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

WE BUILD POLITICAL WILL
The ICCF Group advances governments’ leadership in conservation internationally by building political will within legislatures and supporting governments in the management of protected areas.

CATALYZING CHANGE WITH KNOWLEDGE & EXPERTISE
The ICCF Group supports political will by catalyzing strategic partnerships and knowledge sharing between policymakers and our extensive network.

TO PRESERVE THE WORLD’S MOST CRITICAL LANDSCAPES
The ICCF Group’s international track record in legislative outcomes, public-private partnerships, and land management demonstrates that our unique model is emerging as a cost-effective, sustainable solution to conservation governance challenges.
WHERE WE WORK

Each affiliate of The ICCF Group is established as a separate legal entity and registered in the host country. With its own Board of Directors, these entities have charitable status in their respective countries, and are bound by a collaboration agreement that ensures a common purpose for all.

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WORKING WITH THE LEGISLATURE

HOW THE ICCF GROUP IS TRANSFORMING CONSERVATION GOVERNANCE THROUGH THE CAUCUS MODEL

TO REACH ACROSS THE AISLE

As an emerging organization on the 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.

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.
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 longtime 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.
**U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CAUCUS**

In the 116th U.S. Congress

TERM: 2019-2021

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**CO-CHAIRE BY**

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**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

[Tables of members are listed here]
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 ]
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### U.S. CONGRESSIONAL OCEANS CAUCUS

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**CO-CHAIRS RECENTLY INTRODUCED THE SAVE OUR SEAS ACT 2.0 TO IMPROVE MARINE DEBRIS RESEARCH AND WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLING TO IMPROVE NOAA’S CAPACITY TO ADDRESS MARINE DEBRIS CLEANUP**

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### ABOUT

The U.S. Congressional Oceans Caucus was established in 2011. The leadership of this caucus has been instrumental in the achievement of several legislative successes such as the Save Our Seas Act and ratification of four multinational oceans treaties.
LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS
LED BY OCEANS CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS AND MEMBERS

BLUE GLOBE ACT - INTRODUCED IN 2019
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.

SOS 2.0 - INTRODUCED IN 2019
Aims to improve international collaboration on marine debris research and alternative materials, and invest in the U.S. waste management recycling infrastructure, creates a foundation and trust fund to provide additional capacity for NOAA’s marine debris program.

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.

MARITIME SAFE ACT
Addresses the threat to national security from illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and associated illegal activity through a whole-of-government approach.

RIGHT: CONGRESSWOMAN BONAMICI (D-OR), HOUSE OCEANS CAUCUS CO-CHAIR, SPEAKING ON THE SUCCESSFUL MANAGEMENT AND REBUILDING OF THE WEST COAST GROUNDFISH FISHERIES
THE 2018 ICCF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION GALA

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 GROUP IN LATIN AMERICA
SOLUTIONS IN CONGRESS AND IN THE FIELD

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

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

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ABOUT
Established in 2012 as the founding organization of The ICCF Group in Latin America, ICCF Colombia has, first domestically and now regionally, addressed illegal mining, oceans, and other issues while working to strengthen the management capacity of its national park system.
COLOMBIA CAUCUS PRIORITIES

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

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

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

Established in 2017 as the second of its kind, following inter-parliamentary exchanges with Co-Chairs and Members of the U.S. Oceans Caucus, the Colombian Oceans Caucus promotes a multi-sectoral agenda on priority issues for the conservation and sustainable development of marine resources.

THE COLOMBIAN OCEANS CAUCUS WAS ESTABLISHED BY THE COLOMBIAN CONSERVATION CAUCUS, WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE CENTER FOR HIGHER LEGISLATIVE STUDIES

COLOMBIAN OCEANS CAUCUS

CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA

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COLOMBIA OCEANS CAUCUS PRIORITIES

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

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

ECOTOURISM

Colombia continues to be an important destination for international tourism. In 2016, the country received 5,092,052 international visitors, the highest figure in the country’s tourism history, far surpassing country goals. Tourism is currently the second largest income generator in the country, reaching US$ 5.251 million in 2015, 7.45% higher than the previous year. With this growth in tourism, there are numerous opportunities to enhance tourism in Colombia’s national parks as a strategic economic sector of the country. Ecotourism can generate social, environmental, and economic benefits that will allow the country’s protected areas to be developed in a sustainable manner. The Colombian Conservation Caucus and the Colombian Oceans Caucus are endeavoring to assess these opportunities by carrying out field missions and seeing first-hand how they as legislators can play a role in promoting sustainable development through ecotourism, particularly in protected areas in the post-conflict zone.
The Mexican Conservation Parliamentary Group was first established in 2016 but has been rebuilt after the 2018 elections as the previous Congress was not eligible for re-election. The new caucus includes the Chair of the Senate Environment Committee and the Committee on Indigenous Affairs.

