



# Impact Report 2020

Protecting and restoring the diversity of life on Earth



# Re:wild protects and restores the wild.

We have a singular and powerful focus: the wild as the most effective solution to the interconnected climate, biodiversity and pandemic crises. Founded by a group of renowned conservation scientists together with Leonardo DiCaprio, Re:wild is a force multiplier that brings together Indigenous peoples, local communities, influential leaders, nongovernmental organizations, governments, companies and the public to protect and rewild at the scale and speed we need. Re:wild launched in 2021 combining more than three decades of conservation impact by Leonardo DiCaprio and Global Wildlife Conservation, leveraging expertise, partnerships and platforms to bring new attention, energy and voices together.





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# Note from Our CEO

The planet is at a tipping point. In the years leading up to 2020, it has become increasingly apparent that the interconnected climate, biodiversity and pandemic crises are threats to the future of life, including our own.

More than a dozen years into our journey as Global Wildlife Conservation (GWC), our model has evolved with ideas and input from our team, our supporters, and our partners. The urgency has led our team at GWC to rebrand as Re:wild, building upon our foundational work to start a worldwide movement.

Re:wild is committed to protecting biodiversity, not just as something beautiful and wondrous to be saved, but also as the most important and effective solution to the triple crises. Re:wild is creating a movement to bring conservation of species and ecosystems to the forefront as an essential element for the safety and security of humanity. Re:wild collaborates with Indigenous and local communities, nongovernmental organizations, governments, companies, and the broader public to implement conservation solutions across the world.

Re:wild also broadens the concept of what “rewilding” means to encompass how we live, how we think and how we relate to nature, so that our work is accessible to a larger and more diverse audience. I am grateful to all of our team, our partners, and our supporters for their incredible work and dedication, and very excited to embark on this next step of our journey together to help save the planet.



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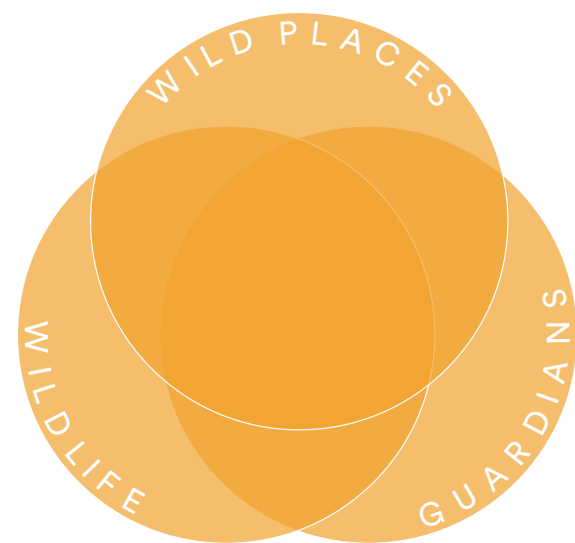
Sincerely,  
  
Wes Sechrest, Ph.D.  
*Chief Scientist & CEO*





# How We Work

## OUR FOCAL AREAS



Working through partners - the guardians of Earth - we protect and restore Earth's most irreplaceable places for biodiversity and recover some of our planet's most threatened and overlooked species.

## CONSERVATION STRATEGIES



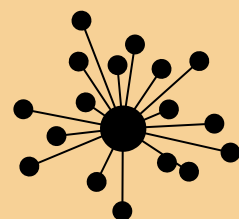
We have globally recognized expertise in scientific research, biodiversity exploration, protected area creation and management, wildlife crime prevention, endangered species recovery, conservation leadership cultivation, and advocating for Earth.

## Re:wild believes



To save our planet, we need all of humankind to care. We inspire wide constituencies, expanding our sphere of influence to change attitudes through powerful and emotive storytelling and imagery to shift social norms to encourage global change.

Conservation is strongest in the hands of national and local organizations, and individuals. This is why we primarily work through grassroots organizations, supporting them and, where asked, building their capacity to help them become national leaders advancing global priorities. We put our partners first.



Radical change requires radical collaborations. Our collaborative approach enables us to create powerful and influential partnerships to support wide adoption of policy, tools, priorities, and best practices.

The next generation of conservationists needs to be stronger and better coordinated if current challenges are to be overcome. We are fostering the next generation of conservation leaders by removing barriers to career opportunities and providing training, networking and mentoring.

