additionally, it hosts a series of workshops, seminars, fact-finding missions, and inter-caucus missions and inquiries to advance knowledge and support the priorities determined by APPG members. Through the APPG, parliamentarians have built national cross-party coalitions and engaged with their counterparts all over the world to protect natural resources and biodiversity.

Successes include the signing of a UK APPG-led Declaration at the Glasgow Climate Summit by legislatures from around the world in support of Nature-Based Solutions to Climate Change, and an investigation into wildlife, Covid-19, and preventing future pandemics.

ICCF-UK also identifies and establishes values-based relationships with future conservation leaders in parliament. Alumni of the APPG that have gone on to hold Ministerial positions include The Rt Hon Lord Goldsmith of Richmond Park (co-founder of the APPG and Minister for Pacific and the Environment at the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office), The Rt Hon Lord Benyon (Minister for Rural Affairs, Access to Nature and Biosecurity), and Alex Chalk (former co-chair and Parliamentary Under Secretary of State in the Ministry of Justice).
French Caucus Co-Chairs and Co-Founders Senator Ronan Dantec and Deputy Hubert Julien-Laferrière welcomed a delegation from the ICCF Group network of parliamentarians at the Assemblée Nationale to increase awareness, promote dialogue, and find common ground in responding to issues pertaining to international conservation.

IN PICTURE: Député Hubert Julien-Laferrière, French Caucus Co-Founder; Chairman Ed Royce, Founding Co-Chair of the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus; and John B. Gantt, CEO of the ICCF Group.
The ICCF Group has facilitated the establishment of congressional conservation caucuses in Brazil, Colombia, Peru, and Mexico and of a regional conservation caucus of countries belonging to the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS). It is working with partners in the parliaments of
Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Lucia to support the launch of conservation caucuses in these parliaments. The ICCF Group 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 policymakers 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.

**BRAZIL**

ICCF in Brazil supports improved conservation governance by catalyzing dialogue in a multi-party parliamentary caucus. A comprehensive agenda builds capacity on sustainable development of agricultural, urban, and industrial livelihoods that have positive impacts on global biodiversity and climate change.
COLOMBIA

ICCF Colombia works with the Congress of the Republic of Colombia to strengthen political will surrounding development and conservation issues that are positioned on the legislative agenda in the Senate and the House of Representatives, with more than 70 Congressmen supporting these initiatives.

Experts from the ICCF Group’s International Conservation Corps are working with the National Natural Parks of Colombia (PNN) 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.

EASTERN CARIBBEAN

ICCF Caribbean works toward regional integration for the sustainable management of natural resources and better quality of life for the people of the OECS through facilitating dialogue among policymakers and between parliaments.

Experts from the ICCF Group’s International Conservation Corps are working with Ministries to enhance capacity for protected area management in Antigua & Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Lucia.

THIS INCLUDES:

- management and implementation plans for the Codrington Lagoon National Park in Antigua & Barbuda;
- business plan for Dominica’s Cabrits National Park;
- co-management agreement between the Fisheries Division and a third-party coalition of stakeholders in Grenada’s Grand Anse Marine Protected Area (MPA);
- management plan for the promotion of voluntary protection agreements with private landowners in Saint Lucia.

MEXICO

ICCF Mexico works with the General Congress of the United Mexican States acting as secretariat of the Mexican Conservation Caucus (MCC) and the Mexican Ocean Caucus integrated by more than 40 parliamentarians from both the Senate of the Republic and the House of Representatives.
A comprehensive agenda strengthens political will and builds capacities on biodiversity conservation, communitarian forest management, sound management of natural protected areas, as well as the path towards a sustainable ocean economy, including issues such as blue carbon, IUU fishing, ocean acidification, and others.

PARAGUAY

The "Food Systems, Land Use and Restoration Project", known as FOLUR, executed in Paraguay by the International Conservative Caucus Foundation (ICCF), seeks to promote landscape integrity and sustainable meat and soy value chains in two key biomes of Paraguay (The Chaco and the Alto Paraná Atlantic Forest (BAAPA).