In 2019, the caucus agenda targeted forest and parks management and the rural police mandate on environmental crimes.
MEXICO CAUCUS PRIORITIES

SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY

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

PROTECTED AREAS MANAGEMENT

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

BIODIVERSITY

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

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

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

THE MISSION ALLOWED ME TO EXPERIENCE THE WORK THAT FOREST COMMUNITIES IN MEXICO DO TO CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES AS VALUABLE AND AT THE SAME TIME GENERATING SOCIAL WELL-BEING. IT IS FUNDAMENTAL THAT WE CONTINUE STRENGTHENING THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK ON THE SUBJECT OF FORESTS AND LOOK FOR INCENTIVES FOR THESE COMMUNITIES’ WORK.

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Established in 2017, the Peruvian Conservation Caucus is one of the youngest caucuses thus far. The caucus works against illegal gold mining, a severe danger to rural ecology and human welfare, and is currently supporting several laws aimed at improved national parks management.

In 2019, the Caucus-backed bill to regulate single-use plastics nationwide was signed into law 30884. Legislation was also filed to combat illegal mining in rural Peru.

**PERUVIAN CONSERVATION CAUCUS**

**CONGRESS OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU**

**TERM:** 2016-2021

**ACRONYM:** CCP

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PERU CAUCUS PRIORITIES

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

ILLEGAL FISHING
The Peruvian coasts have unparalleled marine wealth, capable of offering the world an enormous supply of healthy, safe, and quality products. However, illegal fishing is a very big problem that can affect this concept. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Peru loses 1,200 million soles a year due to this illicit activity. Eradicating illegal fishing is crucial for Peru because it is decreasing resources, produces unfair competition, and has damaging impacts on the economy. Therefore, CCP members and allies contribute substantially to improve inspections and create resource protection plans.

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

**LED BY CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS AND MEMBERS IN LATIN AMERICA**

**COLOMBIA**

**APPROVAL OF 2013 MINAMATA CONVENTION ON MERCURY**

Led to Colombia's formal accession of 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

**LEGISLATION FILED TO COMBAT ILLEGAL MINING**

Promotes responsible mining practices, including formalization, fighting against illegal mining, and suppressing the use of mercury

**ACTION ON MARINE DEBRIS (PLASTIC BAGS)**

Through which measures are issued to mitigate the environmental impact caused by the use of plastic bags and other environmental provisions are dictated

**PLASTIC BAGS BAN, ISLE OF SAN ANDRES**

Phases out single-use plastics in the Colombian archipelago by the year 2021

**KIGALI AMENDMENT TO THE MONTREAL PROTOCOL**

Adds the 5th modification to the Montreal Protocol for ozone layer to regain 1980 level by 2050

**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**

**LEGISLATION FILED TO COMBAT ILLEGAL MINING**

Formalizes small-scale and artisanal mining

**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
THE ICCF GROUP IN AFRICA
EMPOWERING POLICYMAKERS AND THE JUDICIARY

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

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

The ICCF Group is also leveraging its relationships and the expertise of partners to strengthen the capacity of prosecution authorities and the judiciary across Sub-Saharan Africa to successfully handle wildlife crime cases. To this end, The ICCF Group has convened a series of workshops with judges, prosecutors, local magistrates, and customs and law enforcement agents to develop country specific “road maps” for implementing standard operating procedures for criminal justice institutions with top-level political buy-in and support.
Since 2012, ensuring Kenya maintains a balance between economic development and conservation has remained a priority for the PCC-K. Leadership has prioritized the harmonization of wildlife, water management, forestry, and fisheries laws.