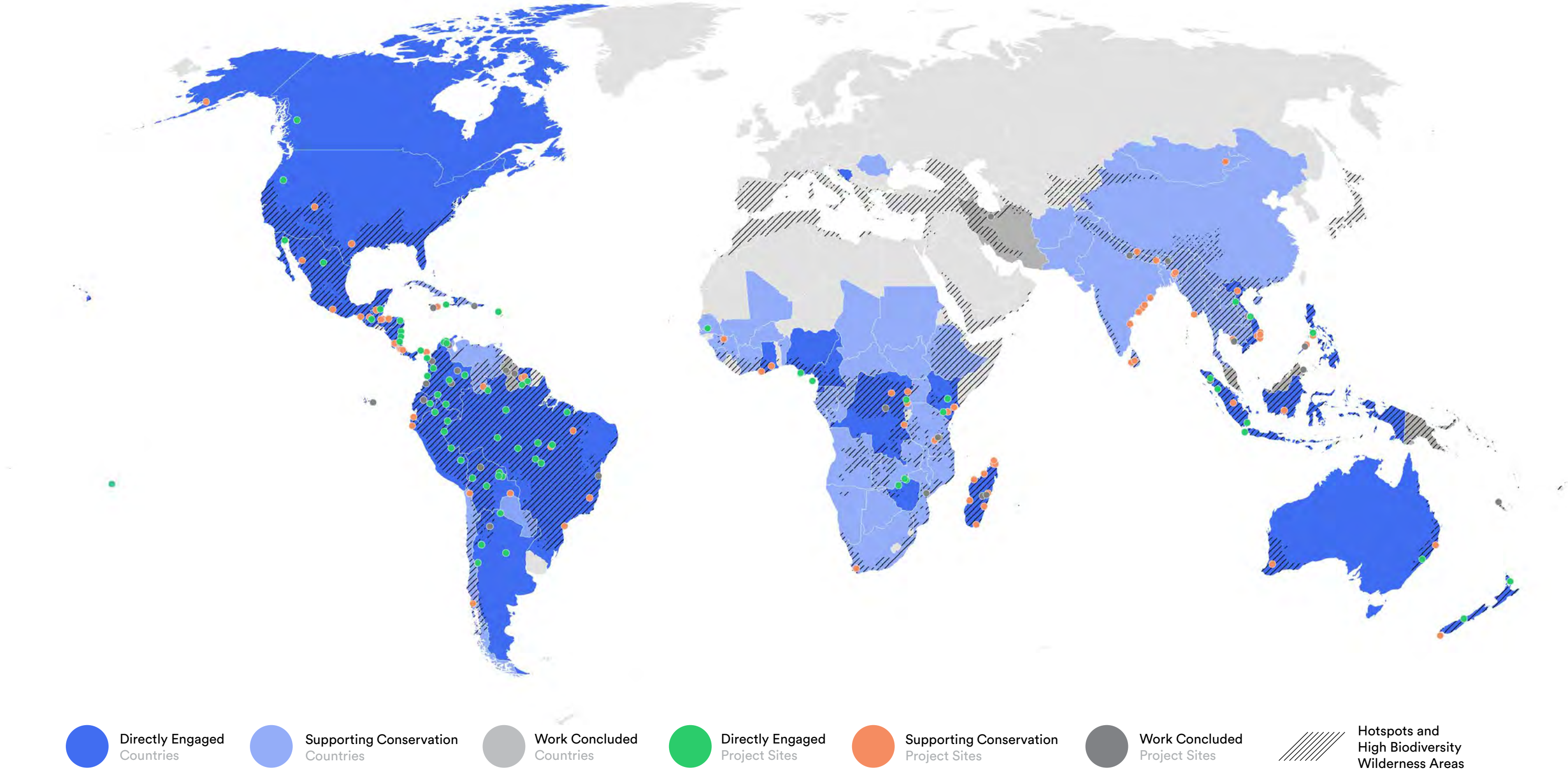


There are sufficient resources in the world to restore a thriving Earth, but they need to be secured and distributed to impactful conservation organizations around the world. We create new funding streams to ensure that resources are channeled where they are needed most.



# Where We Work


Re:wild worked to protect and restore the wild in over 80 countries in 2020. We focus our efforts in places where we can have the greatest impact in conserving life on Earth — Key Biodiversity Areas and areas of high ecological integrity within Biodiversity Hotspots, High Biodiversity Wilderness Areas, and critical marine ecosystems.





# Our Impact

We significantly expanded our impact in 2020 by growing our portfolio of sites and species, and our relationships with conservation partners. Either by direct engagement in conservation efforts, or via indirect support through granting mechanisms, we are helping to conserve a total area two and a half times the size of the US State of California.



89

Countries

Total number of countries in 2020 - we directly engaged in 33 countries and supported conservation efforts in a further 56 countries.



188

Conservation Areas • Total

Total number of sites we’ve worked in to date. In 2020 we were active in 157 sites with previous work concluded in a further 31 sites.



47

Conservation Areas • Created

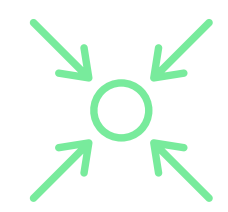
Totalling nearly 13 million acres of newly created conservation area to date, these 47 areas are a subset of our total conservation areas.



279M

Acres • Total


Our total area of conservation focus to date is nearly 279 million (M) acres (current and concluded projects): **over 180M acres where we are directly engaged with partners**, and a further 90M acres where we’re supporting conservation efforts.



74M

Acres • Key Biodiversity Areas

56% (106) of our sites intersect with Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) - over 200 KBAs in total.



212M

Acres • Forest Cover

Nearly 212 million (M) acres of forest cover conserved to date (current and concluded projects). **Nearly 157M acres of forest cover in conservation areas where we’re directly engaged** and a further 52M where we’re supporting conservation efforts.



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Gigatons • Stored Carbon

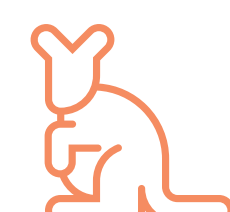
Our conservation areas represent close to 14 gigatons (GtC) of stored carbon (forest biomass): **over 10GtC in areas where we’re directly engaged** and over 3GtC where we’re supporting conservation efforts.



95

Focal Species

In 2020 we focused efforts on 95 specific threatened species, **46 that we are directly engaged in recovering with partners** and a further 49 we’re supporting conservation efforts.



16K

Species Benefiting

Over 16,000 species benefit from our site-based work. This includes **over 1,300 threatened species and nearly 500 highly threatened species (IUCN Red List)** across all sites.



400+

Total Partnerships

We partner with international (over 100) and national (over 150) organizations, up and coming Associate conservationists (35), government departments (≈50), and Indigenous peoples and local communities (≈100).



300+

Local Partners

National-level organizations, government partners, and Indigenous peoples and local communities drive our conservation efforts on the ground.