The project addresses challenges of environmental degradation in forests, livestock and agricultural areas through ecosystem restoration, improving connectivity between forests, resilience, and economic growth within the intervention areas.

Co-financed by the Global Environment Facility and civil society, FOLUR is led by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADES) of the Republic of Paraguay and supported by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

THE PROJECT CONSISTS OF THREE MAIN COMPONENTS:

- Integrated Landscape Management System.
- Sustainable Food Production Practices and Responsible Beef and Soy Value Chains for Soybeans and Meat.
- Land Restoration and connectivity.
OTHER INITIATIVES

Another of ICCF’s initiatives is the work carried out by the Group’s International Conservation Corps experts in Paraguay’s protected wildlife areas by providing support to the Directorate of Protected Wildlife Areas (DASP), a unit of the General Directorate of Conservation and Biodiversity Protection of the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development (MADES).

THE TEAM WORKS IN 4 AREAS:

- DASP and Paraguay’s Wildlife Protected Areas Brand.
- Implementation Planning.
- Education and Interpretation.
- Training of park guards for law enforcement and visitor contact.

PERU

Peru’s congressional leadership continues to choose ICCF Peru as secretariat to its nonpartisan conservation caucus, catalyzing a positive and transformative policy environment for the future of its people and the country’s natural wealth. Recent successes include confirmation of PARLAMAZ in Peru and the introduction of a bill on fishing transparency in Peru’s Congress.

Experts from the ICCF Group’s International Conservation Corps are working in the National Parks of Paracas and Tambopata, on interpretative scripts and interpretative training for rangers. The team also visited the Tambopata National Park, with early conversations to improve ecotourism and birdwatching.

IN PICTURE: Peruvian Congressman Arturo Alegría discussing the bill on accountability and transparency of Peru’s fishing industry, at the ICCF panel in Congress.
Established in Brasilia in 2022, Caucus Brazil provides a nonpartisan forum for interparliamentary dialogues and knowledge exchange in the field of conservation and sustainability.

IN PICTURE: Senator Nelsinho Trad, Caucus Brazil Co-Founder

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Established in 2012 as the founding organization of the ICCF Group in Latin America, ICCF Colombia has, domestically and regionally, addressed illegal mining, oceans, and other issues while working to strengthen the management capacity of its national park system.
The COC is a multi-party group with educational objectives for the conservation and sustainable use of the oceans in Colombia. Congress established it in 2017, with the support of Fundación ICCF Colombia acting as technical secretariat. The initiative also received the support of the executive branch, the business sector, and international non-profit organizations active in Colombia.

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Integrated by a plural group of Senators and Deputies of the Mexican Congress, the MCC has promoted multi-sectoral dialogues to review and strengthen legislation on forestry, wildlife, and sustainable development. The ICCF Group supports the MCC with a full agenda of educational programming and field missions providing technical data for informed decision making.
The Mexican Ocean Caucus (MOC) provides a multiparty forum supporting the national commitments under the High-Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy. The MOC collaborates with NGOs that provide technical advice to the members, including the Intercultural Center for the Study of Deserts & Oceans, Community and Biodiversity, Environmental Defense Fund of Mexico, Oceana, the Niparajá Natural History Society, A.C., The Ocean Foundation, and World Wildlife Fund Mexico.

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MEXICAN OCEANS CAUCUS
ESTABLISHED: 2016
ACRONYM: GPCM

CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF MEXICO

MOC

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PERUVIAN CONSERVATION CAUCUS

Established: 2016
Acronym: CCP

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- Jeny López
- Patricia Chirinos
- Víctor Flores

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- Mercado (AP) (Alumni)
- Ursula Letona Pereyra (FP) (Alumni)
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- Victor Florea Ruiz (FUERZA POPULAR)
- Jenny López Morales (FUERZA POPULAR)
- Margot Palacios
- Huarazín (PERÚ LIBRE)

The CCP was established in 2016 in a session of the Environmental Commission in the Congress of the Republic of Peru. The CCP establishes a forum for dialogue for educational purposes on important topics related to natural resource management, including issues such as management of water, oceans, forests, and the Amazon; biodiversity conservation; and other similar topics as decided by the Board and Members of Congress.
On June 26, 2023, a significant milestone was reached in the Caribbean as Saint Lucia established its national conservation caucus—the first in the region. This historic event took place at the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Environmental Sustainability Conference at the Bay Gardens Hotel in Saint Lucia.

