Extraordinary Leadership in International Conservation

U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION GALA
MARCH 19, 2015

HONORARY GUESTS
Their Royal Highnesses
The Prince of Wales and
The Duchess of Cornwall

HONORARY CO-CHAIRS
Speaker John A. Boehner
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi,
House Democratic Leader
ADVANCING U.S. LEADERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION THROUGH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CONGRESSIONAL CONSERVATION LEADERS.
I’M PLEASED TO welcome you to the 2015 U.S. Congressional International Conservation Gala celebrating and honoring Extraordinary Leadership in International Conservation.

The United States has more than 200 years of experience in balancing conservation and development, and the U.S. Department of the Interior—founded in 1849—is the oldest and largest natural resource management agency in the world. The U.S. Congress has a rich history of appropriating funds for international forest, wildlife, and oceans conservation and is currently providing assistance to the developing world toward long-term management of natural resources for food, freshwater, and economic security as well as conflict avoidance.

In addition, the U.S. is sharing its own experience and expertise in the development of wildlife laws, policies, and institutions. These efforts complement those of policymakers in many nations around the world, as well as corporate and other conservation-minded leaders, and are vital to not only the beneficiaries of this assistance but also the global economy and interests. We applaud this outstanding leadership and encourage policymakers and the private sector to continue and expand these efforts. Tonight we are privileged to honor the Prince of Wales, whose conservation leadership is truly extraordinary and whose story and accomplishments we look forward to sharing.

President Theodore Roosevelt acknowledged the right of all citizens to use and develop their natural resources while taking steps to ensure their preservation for future generations. He recognized the basic fact that effective, lasting conservation is best realized through responsible development of natural resources. International Paper, which we are honoring at tonight’s Gala, offers a prime example of conservation through development: the utilization and proper management of our forest resources has resulted in economic growth and an incentive to not only preserve but also expand our forests.

We also celebrate the successes that ICCF and its partners have achieved collaboratively over the past year, detailed in the Partners in Conservation portfolio provided for each attendee of tonight’s Gala, and look forward to an exciting year ahead.

John B. Gantt, Jr.
President
Gala Program

VIP AND GENERAL RECEPTIONS

WELCOME

John B. Gantt, Jr.
President, ICCF

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The Honorable Connie Mack
The Honorable John Tanner

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TRUE BLUE FILMS AND ICCF TV MINI-SERIES TRAILER ON POACHING CRISIS: END GAME INTRODUCED BY ICC CO-CHAIR REPRESENTATIVE BETTY MCCOLLUM
PRESENTATION BY SENATE ICC CO-CHAIRS,
SENATOR ROB PORTMAN AND SENATOR TOM UDALL
ICCF TEDDY ROOSEVELT® INTERNATIONAL
CONSERVATION AWARD TO
His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales

HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES
DELIVERS REMARKS AND RECEIVES AWARD

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CHAIRMAN ED ROYCE AND
SENATOR SHELDON WHITEHOUSE
U.S. Leadership in International Conservation

PRESENTATION OF ICCF CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP
IN BUSINESS AWARD TO INTERNATIONAL PAPER BY ICC
CO-CHAIR REPRESENTATIVE HENRY CUELLAR
Mark Sutton, Chairman & CEO, International Paper
Conservation Governance and Leadership

What sets ICCF apart is its niche as the premier organization building political will and driving conservation governance in the United States and internationally. Conservation governance is an often overlooked component of conservation; it is essential, however, because policymakers around the world have such an extraordinary impact on the design and implementation of laws and policies that govern the development and conservation of their countries’ natural resources. It is imperative that leaders in both the developed and the developing world understand the link between conservation and economic development, poverty alleviation, conflict avoidance, and food and freshwater security.

Policymakers are often overwhelmed by the scope of issues that they must understand and address. ICCF, through its caucus model, brings conservation issues to the forefront of these leaders’ attention, helps them to recognize that international conservation is directly linked to many other high-priority issues that affect us all, inspires them to take action, and provides education and expertise to facilitate informed conservation decisions.