# Wild Places

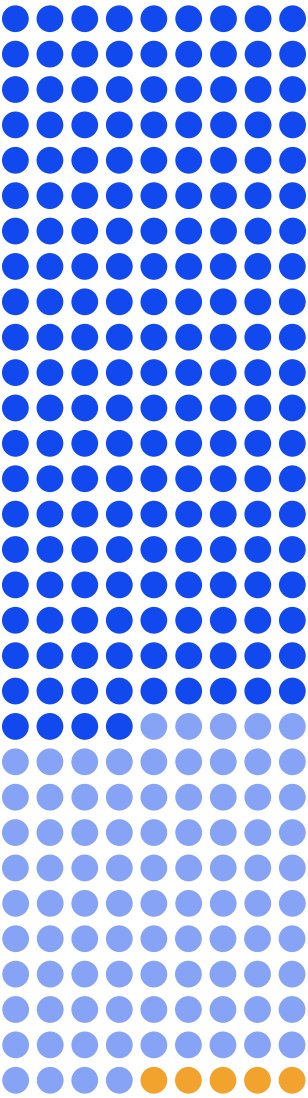


# Wild Places Overview

Our forests, grasslands, peatlands, freshwater rivers and lakes, coral reefs, mangroves, seagrasses and other natural ecosystems provide a liveable planet for all life. Protecting and restoring Earth’s wild places is an essential part of safeguarding all life on Earth both now and for future generations. Under the Wild Places focal area, we are working to create, expand and improve the management of over 180 million acres of protected and conserved areas in over 80 countries. We prioritize the protection of Key Biodiversity Areas and areas of high ecological integrity within Biodiversity Hotspots, High Biodiversity Wilderness Areas, and critical marine ecosystems. Our work spans terrestrial, freshwater and marine environments.

**279M** Our Range: Total Acres  
*Approximate total area of conservation focus for the organization to date - includes active and concluded projects*

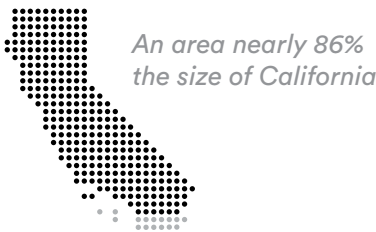
● = 1,000,000 million acres



**184M** Acres • Directly Engaged  
*Approximate total area of projects where we are deeply engaged with partners in conservation efforts*



**90M** Acres • Support Conservation  
*Approximate total area of projects where we are supporting conservation efforts via small grants or technical support*



**5M** Acres • Concluded  
*Approximate total area of concluded projects - nearly 5% the size of California*

# where we work:



**188**  
Total  
Project Sites

157 active projects  
31 concluded projects

**47**  
Newly  
Conserved Areas

26 created to date  
23 in process



# Wild Places Partnerships

## Key Biodiversity Areas Partnership



The Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) Partnership unites 13 global conservation organizations, including Re:wild, that are working to identify and safeguard sites of global importance to the planet’s overall health and the persistence of biodiversity. Re:wild uses KBA data to prioritize its work to protect and restore irreplaceable places on land and in the sea.

Over the past year, we have worked to secure additional protection and strengthen management of 227 KBAs, including the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in Colombia, Mounts Iglit-Baco Natural Park in the Philippines, and Virunga National Park in DRC.

Re:wild spearheaded a successful communications campaign to halt logging in Ebo Forest, Cameroon and is working to develop national capacity in KBA identification across the globe.

## Forests For Life Partnership



Forests are the world’s most important natural life support system. The Forests for Life partnership was launched in September 2019 by five leading environmental organizations - Re:wild, Wildlife Conservation Society, United Nations Development Programme, World Resources Institute, and Rainforest Foundation Norway.

Working with national governments, Indigenous peoples, local communities and others, the partnership is working to halt and reverse degradation across 1 billion hectares of the most intact forests worldwide, critical to addressing both the climate, extinction and pandemic crises.

Forests for Life focuses on protecting the world’s most important intact forests in Amazonia, the Congo Forests of Central Africa, New Guinea, the northern boreal, and other remaining large forest blocks.





# ●● Mesoamerica

The last five great forests of Mesoamerica span from Mexico to Colombia. They contain irreplaceable places for biodiversity and together include over 12 million hectares of forest and lock away more than 50% of Mesoamerica's forest carbon stock. The past year saw implementation of a major initiative by all eight Central America countries, launched in late 2019, to protect the Five Great Forests as part of a natural solution to the climate crisis.

This ambitious initiative aims to bring together the agricultural and environmental sectors to restore and conserve 10 million hectares of forests, restore 500,000 hectares of degraded land by 2030, and achieve carbon neutrality in the agricultural and forest sector by 2040. Re:wild helped bring this alliance into being as a signature initiative of the Forest for Life Partnership.

Re:wild is supporting Indigenous guards to patrol and protect approximately 2.17 million acres across 12 Indigenous territories. We made a strong push for protected area creation within the Five Great Forests, including 30,000 acres of the Maya Forest Corridor in Central Belize and 357,000 acres of Indigenous protected area recently approved by the Awaltara Indigenous territory in Nicaragua for which they are now seeking national designation.

Re:wild is now working with partners to identify gaps in protected areas and Indigenous lands in Mesoamerica to inform a regional business plan for protected area establishment. We are also engaging in the push for deforestation-free procurement policy in the US given that greater than 90% of recent deforestation in the region is due to illegal cattle ranching.





# Suriname

In Suriname, the “Greenest Country on Earth,” we worked with partner organization Green Growth Suriname and the national government to completely revamp the country’s environmental legislation, laying the groundwork for protecting more than 18 million acres of primary forest in the far south of the country — in close partnership with the Trio Indigenous People living there.