IN PICTURE: Protocol document establishing the SLUCC, L-R: ICCF-Caribbean Program Officer, Hippolyte E. Vitalis, Senator Hon. Lisa Jassah, Hon. Shawn Edward (Minister for Sustainable Development), and Senator Hon. Alvina Reynolds (President of the Senate).
IMPACT

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

COLOMBIA

APPROVAL OF 2013 MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY
Led to Colombia’s formal accession to the Minamata Convention on Mercury.

LAW PASSED FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANDEAN HIGHLANDS (PÁRAMOS)
Regulates activities in and around the Andean highlands for the restoration and sustainable use of these integral ecosystems.

POLICE CODE TO FIGHT USE OF MERCURY IN ILLEGAL GOLD MINING
Prohibits the use of chemical substances in the irregular removal of minerals.

PLASTIC BAGS BAN, ISLE OF SAN ANDRES
Phases out single-use plastics in the Colombian archipelago by the year 2021.

MEXICO

GENERAL LAW OF SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY DEVELOPMENT OF 2018
Improves the forestry sector by mainstreaming biodiversity; adopts environmental and social safeguards system; improves mechanisms for civil participation in decision-making processes; and adopts measures to increase the sustainable production of the sector, among others.

PERU

BILL SIGNED INTO LAW TO REGULATE SINGLE-USE PLASTICS NATIONWIDE
Regulates the manufacturing, importing, distribution, and consumption of single-use plastics such as bags, straws, and polystyrene, among others, in order to protect both the environment and human health.

KIGALI AMENDMENT TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL
Adds the 5th modification to the Montreal Protocol for ozone layer to regain 1980 level by 2050.

APPROVAL OF THE GLOBAL GREEN GROWTH INITIATIVE (GGGI) PROJECT
The Global Institute for Green Growth is established in Colombia as an international organization.
CLIMATE CHANGE LEGISLATION
Establishes the principles, approaches, and general provisions to coordinate, articulate, design, execute, report, monitor, evaluate, and disseminate public policies for the comprehensive, participatory, and transparent management of adaptation measures and mitigation of climate change, in order to reduce the country’s vulnerability, take advantage of the opportunities of low-carbon growth, and comply with international commitments.

RIGHT: Senator Germán Blanco (left), Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the conservation caucuses in Colombia, addresses U.S. audience at an ICCF Group event, alongside ICCF Vice President of Strategic Partnerships Jaime Cavelleri (right).
THE ICCF GROUP IN AFRICA

CONSERVATION CAUCUSES ACROSS AFRICA

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 eleven 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.

FORUMS FOR EXPERTISE AND PARTNERSHIPS

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.
REGIONAL AND TRANSFRONTIER COLLABORATION

Across Africa, ICCF-supported caucuses are engaged in regional inter-parliamentary collaboration and supporting Transfrontier Conservation Areas (TFCAs), which have been established in Southern Africa to collaboratively manage shared natural resources across international boundaries, targeting improved regional economic development and improved biodiversity conservation. As parliamentarians play a critical role in the development and implementation of policies related to biodiversity conservation, natural resource management, and community development, involving them in the awareness raising process for regional challenges and in the management of TFCAs may result in the development of policies that are better aligned with the needs and aspirations of local communities and that promote sustainable development. ICCF-supported caucuses are engaged in national and regional capacity building efforts to promote cohesion on policies looking at issues focused on environmental and biodiversity conservation and management - terrestrial and marine, climate change, plastic pollution, and the need for a circular economy.

