



PARTNERING WITH THE GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY FOR IMPROVED CONSERVATION GOVERNANCE



THE ICCF GROUP

BUILDING POLITICAL WILL, PROVIDING ON-THE-GROUND-SOLUTIONS.

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OUR PRESENCE

The ICCF Group/CCN and the GEF have partnered to promote improved conservation governance in:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Botswana
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominica
- Gabon



- Grenada
 - Indonesia
 - Kenya
 - Malawi
 - Mexico
 - Mozambique
 - Namibia
 - Paraguay
- Peru
 - Saint Lucia
 - Tanzania
 - Thailand
 - Uganda
 - Zambia
 - Zimbabwe



RESULTS

Since 2011, the ICCF Group has filled a niche for the GEF, achieving policy results by building political will and providing on-the-ground solutions through a legislative caucus model.

AMAZON, CONGO, AND CRITICAL FOREST BIOMES INTEGRATED PROGRAM

ICCF's co-chairs of the then-newly formed International Conservation Caucus,

Congressmen Clay Shaw, Ed Royce, John Tanner, and Tom Udall, were credited with the



passage of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act in the U.S. Senate and House in February 2004. The bill authorized the use of up to \$18.6 million in U.S. funding to support the conservation of eleven key landscapes in 6 countries; Cameroon, the Central African

Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, and the Republic of Congo. The funding supports the implementation of a network of national parks and protected areas that can be used sustainably through ecotourism. The act also specifies that the

ABOVE: U.S. Congressional Hearing on the International Poaching Crisis, with Co-Chairs of the bicameral and bipartisan International Conservation Caucus (ICC) - Washington, D.C., USA.

amounts appropriated are to remain available until they are fully expended.

ICCF and the Colombian Conservation Caucus worked on a Manifesto to promote the conservation of the Amazon and Colombia's Protected Areas and a seven-country agreement to protect the Amazon rainforest by expanding regional cooperation.

ICCF's programs in Africa were instrumental in key pieces of legislation for the conservation of tropical rainforests in Zambia (Forests Act of 2015, National Parks, Wildlife, and Wetlands Policies), Malawi (Amendments to the National Parks Act and

Forestry Act), Gabon (Forestry Code amendments and adoption of modern revisions to the Penal Code), and Mozambique (progress toward enactment of the Forest Law). There was also important work on the policy harmonization work across international borders between the United Republic of Tanzania and Mozambique (Bilateral Agreement on the Coordinated Conservation and Management of the Niassa-Selous Ecosystem) and between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Zambia (Bilateral Agreement on the Coordinated Conservation and Management of the Miombo/Mopane Woodland Ecosystem).

MEXICO'S NATIONAL FORESTRY LAW

In Mexico, the Conservation Caucus leadership played a key role in the approval of the National Forestry law in 2018.

This legislation regulates the sustainable management of forest ecosystems, as well as their conservation and restoration.



It also promotes “community forest management”, a model that in Mexico – where 60% of the forest ecosystems are owned by communities and ejidos– has been shown to generate environmental and socioeconomic benefits.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION FOR DEVELOPMENT INTEGRATED PROGRAM

ICCF’s African projects have resulted in important pieces of legislation to combat illegal wildlife trade including:

- Amendments to Wildlife Conservation and Management Bill & Implementation of Wildlife Conservation and Management Strategy (Kenya)
- Passage of Nature Conservation Amendment Act of 2017 (Namibia)
- Passage of the Zambia Wildlife Policy 2015 (Zambia)
- Passage of the Wildlife Act Amendments in 2016 (Malawi)
- Passage of amendments to the Conservation Law of 2014 (Mozambique)
- Introduction of Wildlife Authority Amendment Bill (Uganda)

- Amendments Introduced to Address IWT (Gabon)

Judiciary education activities led to substantial results as well, including:

- Prosecution standards and decision-to-charge documents
- Model wildlife crime sentencing guidelines
- Guidance documents on MLA
- "Conducting Court Surveys on Wildlife Crime"
- Guidance on Eyewitness Identification Evidence
- Country-Specific Judiciary Roadmaps

BELOW: Regional Judiciary Exchange on Wildlife Trafficking - Nairobi, Kenya.



- Wildlife Offences “Points to Prove” Guide for Prosecutors and Investigators
- Wildlife Crime Checklist Quick Reference Guide
- “Guidance on Drafting Wildlife Crime Offences” published
- Manual for Investigation and Criminal Procedure on Wildlife Crimes Policy Advances in Latin America

In addition, policy harmonization work across borders resulted in:

- Arusha Declaration on Regional Conservation and Combating Wildlife/ Environmental Crime





CIRCULAR SOLUTIONS TO PLASTIC POLLUTION INTEGRATED PROGRAM

ICCF's Conservation Caucuses in Latin America worked on important pieces of legislation

to regulate plastic pollution including the passage of the San Andres Single Use Plastics

Law (Colombia) and the Law of Plastics that regulates the manufacture, import, distribution, and consumption of single-use plastics (Peru).