This groundbreaking legislation was passed in March 2020. This region of southern Suriname and contiguous areas of Brazil, Guyana and French Guiana make up what is probably the most intact area of primary tropical rainforest left on Earth.

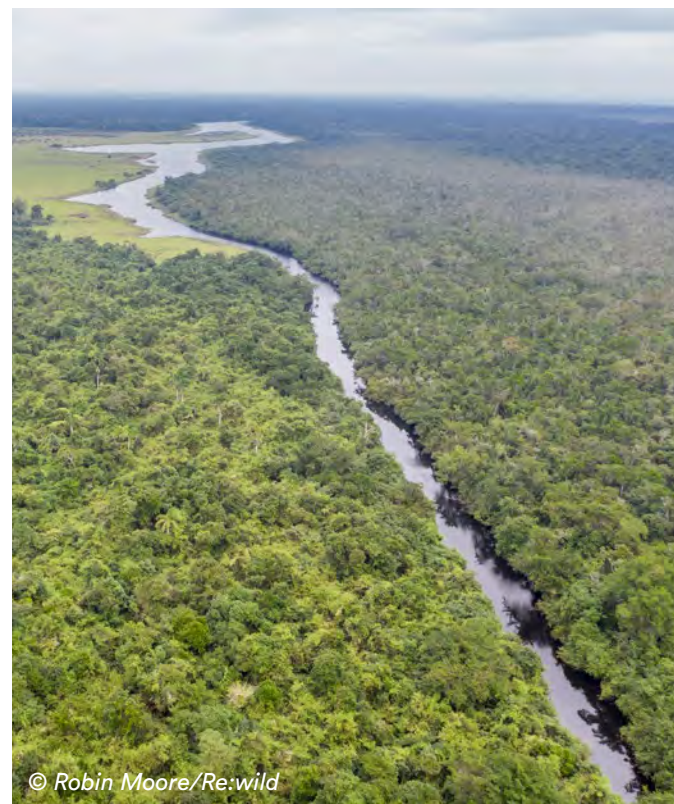
In addition to working to secure protection of the Southern Suriname Conservation Corridor, we have supported our partners to initiate the design of the environmental fund, which will be a key financial mechanism for financing existing and new conservation areas.

Other crucial initiatives underway that will help ensure successful rollout of the new legislation include establishing practical guidelines for the incorporation of Free Prior Informed Consent into protected area establishment to ensure the full involvement of Indigenous peoples, initiating a process for incorporating the full range of IUCN protected area designations into the regulatory framework, and a national roll out of the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) for protected area monitoring.



# Maya Corridor

Belize



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We are perilously close to losing the last forested connection between the magnificent Maya Mountains of Southern Belize and the rest of the four million hectare tri-national Selva Maya of Guatemala, Mexico and Belize. These vast blocks of forest, which form part of the Five Great Forests of Mesoamerica, are connected by a single thread of remaining forest, the Maya Forest Corridor in Central Belize.

Re:wild has worked over the past year with a consortium of local partners spearheaded by the University of Belize Environmental Research Institute to acquire the most critical 30,000 acres of this corridor to ensure their protection in perpetuity. To complete the corridor we will work with conservation friendly local landowners on designating their properties as protected while raising funds to acquire an additional 10,000 acres.

# Indio Maíz

Nicaragua



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Nicaragua's Indio Maíz Biological Reserve is one of the Five Great Forests of Mesoamerica and holds many threatened, emblematic species, including Jaguars, Baird's Tapir, Great Green Macaws and White-lipped Peccaries. More than 80% of Indio Maíz coincides with the Rama and Kriol Indigenous Territory.

In 2020 Re:wild provided direct support to our Indigenous Rama and Afro-descendant Kriol partners to staff a ranger post at the entrance to Indio Maíz, conduct monthly patrols, and hire a legal advisor to file lawsuits against illegal ranchers. We also supported them to implement forest friendly livelihoods as part of a sustainable financing plan for their territory and engaged in a global push for deforestation-free procurement policies. These actions contribute to the implementation of their visual management plan for their ancestral lands that we helped them to develop in 2018.

# Iglit Baco

Philippines



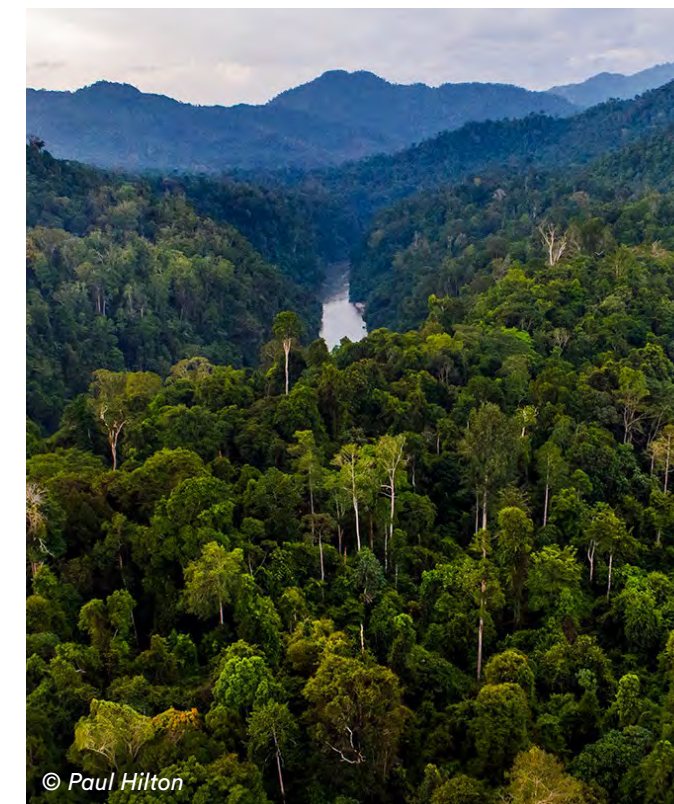
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Mounts Iglit-Baco Natural Park in the Philippines is a globally irreplaceable Key Biodiversity Area, containing 80% of the world's population of Tamaraw, a species of dwarf buffalo endemic to the island of Mindoro. The park also encompasses large tracts of the ancestral lands of the Tau-buid and Buhid Indigenous tribes.