IN PICTURE: Hon. Memory Munochinzwa from Zimbabwe during the Southern Africa Regional Briefing in Zambia
BOCOPAC provides a non-partisan channel for all political parties in the Botswana Parliament to have a voice and engage meaningfully in dialogue on the value of conservation and natural resource management for the future of Botswana.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The BOCOPAC is currently collaborating with the Ngamiland Council of NGOs on community engagement relating to illegal wildlife trade, poaching, and human-wildlife conflict.

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Hon. Ntsako T. Mkalwijnjia (BDP) - Assistant Minister
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Hon. Dr. Edwin G. Dikoloti (BDP) - Cabinet Minister
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Hon. Mpho Balopi (BDP)
Hon. Unity Dow (BDP)
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Hon. Yandani Boko (UDC)
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Hon. Machana Shamukuni (BDP) - Cabinet Minister
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Hon. Gorelete Kekongeile (UDC)
Ensuring Kenya maintains a balance between economic development and conservation is a priority for the PCC-K since 2012.

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The MPCC is committed to driving Malawi’s economic development and leadership in the region through the implementation of sustainable natural resource management strategies and strong conservation frameworks by ensuring that natural resource governance frameworks are strengthened, enforced, and developed to benefit Malawi’s people, economic growth, and environment.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The MPCC is currently looking at the impact of corruption in forest and wildlife crimes. The caucus aims to raise awareness and promote policy measures that combat corruption and promote sustainable natural resource management in Malawi.

MEMBERS

- Hon. Simon Salambula
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The MPFC addresses a wide array of issues including wildlife trafficking, deforestation, sustainable development, and marine protected areas.

The MPFC has sponsored amendments to raise penalties on wildlife traffickers, as well as the signing of the bilateral agreement with Tanzania on the coordinated conservation and management of the Niassa-Selous Ecosystem.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The Mozambican Parliamentary Conservation Forum (MPCF) is in the process of evaluating marine protected areas (MPAs). The marine ecosystem in Mozambique is currently facing numerous threats, such as overfishing, habitat destruction, and pollution. The caucus acknowledges that establishing marine protected areas is a crucial step in protecting and conserving Mozambique’s marine resources.

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Established in 2022, the South Africa Legislators for the Environment receives the organizational support of the ICCF Group, in coordination with its longstanding partner, Wilderness Foundation Africa. SALE recognizes that Parliament plays a leading role in strengthening environmental governance.

SALE is addressing the need for an effective, progressive, and incremental response to climate change, and a transition towards a low carbon economy.
TANZANIAN PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT CAUCUS

ACRONYM: TAPAFE

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TAPAFE is focusing on the state of the blue economy in Tanzania and the initiatives that are being implemented on the ground.

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- Hon. Daniel Nkwama
- Hon. Saadaha Mfu6
- Hon. Jacqueline Mbito
- Hon. Janjally Nsanzi
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- Hon. Agneta Kila
- Hon. Edward Demelecka Kiao
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The ICCF GROUP

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PARLIAMENT OF TANZANIA
One of the larger caucuses in Africa, the ZPCECC membership currently stands at more than 80 Members of Parliament, including the Minister of Home Affairs, Minister of Luapula Province, Minister of Local Government & Housing, and Minister of Information. Their Strategic Plan has received broad support from government, NGOs, and business leaders. Drawing from all political parties, the ZPCECC allows all members to have a voice and engage meaningfully in dialogue on the value of conservation and natural resource management for the common future of Zambia.