Armed with this knowledge, the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus has demonstrated outstanding conservation leadership over the past decade. ICCF is now exporting this effective caucus model to countries around the globe—building political support for good natural resource management and inspiring improved conservation governance and leadership within and among countries on several continents.
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ICCF & The U.S. Congressional ICC

EDUCATING POLICYMAKERS AND CHAMPIONING BIPARTISANSHIP
- ICCF acts as an informal secretariat to the leadership of conservation caucuses in the U.S. Congress, directly supporting caucus members with non-partisan, well-researched, and timely educational resources from an unmatched network of corporate and non-profit leaders.
- ICCF established the caucus/foundation model in 2004, and has since helped the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus grow to include 1/3 of the U.S. Congress. The caucus’s inclusive nature attracts membership from across the political spectrum, and the foundation’s pragmatic approach has made it a strong ally to its policymaker counterparts.

US CONGRESSIONAL INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CAUCUS
- The U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus, the oldest and most developed conservation caucus in the world, benefits from the wealth of knowledge gained by U.S. conservation agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. National Park Service over the past 100 years, as well as ICCF’s corporate and NGO partners. The American caucus continues to be inspired by the belief that the U.S. has the opportunity, the obligation, and the interests to advance the conservation of natural resources for this and future generations.

House ICC Member Representative Diane Black (R-TN), Senate ICC Co-Chair Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), House ICC Co-Chairs Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA) and Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN), and House ICC Member Representative John Garamendi (D-CA) at the Bicameral International Conservation Caucus hearing addressing the global poaching crisis held on November 15, 2012.
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Oceans Caucus Foundation

FOSTERING RELATIONSHIPS TO ENHANCE BIPARTISAN POLICY SOLUTIONS THAT PROTECT OUR OCEANS, OUR COASTS, AND OUR ECONOMY

The Oceans Caucus Foundation (OCF) is an independent program within ICCF U.S. that advances U.S. leadership in international conservation by providing a platform to bring marine governance to the forefront of government leaders’ agendas. Oceans cover 70% of the planet and directly impact economies and populations around the world, but often get overshadowed by other more apparent topics regarding the economy and national security. The OCF works with the Oceans Caucus within the U.S. Congress to foster public/private partnerships to enhance ocean solutions that protect this resource and the livelihoods which depend upon it.

The OCF works with its Oceans Council partners to educate Congressional Members and their staff through a series of briefings and workshops that highlight our partners’ innovative approaches to marine issues. The 2015 OCF educational agenda is focused on the impact of illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing and marine debris on the global environment and economy.
ICCF Kenya supports the Parliamentary Conservation Caucus – Kenya (PCC-K) by identifying highest-priority concerns related to Kenya’s natural resource challenges, educating policymakers on a regular basis, and recommending innovative, market-driven policy solutions for the 21st Century. Issues addressed include the poaching crisis (including its impacts on security and tourism), water and energy security, and mining, with an emphasis on balancing development and conservation.

ICCF Kenya has supported the work of the caucus leaders in passing tougher penalties for poaching and illegal trafficking of wildlife, and facilitated a solutions-oriented workshop on national water policy and its importance to economic development. ICCF Kenya has also hosted a number of successful inter-parliamentary conferences, which brought together public- and private-sector leaders from across the continent to discuss solutions to wildlife and natural resource management challenges.

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ICCF Colombia supports the Colombian Conservation Caucus (CCC) with comprehensive information and innovative solutions on issues of natural resource management. Equipped with objective information, these Members of Congress can make thorough decisions and lead the way in forming sound, nonpartisan conservation policies that benefit business and communities. ICCF Colombia fosters multisectoral and interdisciplinary dialogue in order to strengthen partnerships between the public and private sectors to carry out joint actions, promote strategies, coordinate efforts, and strengthen the capacities of authorities and companies in conservation, knowledge, and restoration of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Although Colombia has access to freshwater sources, these resources are not distributed evenly among sectors and water quality is becoming increasingly threatened due to population growth and an increase in human development. Conflicts between multiple sectors over freshwater resources are on the rise. Major drivers of the Colombian economy are mining, oil extraction, the electric sector, and agriculture, all with their own interests in freshwater resources. Colombia’s water resources can be utilized by all sectors and conserved for current and future generations with the implementation of effective conservation governance policies. ICCF Colombia is addressing these problems and questions within the current policies and practices through a series of Water and Field Policy Workshops in 2015 with the goal of implementing long-lasting water management policies.