With funding from the UK government, we are working to build Indigenous stewardship of the Tamaraw population and its habitat in Mts Iglit-Baco Natural Park, helping the park implement a 10-year management plan facilitated by Re:wild. In 2020 we witnessed extraordinary efforts by our local partners, the staff of the park and the Tamaraw Conservation Program to maintain activities and momentum during the COVID-19 crisis.

# Leuser

Indonesia



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The Leuser Ecosystem in northern Sumatra is one of the world's largest intact rainforests. Covering 6.4 million acres, it is the only place on Earth where Rhinos, Tigers, Elephants, and Orangutans co-exist. The Leuser forests regulate water supplies for four million people, mitigate against floods and landslides, and represent one of the largest carbon stores in Southeast Asia.

We are supporting multiple partners to protect Leuser through anti-poaching operations, on-the-ground deforestation tracking, human-wildlife conflict mitigation, orangutan surveys, rhino monitoring and conservation breeding, advocacy campaigns, and global pressure on multilateral corporations to move commodity supply chains — especially oil palm — away from biodiversity- and carbon-rich landscapes.



# Wild Places Funds

## Amazon Forest Fund



In response to the wildfire crisis and devastation for wildlife and people, Re:wild, in partnership with Earth Alliance, established an emergency Amazon Forest Fund to directly support forest guardians in Amazonia to respond to imminent threats from illegally set fires, prevent deforestation through enhancing protected area and Indigenous territory security, monitoring and management, increase the capacity of local Indigenous and conservation organizations, and provide relief to impacted communities.

More than 35,000 donors contributed a total of over \$9 million, which was awarded to 36 partner organizations throughout Amazonia. Through 40 projects, our partners were able to improve the conservation of nearly 100 million acres of protected areas and Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs), and support land titling efforts for 120 Indigenous communities across nearly 6 million acres. Re:wild continues close collaboration with partners in the region as we seek additional funding to support a wider Re:wild Amazonia strategy.

## Australia Wildfire Fund



In the aftermath of the 2019/2020 catastrophic bushfires in Australia, Re:wild, in partnership with Earth Alliance, rapidly established an Australia Wildfire Fund to support the protection and recovery of Australia’s most vulnerable habitats and wildlife populations. Through this fund, over \$3.7 million were raised and awarded to three organizations carrying out vital land restoration and fire mitigation efforts, rescuing impacted wildlife, and reintroducing key species to the wild.

Additionally, as part of this nationwide recovery effort, Re:wild, along with our partner WildArk, launched a Koala Comeback Campaign, raising more than \$800,000 in support of multiple projects across Australia to protect and restore critical habitat, and to manage and rehabilitate species most heavily impacted by the fires.





Wildlife



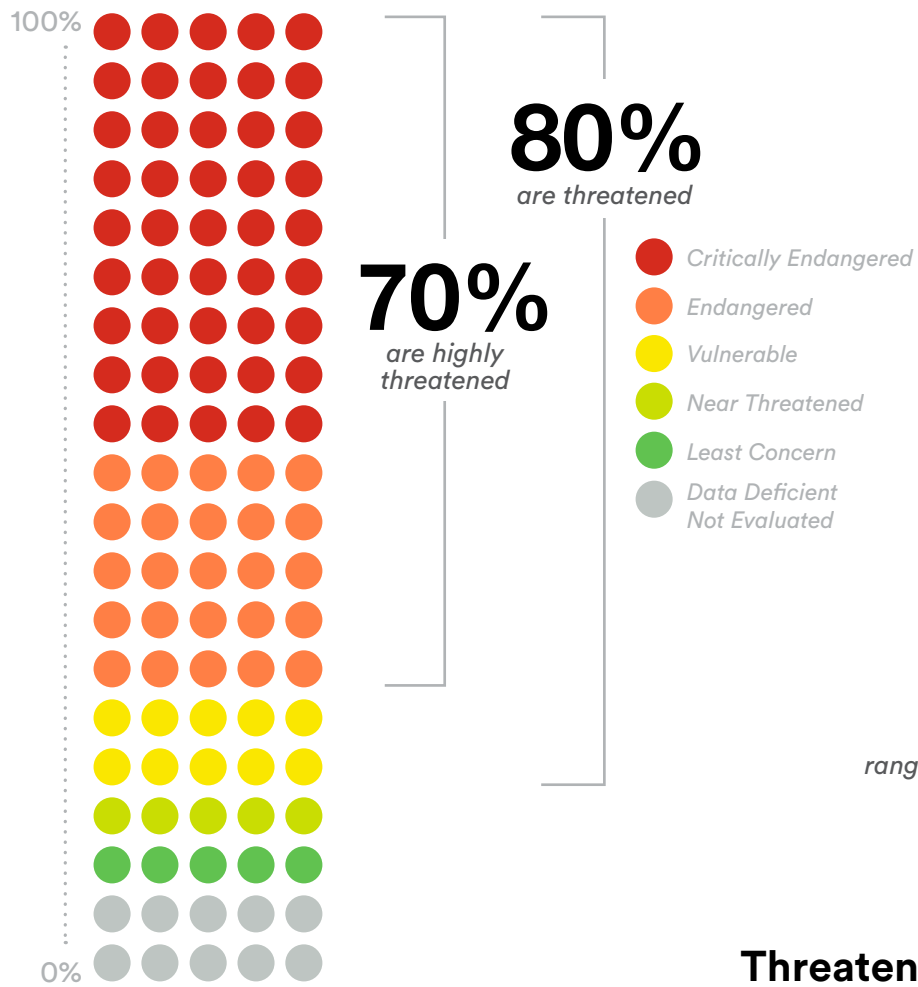
# Wildlife Overview

Species are the building blocks of life, the individual components of functioning ecosystems. It is estimated that one million species are threatened with extinction due to the actions of humankind. Fish stocks are declining, pollinators are disappearing, and carbon storing trees are being felled. The loss of species directly impacts the wellbeing of humankind and the stability of our global environment.