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Ms. Matinda Munsaka, MP
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Ms. Wainza Publishers, MP
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Mr. Fuwe Ntombela, MP
Mr. Mulekenzi Mulukwe, MP
Mr. Kupenda Sinkala, MP
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Mr. Mphando Mwape, MP
Mr. Mumba Kaunda, MP
Mr. Lompho Mwila, MP
Mr. Kapeka Kabwe, MP
Mr. Chitema Elzetha, MP
Mr. Lemma Chibwemwe, MP
Mr. Ludo Nwando, MP
Mr. Chisala Nathaniel Mutise, MP

Mr. Enos Sembaywa, MP
Mr. Enos Kajukuyana, MP
Mr. Jef Chikane, MP
Mr. Jack Kalumulula, MP
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Mr. Christopher Chiluka, MP
Mr. Pompili Chinyama, MP
Mr. Chirongwe Chimbiri, MP
Mr. Paul Chitulu, MP
Mr. Mwila Chisala, MP
Mr. Mwaba Mwale, MP
Mr. Mutsanda Chambe, MP
Mr. Michael Simutwa, MP
Mr. Michael J. Katambo, MP
Mr. Emeldah Munashabantu, MP
Mr. George K. Kandafula, MP
Mr.另名メンバー

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Mr. Anthony Kasandwe, MP - Co-Chairperson

Ms. Sibeso K. Sefulo, MP - Treasurer
Ms. Maureen Mabonga, MP - Publicity Secretary
Ms. Hon. Princess Kasune, MP (Deputy Government Chief Whip)
IN PICTURE
Parliamentary Conservation Caucus-Kenya (PCC-K), with the support of the ICCF Group and its partners, developed a Strategic Plan aimed at fostering innovative approaches to drive economic growth, improve livelihoods, and conserve and preserve the ecosystem services provided by the environment.

IN PICTURE: Sen. Veronica Maina, Member of the Senate of Kenya.
2023 EVENTS

- Capacity Building Workshop for East African policymakers in efforts to find a harmonized regional approach to beating plastic pollution
- Launch of Parliamentary Conservation and Climate Change Caucus - Kenya and their Strategic Plan for Climate Action and Environmental Sustainability

IMPACT

AFRICA: LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

GABON

DEVELOPMENT AND PASSAGE OF THE MINING CODE IN JULY 2019

The Mining Code addresses environmental provisions associated with mining and overall provides a stronger legal framework for mining title holders, simultaneously improving traceability and transparency within the industry.

DEVELOPMENT AND PASSAGE OF THE AMENDMENT BILL TO THE PENAL CODE RELATED TO WILDLIFE OFFENSES IN JULY 2019

The new Amendments to the Penal Code included several major innovations, especially the consideration of new forms of crime and the fight against major trafficking.

KENYA

CLIMATE CHANGE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2023

Builds upon the foundations laid by the Climate Change Act of 2016, taking Kenya a step closer to fulfilling its obligations under the Paris Agreement. Notably, the act introduces a wide array of changes, especially concerning the implementation of Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, which includes provisions for the regulation of and participation in carbon markets.

AMENDMENTS TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT 2013

Amendments to the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act 2013 specifically introduced changes to institutional structures and functions, and new offences and penalties on wildlife crimes.
MALAWI

DEVELOPMENT AND PASSAGE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE MALAWI WILDLIFE AND NATIONAL PARKS ACT IN JANUARY 2018

Malawi Parliament passed the Wildlife Act Amendment Bill, which introduced a maximum sentence of 30 years with no option of fine.

DEVELOPMENT AND PASSAGE OF THE FORESTRY ACT AMENDMENT BILL

The National Assembly of Malawi passed the Forestry Act Amendment Bill of 2019 offering a range of increased protections; increased conservation efforts with broadened management options for the government; better regulation and law enforcement; enhanced penalties and fines; and the provision of a forest development and management fund.

MOZAMBIQUE

DEVELOPMENT AND PASSAGE OF AMENDMENTS TO MOZAMBIQUE’S CONSERVATION LAW OF 2014


NAMIBIA

DEVELOPMENT AND PASSAGE OF NATURE CONSERVATION AMENDMENT ACT IN JUNE 2017

The Namibian Conservation Parliamentary Caucus (NACOPAC) facilitated development and passage of the Nature Conservation Amendment Act, increasing penalties for wildlife crime.
SOUTH AFRICA
WHITE PAPER ON THE CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE USE OF SOUTH AFRICA’S BIODIVERSITY

Gazetted by the Department of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (DFFE) for implementation on June 14, 2023, the white paper was developed to promote the conservation of the rich biodiversity and ecological infrastructure that support ecosystem functioning for livelihoods and the well-being of people and nature.