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  - National Unity Party

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  - Radical Change Party

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  - Conservative Party
The Arusha Declaration of 2014 on Regional Conservation and Combating Wildlife/Environmental Crime

In 2014, The ICCF Group brought together leading policymakers from eight African nations at a regional summit in Tanzania that resulted in the signing of The Arusha Declaration of 2014 on Regional Conservation and Combating Wildlife/Environmental Crime, the most comprehensive regional strategy to combat wildlife/environmental crime and advance conservation in East and Southern Africa. The Arusha Declaration of 2014 articulates a specific set of actions to strengthen regional coordination and cross-border collaboration among East African and Southern African nations to combat the illegal poaching/take and trade of wildlife, timber, fish and other natural resources, and advance conservation.

The ICCF Group, in coordination with regional bodies (East African Community and Southern African Development Community), will function as the secretariat to the Arusha Declaration of 2014 to facilitate regional coordination, inter-governmental policy collaboration, and support from global development partners. The ICCF Group will establish an Advisory Board to steer and oversee the implementation of the Regional Strategy.

Current Signatories:
Hon. Lazaro Nlandu, Tanzanian Minister of Natural Resources and Tourism, H.E. Dr. Richard Sezibera, Secretary General, East African Community, Hon. Dr. Mamboya Sira Ubwa, Minister for Natural Resources and Agriculture - Zanzibar, and U.S. Representative Jack Kingston (R-GA) at the 2014 Regional Summit to Stop Wildlife Crime and Advance Wildlife Conservation in Arusha, Tanzania.

Masters of Ceremonies

HON. CONNIE MACK, M.C. (RET.)
CHAIRMAN, ICCF COLOMBIA
Congressman Connie Mack, Chairman of ICCF Colombia, served as U.S. Representative for Florida’s 14th Congressional district from 2005 – 2013. He served on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, including the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, which he chaired. He also served on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, including the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management, for which he served as Vice Chair; the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy; and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight, and Government Spending.

HON. JOHN TANNER, M.C. (RET.)
CHAIRMAN, ICCF BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Congressman John Tanner, Chairman of the ICCF Board of Directors, represented Tennessee’s 8th congressional district for 22 years, serving from 1989 until 2011. While in Congress, Mr. Tanner served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Ways and Means Committee, where he chaired both the Social Security Subcommittee and the Trade Subcommittee. He also served on the House Armed Services and House Science Committees and served as Chief Deputy Whip for the Democratic Congress in the 109th, 110th and 111th Congresses. He also chaired the U.S. House delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, the alliance’s legislative branch, for several years. In November 2008, legislators from all NATO member nations elected him to serve as President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly for two years.
JOHN B. GANTT, JR.
John Gantt was a central figure in the establishment and development of the ICCF. He runs the day-to-day operations of the ICCF, managing the foundation’s programs and Congressional, donor, and partner relations. John has extensive experience on Capitol Hill and working with foreign governments and has supported development programs in both Africa and Latin America. He attended the Landon School in Bethesda, Maryland and Gordonstoun School in Scotland. He has a B.S. from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service, an MSc from the London School of Economics, and an MBA from the University of Cambridge, where he concentrated in Finance. He also sits on the Board of Directors of the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation.
Awardees

TEDDY ROOSEVELT® INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION AWARD
ICCF presents the Teddy Roosevelt® International Conservation Award to recognize innovative leadership in conservation policy. It is our great pleasure to present this prestigious award to His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales for his extraordinary conservation leadership. His Royal Highness has worked for more than four decades as an advocate for a sustainable future and is a champion of rainforest, oceans, and wildlife conservation.