IN 2019, THE CAUCUS-BACKED AMENDMENTS TO THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT, INCREASING PENALTIES FOR WILDLIFE CRIMES, WERE SIGNED INTO LAW
KENYA CAUCUS PRIORITIES

WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

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

ILLEGAL LOGGING

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

POLLUTION

Ensuring Kenya maintains a balance between economic development and conservation remains a priority for the PCC-K. Issues central to this discussion are air and water pollution, especially chemical runoff. The effects of industrial pollution are felt not only in the major cities, but also in urban and rural areas across the country. Caucus members are actively involved in identifying solutions to these environmental challenges, working to bring together government leaders and relevant stakeholders to discuss the pollution risks in communities and consider how environmental policies can be improved.
Established in 2017, the Gabon Parliamentary Conservation Caucus is committed to strengthening regional collaboration policies via the development of an action plan for Central African Regional Collaboration.

The CPGC Made Several Advances in National and Regional Policy, Including a Draft Amendment Bill to the Penal Code Relating to Wildlife Offenses which was Passed by the Council of Ministers in September 2018.

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GABON CAUCUS PRIORITIES

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

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

HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICT
In some areas of Gabon, there are significant conflicts between human populations and elephants. Such instances of human-wildlife conflict have led the executive authorities to erect barriers around certain plantations and national parks.

The caucus is working with the Agence Nationale des Parcs Nationaux (ANPN) to conduct field visits to better understand the problem and assess possible solutions.
ABOUT

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

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TERM: 2017-2020
ACRONYM: MPFC

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MOZAMBIQUE CAUCUS PRIORITIES

WILDLIFE TRAFFICKING

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

ILLEGAL LOGGING

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

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

Mozambique has 2,515 km of coastline rich in hydrocarbons and other marine resources such as shrimp and tuna. To properly capitalize on and protect these resources, the Government has taken steps to acknowledge the importance of its maritime domain, and the MPFC has recognized the need for capacity building in terms of the management and enforcement of this domain. Improving maritime enforcement will also help Mozambique to combat illegal fishing.
One of the larger caucuses in Africa, the ZPCC 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 2015-2020 has received broad support from government, NGOs, and business leaders.

ZAMBIA PARLIAMENTARY CONSERVATION CAUCUS

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TERM: 2016-2021
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ZAMBIA CAUCUS PRIORITIES

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

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

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

ECOTOURISM DEVELOPMENT

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

ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

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

COMMUNITY-BASED CONSERVATION

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

**GABON**
- Action Plan for Central African Regional Collaboration Developed
- Development and Passage of the Mining Bill
- Development and Passage of the Amendment Bill to the Penal Code Related to Wildlife Offenses in July 2019
- Movement of the Forest Code That Is Expected to Improve Forest and Wildlife Management

**KENYA**
- Development and Passage of the Amendments to the Wildlife Conservation and Management Act In January 2019
- Harmonization of Wildlife, Water

**MALAWI**
- Development and Passage of Amendments to the Malawi Wildlife and National Parks Act in January 2018

**MOZAMBIQUE**
- Development and Passage of Amendments to Mozambique’s Conservation Law of 2014
- Bilateral Agreement on the Coordinated Conservation and Management of the Niassa-Selous Ecosystem Signed Between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Mozambique

**NAMIBIA**
- Development and Passage of the Nature Conservation Amendment Act in June 2017

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

**ZAMBIA**
- Development and Passage of the Zambia Wildlife Act 2015
- Development and Passage of the Zambia Forests Act 2015
- Movement of the Zambia National Parks and Wildlife Policy in the Executive

**BILATERAL AGREEMENTS**
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WORKING WITH THE EXECUTIVE

HOW THE ICCF GROUP IS ADVANCING THE MANAGEMENT OF LAND AND SEA CRITICAL TO MANKIND AND HIS PROSPERITY

THE ICCF INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS

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 and have contributed over $3 million in volunteer services to date.
MISSION
TO STRENGTHEN THE MANAGEMENT OF PROTECTED AREAS BY DEPLOYING EXPERIENCED CONSERVATION PROFESSIONALS TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE

VISION
A WORLD WHERE EVERY COUNTRY HAS THE HUMAN AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY TO EFFECTIVELY MANAGE A SYSTEM OF NATIONAL PARKS AND PROTECTED AREAS THAT CONSERVE ITS NATURAL AND CULTURAL HERITAGE

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS

PROVIDING ON-THE-GROUND SOLUTIONS
The ICCF Group’s International Conservation Corps is made up of experienced veterans from U.S. and Canadian land management agencies who travel to partner nations around the world to provide high-level, low-cost expertise.