ICCF's Conservation Caucuses in Africa worked on key pieces of the legal frameworks on plastics including new regulations concerning the use of plastic bags and packaging materials (Zambia) and, with the MAVA Foundation, the establishment of the South African Legislators for the Environment (SALE) Forum to engage with key stakeholders

on the South Africa Plastics Pact. Additionally, in East Africa, ICCF's Conservation Caucuses, having been supported by UNCTAD, are working together to push forward a new regional draft bill - through the East Africa Regional Assembly (EALA) that proposes a complete ban of specific non-essential single-use plastic items, including microbeads in cosmetics, cutlery, plates, cups, cotton buds, straws, stirrers, wet wipes, carrier bags, balloons, food containers and sweet wrappers.

CLEAN AND HEALTHY OCEAN INTEGRATED PROGRAM

ICCF launched the project Facilitating dialogue and



LEFT: Roundtable on Conservation Governance in Maritime Security - Bogota, Colombia.

strengthening transboundary cooperation with legislators to improve marine governance. This 2-year project began in 2020 with activities in 7 countries. This project's objective is to facilitate dialogue and strengthen transboundary cooperation with legislators in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to improve marine governance. It is leveraging and building upon existing

parliamentary caucus architecture to raise awareness about blue economy opportunities and LME Strategic Action Programs and elevating marine issues among legislators in order to facilitate regional cooperation.

ICCF Indonesia has partnered with the Walton Family Foundation to build political will and capacity for marine conservation. ICCF

BELOW: The ICCF Group in Mexico, sharing with congressional leadership the conservation efforts undertaken by park rangers - El Zapotal Reserve, Mayan Rainforest, Mexico.



established a multi-party Oceans Caucus (Kaukus Kelautan) in the parliament of Indonesia. The founding membership included twenty-six policymakers from across geographic constituencies, nine political parties, and three

commissions who pledged to work towards furthering Indonesia's sustainable fisheries management and maritime economic development and security.

CHEMICALS AND WASTE FOCAL AREA

ICCF Colombia worked on the Ratification of the Kigali Amendment to the Montreal Protocol, to gradually reduce the consumption and production of hydrofluorocarbons. It also

worked on the Ratification of the Minamata Convention, to protect human health and the environment from anthropogenic emissions and releases of mercury and mercury compounds.



FOOD SYSTEMS INTEGRATED PROGRAM

ICCF is the Executing Agency of the Paraguay FOLUR IP of the Food Systems Integrated Program. The main objective of the project is to promote landscape integrity and sustainable beef and soy value chains in two key biomes in Paraguay, the Chaco and the Mata Atlántica.

ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION INTEGRATED PROGRAM

ICCF, working through the Colombian Conservation Caucus, was instrumental in building political will for the passage of legislation to regulate activities in and around Colombia's Paramos (Andean highlands) in order to manage the restoration and sustainable use of these integral ecosystems.

BLUE AND GREEN ISLANDS INTEGRATED PROGRAM

ICCF's Caribbean Regional Program launched the project "Advancing Conservation in the Eastern Caribbean" in 2019 focused on political will and capacity building. The goal is to support biodiversity

RIGHT: Carlos Manuel Rodriguez, CEO and Chairperson of the Global Environment Facility, addresses the ICCF Group international network of legislators at the Conference on Policy Coherence and Political Consistency - Costa Rica.





conservation in Antigua and Barbuda, Dominica, Grenada, and Saint Lucia through enhanced political will and capacity building for improved management of marine protected areas (MPAs), marine management areas (MMAs), and protected areas (PAs). As a step on enhanced political will, the first-ever regional conservation caucus was launched in OECS in 2022.

RECENTLY APPROVED PROJECTS

FUTURE PROJECTS BEING DEVELOPED WITH THE GEF INCLUDE:

- Enhancing Political Will for Sustainable Protected Areas Financing, PIF approved April 2022
- Policy Coherence for Global Environmental Benefits, Approved by GEF CEO May 2023

LOOKING AHEAD

EXPANDING OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GEF

A key priority in GEF-8 is Policy Coherence (PC). ICCF Group has successfully served as a tool for GEF to achieve policy successes over the past decade and is ideally suited to support PC efforts on a larger scale in GEF-8. Building on lessons learned in previous GEF projects, CCN is focused on helping achieve big victories in smaller geographical areas on initiatives such as land use, carbon, deforestation, and 30x30 in geographical areas of GEF focus.