ZAMBIA
DEVELOPMENT AND PASSAGE OF THE ZAMBIA WILDLIFE ACT 2015

This Act made provisions for the management and conservation of wildlife in Zambia and saw the establishment of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, within the then newly established Ministry of Tourism and Arts.

DEVELOPMENT AND PASSAGE OF THE FORESTS ACT 2015

The Forests Act 2015 provided the establishment and designation of national forests, local forests, joint forest management areas, botanical reserves, private forests and community forests. It allowed the participation of local communities, local authorities, traditional institutions, non-governmental organisations and other stakeholders in sustainable forest management. The Act established the Forest Development Fund and allowed the implementation of various international conventions.

KENYA
Enhancing Political Will for Sustainable Protected Areas Financing: This project is a part of the Global GEF Funded initiative that aims to leverage the conservation caucus model to enhance the financial sustainability of Protected Area Systems.

ZAMBIA
Policy Coherence for Global Environmental Benefits: This project is a part of the Global GEF Funded initiative that seeks to identify approaches and promote mutually reinforcing legal frameworks and alignment of financial resources for global biodiversity benefits.
THE ICCF GROUP IN ASIA

MARITIME ECONOMY, MARITIME SECURITY, SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES, AND GOOD NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE AND CONSERVATION

Good natural resource governance is critical to fostering economic and human development and ensuring the sustainable management of environmental resources. The ICCF Group is expanding its model of supporting parliamentary conservation and oceans caucuses throughout the ASEAN region to further the strategic priorities of legislative leaders throughout Asia, with a focus on Indonesia and Thailand as the largest economies in Southeast Asia and stewards of tremendous biodiversity and marine and terrestrial natural resources.
INDONESIA OCEANS CAUCUS PRIORITIES

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Indonesia has an expansive coastline whose coastal communities and export markets depend on healthy fisheries. Well managed fisheries are key to both healthy fish populations and a strong marine economy. Kaukus Kelautan works to promote multi-sectoral dialogue on the importance of effective fisheries management through a series of briefings, site visits, and parliamentary exchanges.

MARITIME SECURITY & IUU FISHING

Indonesia’s strategic geographic area places Indonesia in an important role as a center of gravity for the Indo-Pacific region. IUU fishing has long been a major issue that impacts not only Indonesia’s marine environment, but their economic and regional stability. Overlapping regulations and jurisdictions make the management and enforcement of IUU fishing more difficult than it already is. Clear, strong regulations and the synergy between stakeholders are major factors in eradicating IUU fishing and protecting Indonesia’s maritime sovereignty. Kaukus Kelautan works with relevant stakeholders in an effort to formulate robust and effective maritime policies to safeguard Indonesian waters.

MARINE PROTECTED AREA GOVERNANCE

As a country with some of the greatest marine biodiversity in the world, which benefits from its geographical position at the confluence of multiple large marine ecosystems, such as the Indonesia Sea, the South China Sea, the Gulf of Thailand, the Sulu Celebes Sea, and the Bay of Bengal, Indonesia regards its seas as its most valuable natural resources. Therefore, marine conservation for Indonesia is not an option but a mandatory way to secure prosperity from it for generations to come. ICCF Indonesia supports the Kaukus Kelautan and its efforts to strengthen Marine Protected Area governance and coastal ecotourism domestically and regionally through a series of multilateral discussions, stakeholder briefings, and parliamentary exchanges.
THAILAND CAUCUS PRIORITIES
NATIONAL PARKS MANAGEMENT

Situated between two major biogeographical regions, the Indochinese region in the north and the Sundiac region in the south, Thailand’s expansive coastlines, varied topography, and range of climates make it one of the most biodiverse countries in Southeast Asia and the world. Its unique biodiversity is supported by a wide variety of ecosystems and habitats, many of which are significantly threatened by human activities like deforestation, pollution, and large increases in tourism. Thailand recognizes the importance of protecting ecosystems and the services they provide. Currently, there are over 100 national parks in Thailand with many in the process of establishment. Strengthening the management of national parks and natural resources through the Senate Conservation Caucus (SCC) is therefore critical for the future benefit of people and nature.