The Wildlife focal area has grown to now cover 19 programs targeting some of the most overlooked and highly threatened species on Earth. Some programs focus on threatened species groups whereas others focus on regions with a plethora of species on the edge of existence.

## Extinction Risk: High

The majority of the species we work on are at high risk of extinction (IUCN Red List)



**95**  
**Focal Species**

Re:wild drives direct conservation action for nearly 100 species

**20**  
**Focal Groups**

Our work on focal species leverages overall change for the broader species group

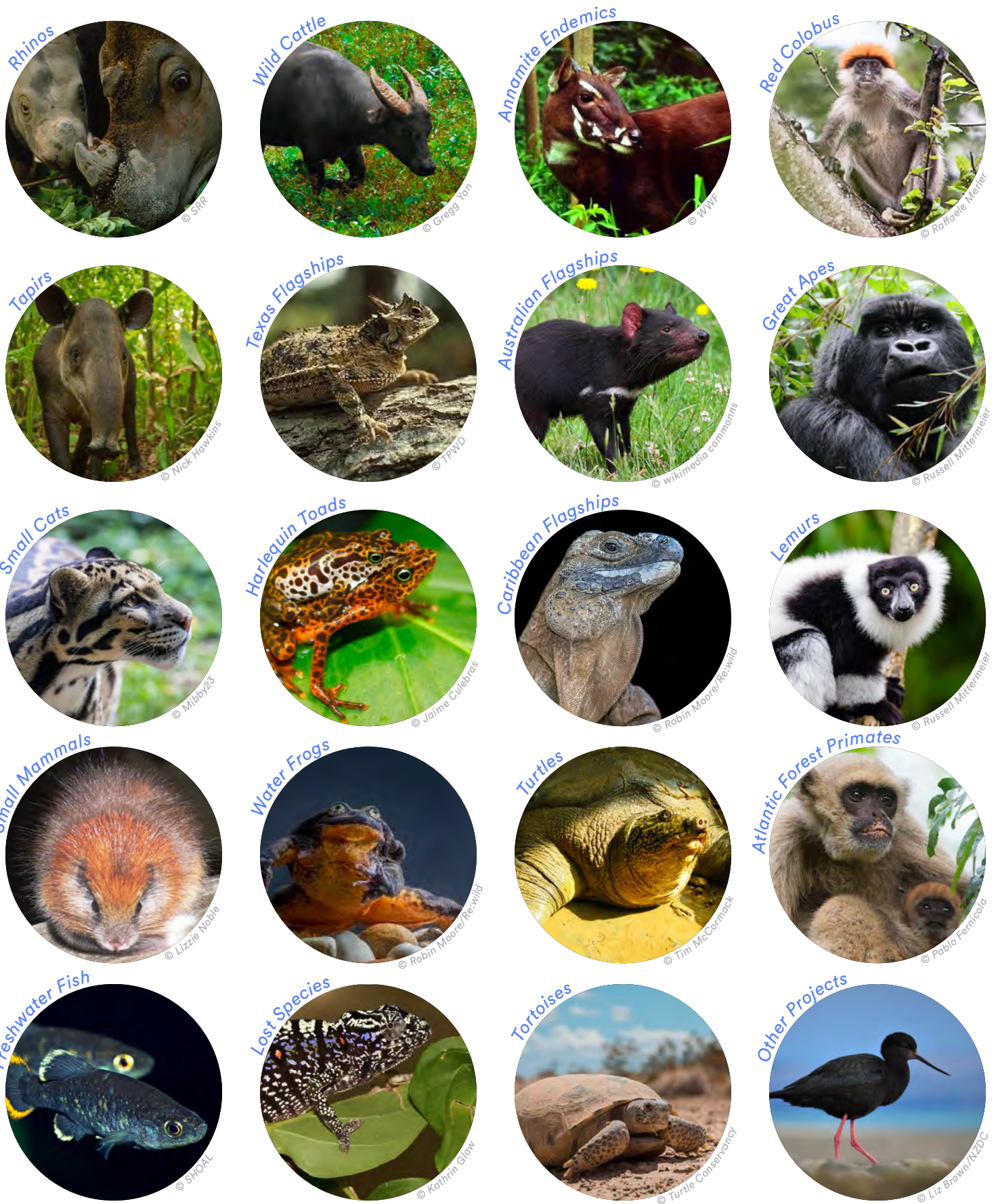
**16,000**  
**Species Benefiting**

All known IUCN Red Listed species ranges that overlap with our project sites

**835**  
**Threatened Species Benefiting**

Vulnerable, Endangered, and Critically Endangered species that overlap with our project sites

## what we're saving:





# Wildlife Partnerships



## Alliance for Zero Extinction

This alliance works to identify and safeguard the most important sites for preventing global extinctions, those that have Critically Endangered or Endangered species restricted to just a single site in the world.

## Amphibian Survival Alliance

The ASA works to conserve the World’s amphibians through collective action to ensure that amphibian conservation is integrated into global conservation priorities.



