



# INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CAUCUS FOUNDATION 2019-2020

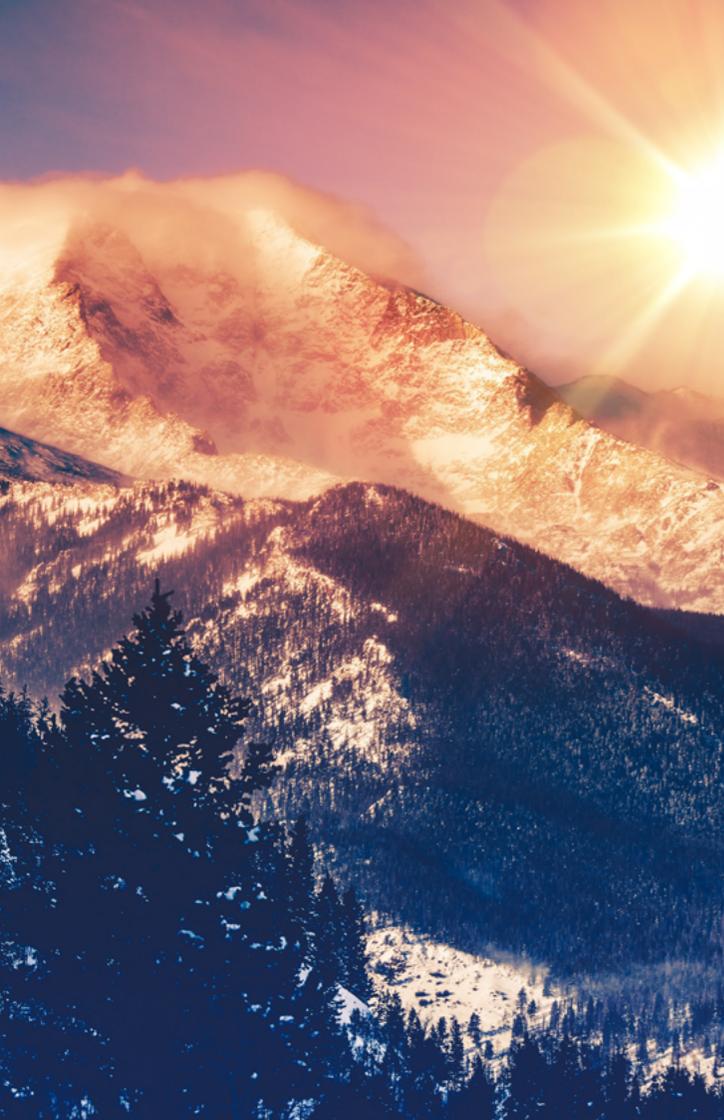
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## OUR MISSION

TO ADVANCE U.S. LEADERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION THROUGH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONSERVATION LEADERS IN THE U.S. CONGRESS

## CAUCUS VALUES

THAT THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS THE OPPORTUNITY, THE OBLIGATION AND THE INTERESTS TO ADVANCE THE CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THIS AND FUTURE GENERATIONS



## ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CAUCUS FOUNDATION

### 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.



# 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 Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP). [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 the ICCF.](#)



# ABOUT

The International Conservation Caucus was founded in September 2003 with a commitment to helping the United States lead public and private international partnerships that provide stewardship of natural resources for habitat and biodiversity protection, poverty reduction, economic development and regional security.

THE CAUCUS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST BIPARTISAN GROUPS IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, COMPRISED OF NEARLY ONE-THIRD OF BOTH THE HOUSE AND SENATE

# U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CAUCUS

IN THE 116TH U.S. CONGRESS

TERM: 2019-2021

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## LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

LED BY INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

### DEFENDING ECONOMIC LIVELIHOODS AND THREATENED ANIMALS (DELTA) ACT

Promotes sustainable economic growth through trans-boundary conservation programs in the Okavango River Basin, home of Africa's largest remaining elephant population

### TROPICAL FOREST CONSERVATION ACT REAUTHORIZATION

Implements the "debt-for-nature" swaps, whereby countries are able to redirect debt repayments to instead support the conservation of tropical forests

U.S. SENATOR ROB PORTMAN (R-OH) AT AN ICCF BRIEFING ON WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING, DISCUSSING THE LINK BETWEEN NATIONAL SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION



### THE ELIMINATE, NEUTRALIZE, AND DISRUPT (END) WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING ACT

Creates a coordinated U.S. Government response to combat poaching and the illegal trade in wildlife

### 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 [ FOUNDATIONAL ]

Led to \$53 million pledged, 13 new national parks formed, and 10's of millions of acres dedicated to protected areas in the Congo Basin



## THE 2018 ICCF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION GALA



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 WORLDS NATURAL RESOURCES

The 500+ guests at this year's Gala will 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 caucus on Capitol Hill, high-level foreign delegations, and influential business and conservation leaders about the need for U.S. and international conservation leadership, cooperation, and action.

**RIGHT: UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE JOHN KERRY (RIGHT) IN A CONVERSATION WITH ICCF FOUNDER DAVID BARRON (LEFT) AT THE 2012 OCEANS GALA**





## PAST AWARDEES

ICCF'S TEDDY ROOSEVELT AWARD RECOGNIZES PUBLIC LEADERSHIP FOR EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS IN FURTHERANCE OF INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION

**HRH THE PRINCE OF WALES**

**HSH THE PRINCE OF MONACO**

**HE FELIPE CALDERON, PRESIDENT OF MEXICO**

**THE RT HON TONY BLAIR, PRIME MINISTER OF THE UNITED KINGDOM**

**THE HON ROB PORTMAN (R-OH), UNITED STATES SENATE**

**THE HON ED ROYCE (D-CA), UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

LEFT: HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS, THE PRINCE OF WALES AT THE 2015 GALA

## GALA CHAIRS

**QUEEN NOOR OF JORDAN**

**WILLIAM J. CLINTON AND GEORGE H.W. BUSH, UNITED STATES PRESIDENTS**

**HANK PAULSON, U.S. SECRETARY OF TREASURY**

BELOW: USAID AMBASSADOR MARK GREEN AT THE 2017 GALA



# THE ICCF CONSERVATION COUNCIL



Our council members possess very diverse experience: some offering the latest science, others sharing practical know-how to build community-based conservation projects through public-private partnerships. But, all 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

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