IUU FISHING

Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing is a global issue. As one of the world’s largest seafood exporters, Thailand takes its responsibility to tackle this challenge very seriously. In accordance with international commitments, the country has pushed for a major upgrade of fisheries governance and enforced tough reforms to eradicate IUU fishing. It has committed to an “IUU-Free Thailand” meaning fish and fisheries products imported into or exported from Thailand will not come from IUU activities nor infiltrate supply chains. The Thai fisheries sector is vital for the social and economic prosperity of the country, and the government has introduced several measures to improve the welfare of local fishermen impacted by new IUU regulations. SCC works with concerned stakeholders to formulate and uphold policies aimed at maintaining a sustainable and ethical fishing industry.

COASTAL EROSION

With roughly 3,000 kilometers of coastline, coastal erosion is a serious problem for Thailand. Its coasts border the Andaman Sea in the west and the Gulf of Thailand in the east. Coastal erosion in Thailand is caused by several factors such as decreasing mangrove forest areas, overpumping of groundwater in metropolitan areas, tourism and large-scale development projects, decreasing sediment supply due to upstream damming, sea level rise and increased monsoonal storm activity linked to global warming, and lack of proper coastal land use planning. ICCF supports the SCC and its efforts to combat coastal erosion through expert briefings, multisector discussions, and field visits to see the issues first hand.

MARINE DEBRIS AND AIR POLLUTION

An environment free of marine and air pollution is necessary for the health of Thai people, marine
life, and natural resources. Currently, Thailand is the world’s sixth largest source of plastic polluting the ocean, with over 1 million tons per year. The government has initiated a plastic waste management plan to reduce the amount and increase the understanding of marine debris. Similarly, as Thailand’s air quality reaches dangerous levels, building political will to address the real causes of this pollution is essential. The SCC’s clean air priority requires strong, overarching air quality policy to address all types of air pollutants from various sectors. SCC works with relevant stakeholders to address marine and air pollution by declaring comprehensive and integrated policy actions and strengthening governance.

**THE NATURE CONSERVATION CAUCUS AT THE STATE GREAT HURAL (PARLIAMENT) OF MONGOLIA**

The environmental challenges facing Mongolia require multiple stakeholders to collaborate and work together to address. One vital component is the ability for governments to understand and respond to the natural resource challenges through good governance. Within the scope of these issues, the Nature Conservation Caucus at the State Great Hural (Parliament) of Mongolia (NCC) was established on July 30, 2021 and is comprised of 12 members. The Caucus has been active in its work to improve the legal environment in support of green development and monitor and ensure the implementation of corresponding legislation.

The NCC and the ICCF Group established an official Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate on the maintenance of healthy forests, forest restoration, pasture management, combating illegal mining practices and green budgeting based on leading international nature conservation experiences.

**IN PICTURE:** Launch of the Nature Conservation Caucus at the State Great Hural (parliament) of Mongolia.
Established in 2020, Kaukus Kelautan facilitates achieving sustainable public-private solutions for Indonesia’s good natural resources governance with key focuses including but not limited to maritime economy; sound and effective fisheries management; addressing illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing and effective monitoring, control, and surveillance (MCS); measures to mitigate marine debris & plastics in the ocean; and supporting the conservation of coral reefs and marine biodiversity.

**CURRENT AFFAIRS**

The KK is focusing on fisheries management, maritime security and IUU fishing, and MPA governance.