## Baird’s Tapir Survival Alliance

The BTSA is a partnership of conservation leaders from each range country working to ensure the survival of Baird’s Tapirs for their vital importance to the health of ecosystems through direct, multi-disciplinary, and inclusive actions.



## Sumatran Rhino Rescue

This partnership approach to conservation brings together the Government of Indonesia, leading international organizations, local experts, practitioners, and supporters from around the world to save the most overlooked of the five rhino species from extinction.

## Red List Partnership

This partnership assesses and tracks the risk of species extinction by supporting the IUCN Red List of Species. The Green Status of Species, co-led by Re:wild, is a new set of metrics under the Red List that tracks the impact of conservation on a species’ recovery and how close to ‘fully recovered’ a species is.



## Asian Species Action Partnership

ASAP is an alliance of conservation organizations with the collective aim of focusing urgent attention on the freshwater and land vertebrate species in Southeast Asia at the highest risk of extinction.







Of the nearly 100 species of harlequin toads ranging across 11 countries from Costa Rica to Bolivia, 81% of them are Endangered or Critically Endangered, making them the most threatened group of amphibians on Earth. Although only two species are believed to have become extinct, 40 species have not been seen since the early 2000s.

Re:wild recognized that without a coordinated approach these jewels of the Neotropics would likely slip out of existence, so we formed the Atelopus Survival Initiative under the umbrella of the IUCN Species Survival Commission's Amphibian Specialist Group. The alliance aims to bring harlequin toads back from the brink of extinction through a collaborative approach working across multiple disciplines to inform and implement best practice conservation measures.

We spearheaded the development of a range-wide action plan and creation of a network of partners collaborating across all range countries. Priority actions under the plan include searching for lost species, monitoring known populations, protecting habitat, breeding threatened species under human care for future reintroduction back into the wild, building local capacity, and elevating the profile of the genus globally.

Re:wild has active projects on four species of harlequin toad in the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in Colombia, and in 2020 partnered on the rediscovery of the Starry Night Harlequin Toad, which had been lost to science for more than 30 years.

# ●● Harlequin Toads





# • Primates

Hosting the IUCN Species Survival Commission's Primate Specialist Group, Re:wild's Primate Program is the global center for primate conservation. It supports research and population assessments of threatened species, field training courses, and many other key initiatives, leveraging more than \$1 million per year in small grants focused on priority species. The program collates and disseminates information vital for primate conservation in one global and four regional (Asia, Africa, Madagascar, and the Neotropics) journals, and produces field guides to stimulate primate ecotourism and promote an understanding of the extraordinary diversity of primates — where they occur and what is needed to save them.

Re:wild uses this information to produce conservation action plans, the most recent being for the West African Chimpanzee and the 18 red colobus monkeys. The program carries out Red-listing for primates, recently completing a reassessment of all the 522 species currently known. Over the last three years we have invested in a major program for Malagasy lemurs, the most endangered group of primates — more than 90% of the 108 species are threatened.

We also support and oversee thematic groups for the conservation of endangered great apes, the 20 Asian gibbons, and the burgeoning problem of human-primate interactions. The Great Ape Section launched the ARRC Task Force (Avoidance, Reduction, Restoration and Compensation) to support local efforts to mitigate impacts arising from energy, extractive and associated infrastructure projects.

Through collaboration amongst the private sector, ape experts, and lending banks, this has led to an improvement in great ape and wildlife populations at over 20 sites worldwide. The section has also established a long-term partnership with the Virunga National Park and the European Commission to secure the great ape and wildlife populations there, and now supports conservation efforts for the three endangered orangutans on Sumatra and Borneo.





The World's largest search for lost species — species not seen for at least ten years — has continued to grow. Working with the IUCN Species Survival Commission's specialist groups we updated and expanded the list of lost species to 2,127 species. The good news is that we were able to fund 15 searches for lost species this past year and through these efforts and those of our partners around the world, we were successful in finding two of our top 25 lost species this past year, the Somali Sengi and Voeltzkow's Chameleon, bringing our total to six of our top 25 found.

The Somali Sengi had not been seen for 51 years before a team from the California Academy of Sciences and Association Djibouti Nature managed to capture and release 12 sengis after using information from interviews, results from scat analysis, and 1,259 traps at 12 locations, baiting the traps with a concoction of peanut butter, oatmeal and yeast.

Voeltzkow's Chameleon had not been seen for over one hundred years before a team from Zoologische Staatssammlung München, Chameleon Asset Management Ltd, and the University of Antananarivo in Madagascar managed to find what seems like a healthy population in northwestern Madagascar.

One of the aims of the Lost Species program is to raise the profile of the weird, wonderful, and forgotten species. To this aim, over the past year, the Lost Species program delivered nearly 1,500 media hits, with a 5.2 billion reach with stories appearing in *Forbes*, *CNN*, *Associated Press*, *The Guardian*, *BBC*, *AFP*, and *People Magazine*, among others.

# ●● Lost Species





The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the extreme risk to human health and the global economy that our trade in wildlife poses. In response, Re:wild partnered with the Wildlife Conservation Society and WildAid to launch the End The Trade campaign. The End The Trade declaration petitions governments around the world to enact legislation to end commercial trade in wildlife, especially mammals and birds, for consumption; enforce such legislation; and develop ethical and equitable alternatives for those whose livelihoods are affected by an end to wildlife trade. The Declaration has been signed by over 82,000 individuals and 375 organizations.

Consistent with the Declaration, two bipartisan bills were introduced in the last months of the 2019-2020 US Congress: the Preventing Future Pandemics Act (Senate & House) which aims to eliminate the import, trade and retail sale in the USA of wildlife for consumption, and the Global Wildlife Trade Biosecurity Act (House) which instructs and funds the Department of State to develop cooperative international actions to help end the trade and sale of live wildlife for human consumption. Both Acts will be reintroduced in the 2021-2022 Congress. End The Trade continues to provide support for these acts.