In 2007, His Royal Highness launched The Prince’s Rainforest Project to find practical solutions to tropical deforestation by engaging with rainforest nations, governments, businesses, and NGOs and by helping achieve awareness of the economic and social value of rainforests. The Prince’s Rainforest Project is now part of the International Sustainability Unit (I.S.U.) created by His Royal Highness in 2010 to bring about cross-sectoral collaboration and build consensus on solutions to a range of sustainability challenges. The I.S.U. has implemented programs focusing on natural capital and resilience, with attention to food, water, and energy security; resource scarcity and depletion as potential conflict multipliers; preventing and reversing deforestation; responsible agricultural investment; the illegal wildlife trade; sustainable marine fisheries; and sustainable urbanization.
Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duke of Cambridge have joined forces to raise awareness of the fact that the illegal wildlife trade is a serious crime and is often organized by international criminal networks. Their Royal Highnesses hosted a high-profile international conference in May 2013, in collaboration with the UK government, to focus world attention on the urgent battle to end illegal trade in wildlife. Participants included representatives of more than 25 governments. In February 2014, Their Royal Highnesses took part in a series of activities to raise awareness of the issue, including the London Conference on the Illegal Wildlife Trade, hosted by the UK government, where delegates of countries and NGOs from around the world met to seek a more permanent solution to protect the world’s endangered species. The London Declaration was adopted by the 41 parties attending the Conference, including key countries China, Kenya, Malaysia, Philippines, Tanzania, Uganda and Vietnam. It recognizes the major role that demand plays in the illegal wildlife trade and calls upon countries to focus efforts to reduce that demand. It also recognizes the role of organized crime and calls for better laws and better cooperation among law enforcement agencies. The sacrifices of rangers — on the front lines protecting wildlife and who are often forgotten — are acknowledged in the document.

His Royal Highness is dedicated to promoting a more sustainable approach to planning and designing homes and communities. In 2010, he began the START initiative, which works to provide people with simple steps toward sustainable living. His Royal Highness has also initiated comprehensive sustainability efforts within his own household.

His Royal Highness has served as President of WWF-UK since September 2011 and is a patron of several other conservation programs, including Friends of Conservation (FoC), the Red Squirrel Survival Trust, Tusk Trust, and the Save the Albatross campaign, among others.
CONSERVATION LEADERSHIP IN BUSINESS AWARD
The ICCF Conservation Leadership in Business Award is presented annually to recognize leaders in business who inspire market-based solutions to environmental crises. This year we are pleased to honor International Paper for outstanding leadership in sustainable forestry and the paper industry. International Paper is committed to delivering innovative, high-quality products while protecting the environment, focusing on efficient use of natural resources, pollution prevention, and continuous performance improvement through technology and employee engagement.

Over the past decade, International Paper has protected 1.5 million acres of U.S. forestland through donations, land sales, and conservation easements to state and federal agencies and environmental groups. During this time, International Paper, The Conservation Fund, and The Nature Conservancy worked together to protect 218,000 acres of forestlands across 10 states in the largest private land conservation sale in the history of the U.S. south.

International Paper is committed to ensuring sustainability and environmental responsibility across the life cycle of its products, from sourcing through recycling and end-of-life. This includes fiber, forest management, and chain-of-custody certification and a strong focus on improving efficiency while reducing energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions, water consumption, fiber loss, and waste. All International Paper mills around the globe have chain-of-custody certification to Programme for the Endorsement of Forest Certification (PEFC) and/or Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) standards and/or an International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001 procurement standard.

Chairman and CEO Mark Sutton has been with International Paper for his entire career, joining in 1984 as an engineer at the Pineville, La. mill. He has held many positions working in Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas. He also serves on the board of directors of Memphis Tomorrow and board of trustees for the New Memphis Institute.
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THE REVEREND PATRICK J. CONROY
Chaplain of the U.S. House of Representatives

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A Call to Care

At SeaWorld, inspiring our guests to connect with and care about killer whales and other marine animals is both our mission and our passion.

Our standards of care have earned our parks some of the zoological community’s top accreditations. In fact, fewer than 10% of the zoos, aquariums and licensed animal exhibitors in the U.S. are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

But our care goes far beyond our parks. As worldwide leaders in animal rescue and rehabilitation, we’ve rescued more than 24,000 animals over the past five decades—animals whose stories continue to inspire us.
Volkswagen Group of America is proud to honor all recipients of the 2015 ICCF Awards.

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Sustainable Seafood for a Fish-Full Future

Bumble Bee Seafoods’ Wild Selections® is a premium line of sustainable canned seafood products that invites consumers to join the collaboration between science, conservation and business with every purchase.

Wild Selections® is the first ever Marine Stewardship Council certified sustainable seafood line to directly fund fisheries management and marine conservation efforts managed by World Wildlife Fund. Each can purchased generates a $0.13 donation to WWF, with a minimum commitment of $1 million by 12/31/18.

This brand is just part of our continuing commitment to create a better tomorrow through conservation.
Together we can end the poaching crisis

The Global Environment Facility (GEF) is working with a broad coalition of partners to reduce both supply and demand for illegal wildlife products by strengthening awareness, monitoring, legislation, national institutions and law enforcement.
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