**MEMBERS**

- Hon. Sunarna (PDI-P/Central Java VIII)
- Hon. M. Salim Fakhry (Golkar/Aceh I)
- Hon. IDR. D. Darori Wondopuro (Gerindra/Central Java)
- Hon. Sulaeman L. Hamzah (Nasdem/Papua)
- Hon. Muhtarom (PKB/West Java IV)
- Hon. Suhardi Duka (Democrat/West Sulawesi)
- Hon. Samsat (PKS/West Java IV)
- Hon. Muhammad Syafrudin (PAN/West Nusa Tenggara)
- Hon. Asep A. Maoshul Affandy (PPP/West Java X)
- Hon. Ichsan Firdaus (Golkar/West Java V)
- Hon. Yan Permenas Mandenas (Gerindra/Papua)
- Hon. Dyah Roro Etti W. P. (Golkar/East Java VII)
- Hon. Ono Surono (PDI-P/West Java VII)
- Hon. A. A. Bagus Adhi Mahendra Putra (Golkar/Bali)

- Hon. Farida Hidayati (PKB/East Java X)
- Hon. Ibu Mustazam (PKB/East Java XII)
- Hon. Slamet Ariyadi (PKB/East Java XI)
- Hon. DSolo A. Bagus Adhi Mahendra Putra (Golkar/West Java VIII)
- Hon. Yohana Fransiskus Lema (PDI-P/East Nusa Tenggara I)
- Hon. Resky Aprilia (PDI-P/South Sumatra I)
- Hon. Ali L. Masa (Golkar/North Maluku)
- Hon. Nusron Wahid (Golkar/Central Java II)
- Hon. Abdul Kadir Karding (PKB/Central Java VI)
- Hon. Christina Ayuni (Golkar/CIK Jakarta II)
- Hon. Anggia Ermarini (PKB/East Java IV)
- Sugiono (Gerindra/Central Java I)
- Irme Yussara Roba Putri (PDIP/North Maluku)
The NCC, with support from the ICCF Group, is prioritizing forest health and restoration, pasture management, combating illegal mining, and green budgeting. It is working to improve the legal environment in support of green development and to monitor and ensure the implementation of corresponding legislation.
In February 2020, the Senate Conservation Caucus was launched in Bangkok with ICCF acting as the official secretariat. Senator General Surasak Karnjanarat serves as the Founding Chairman of the new caucus, which comprises 22 Senators. The caucus leadership shares the common belief that their country’s ancestors have preserved Thailand’s natural resources for the benefit of people, and that everyone should work together in a collaborative fashion to ensure that future generations are able to benefit from Thailand’s tremendous natural heritage.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The SCC is prioritizing management of national parks and combating IUU fishing, marine debris, air pollution, and coastal erosion.

MEMBERS

- Hon. Senator Gen. Surasak Karnjanarat
- Hon. Senator Adm. Choomnoom Ardwong
- Hon. Senator Mr. Weerasak Kowsurat
- Hon. Senator Mr. Sathit Limpongpan
- Hon. Senator Mr. Pisan Manawapat
- Hon. Senator Gen. Supharat Phatthanawisut
- Hon. Senator Gen. Marut Patchotsaingh
- Hon. Senator Gen. Chayuth Suwanamas
- Hon. Senator Gen. Podok Bunnag
- Hon. Senator Adm. Chaiwat Iamsamut
- Hon. Senator Adm. Noppadol Chokrada
- Hon. Senator Mr. Kannop Thanapakpawin
- Hon. Senator Asst. Prof. Boonsong Kaigate
- Hon. Senator Gen. Pissanu Puttawong
- Hon. Senator Mr. Satit Laosuwan
- Hon. Senator Gen. Sanan Marerngsit
- Hon. Senator Gen. Tawatchai Samsakorn
- Hon. Senator Gen. KaniT Chompreechaya
- Hon. Senator Gen. Jirasak Chompasop
- Hon. Senator Mr. Suradet Jaratitcharoen
- Hon. Senator Mr. Bunmee Surakhot
- Hon. Senator Mr. Wichai Dittabhak