A COMPLEMENT TO THE CAUCUS MODEL
International Conservation Corps projects complement The ICCF Group’s work with policymakers on a range of issues such as forestry, wildlife, national parks & protected areas, oceans & rivers, and fisheries.

CLOSING THE GAP IN CONSERVATION EFFORTS
The International Conservation Corps program is demonstrably the most effective form of technical assistance – both in terms of assisting partner nations in fulfilling their objectives, and through that process developing institutional and human capacity.
OUR TEAM

THE INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS DEPLOYS SEASONED PROFESSIONALS WHO HAVE DECADES OF REAL-LIFE EXPERIENCE IN PROTECTED AREAS AND NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

International Conservation Corps professionals typically volunteer their services, offering a cost-effective solution to the need for technical assistance. Veteran conservation professionals are hand selected to transfer the knowledge, experience, and best practices needed by partner nations to address host-country priority conservation needs. International Conservation Corps experts are flexible, adaptable, and extraordinarily committed to transferring conservation knowledge and experience; they often remain engaged with projects and people over the long term.

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HOW WE DO IT

ADDRESSING THE GAP IN CONSERVATION EFFORTS

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.

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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.

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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.
TOP PRIORITIES
The ICCF Group has identified Kenya and Colombia as high-priority countries and has established regional bases in each. Benefitting from expertise provided by the International Conservation Corps and from capacity building support provided by ICCF’s Conservation Council of Nations (CCN), Kenya and Colombia have become working examples of our unique approach to advance conservation solutions throughout the developing world.

KENYA
The ICCF Group and the International Conservation Corps have worked with Naibunga Conservancy, a community conservation initiative in northern Kenya comprised of nine pastoralist communities, since 2012. Collectively, the nine group ranches in Naibunga have set aside 43,000 acres of land for conservation. Naibunga is one of more than 30 conservancies supported by the Northern Rangelands Trust (NRT).

The work of The ICCF Group and the International Conservation Corps with the Naibunga Conservancy demonstrates the importance of empowering communities to develop internal capacity to take independent action. ICCF has taken steps to further engage local communities by defining the conservancy’s priorities and implementing work plans.

Although the Naibunga Conservancy has a variety of focus issues and programs, The ICCF Group is concentrating its support in three main areas: rangeland security, rangeland improvements, and water source improvements.

COLOMBIA
The priority of the Colombian government is to strengthen its national park system, which protects some of the world’s most important biodiversity and unique ecosystems, fresh water for 30 percent of the population, a variety of indigenous cultures, and extraordinary beauty.

ICCF’s International Conservation Corps has seized this critical moment in Colombia’s history, creating among the country’s leaders the enthusiasm and action needed to form a new conservation caucus and a new oceans caucus in parliament. International Conservation Corps has been equally successful in engaging the Minister of the Environment and Director of the Colombian National Park Service.
ONGOING PROJECTS

ZAMBIA
In Zambia, the International Conservation Corps is developing recommendations to enhance the enforcement capacity to halt ivory poaching.

THAILAND
In Thailand, the International Conservation Corps is assessing the premier national park, leading into a plan to strengthen its management and use it as a regional learning center.

CHINA
In China, the International Conservation Corps is identifying priorities and next steps to assist an important nature reserve.

MONGOLIA
In Mongolia, the International Conservation Corps is encouraging political leaders, ministers, and agency directors to initiate the development of a national, master plan for conservation.

PARAGUAY
In Paraguay, the International Conservation Corps is conducting a needs analysis and determining next steps.

MEXICO
In Mexico, the International Conservation Corps is conducting an assessment with the Mexican government to identify conservation priorities and decide how Mexico might coordinate with the International Conservation Corps and benefit from the full range of expertise available to achieve those priorities.

THE BAHAMAS
In the Bahamas, the International Conservation Corps is developing a policy framework to guide the management of terrestrial and marine national parks.

BELIZE
In Belize, the International Conservation Corps is responding to a request by the manager of Belize’s largest national park for an assessment.

GRENADA
In Grenada, the International Conservation Corps is developing a comprehensive interpretive plan geared toward national park tourism.

ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES
In St. Vincent and the Grenadines, the International Conservation Corps is implementing the plan to conduct a biological inventory to guide land management decisions.

VIETNAM
In Vietnam, the International Conservation Corps is developing an action plan to strengthen the management of Cat Ba Island National Park.
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.