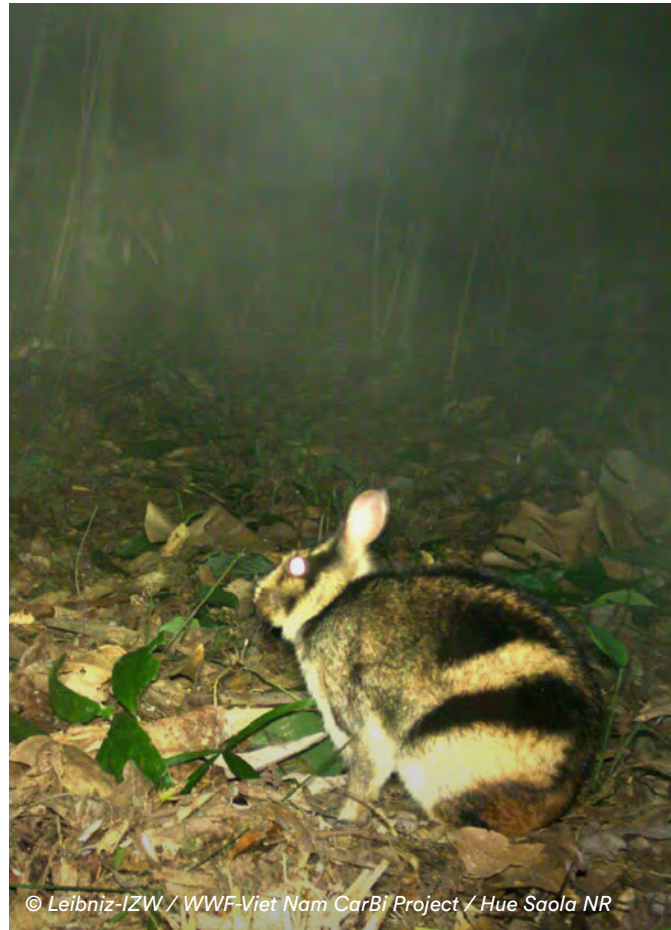
Re:wild staff have also been intensively involved in guiding future discussion on this topic within the conservation community through our engagement in developing a White Paper on a COVID Response Strategy for the Global Environment Facility, a Situation Analysis on COVID and Wildlife Trade by the IUCN Species Survival Commission, and envisioning wildlife and trade policy post-COVID.

# ● ● End The Trade



# Annamites

Vietnam



In the Annamites of Vietnam Re:wild is supporting conservation efforts across 5 sites and for 17 threatened endemics. Our goal is to develop a multifaceted approach to prevent the ubiquitous snaring that is driving all terrestrial vertebrates in Vietnam toward extinction. In parallel, we are working with Bach Ma National Park, Wrocław Zoo, and WWF to establish a conservation breeding center to permit future rewilding efforts across the region, driving species action planning, and developing technical guidance for rewilding efforts.

We are also implementing species monitoring protocols so we can demonstrate species recovery over time.

# Rhinos

Indonesia



Despite multiple constraints caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Sumatran Rhino Survival Alliance was still able to support surveys that have identified multiple rhinos that require rescuing. We have updated capture and husbandry guidelines, formed three regional implementation teams and developed plans for their training, and identified helicopter options for future rescue operations.

A group has also been formed to create an action plan for advanced reproductive technology so we can run natural and artificial breeding programs in parallel to give the species the best possible chance of survival.

# Small Cats

Global



Re:wild now supports 11 programs, each with multiple threat reduction projects across the entire geographic range of 13 small cat species. All our programs are directed by experienced local conservation practitioners. Re:wild's threat reduction actions fix the present to ensure the future.

We work closely with local communities to end retaliatory killing of small wild cats by building and repairing henhouses, providing alternative food sources, collaborating on prey recovery plans, and community-based poaching prevention, all custom-designed to meet the community's needs. To change the future, we have innovative outreach and awareness programs for children.

# Red Colobus

Sub-Saharan Africa



With support from Re:wild, the IUCN Red Colobus Working Group completed a conservation action plan for Africa's most threatened group of monkeys, and a network of nearly 200 conservation practitioners across the range — from Senegal to Zanzibar — was created and activated through species-level coordinators. Focus groups are actively addressing range-wide issues such as monitoring protocols and political will for Red Colobus conservation. Re:wild supports local partners on the ground to save all five of the Critically Endangered Red Colobus species. Our partners created the Apoi Creek Forest Community Conservancy for the largest population of the Niger Delta Red Colobus and re-discovered the lost Kisangani Red Colobus.



# Wildlife Funds



## Shark Conservation Fund

Halting the overexploitation of sharks and rays, preventing extinctions, reversing population declines, and restoring imperiled species.



## Australia Endangered Species Recovery Fund

Supporting the recovery of Endangered species impacted by the devastating bushfires of 2019-2020.



## Rhino Recovery Fund

Protecting rhinos from wildlife crime and restoring their landscapes, improving the health of rhino populations and benefiting local people.



## Elephant Crisis Fund

Supporting effective projects and partners in Africa, and in ivory consuming nations, to end the ivory crisis and secure a future for elephants.



## Primate Action Fund

Addressing urgent and important conservation needs for the world's primates.



## Lemur Action Fund

Providing strategically targeted, catalytic support for the conservation of lemurs.



## Turtle Conservation Fund

Strategic action planning and funding support for conservation of threatened tortoises and freshwater turtles.



## Lion Recovery Fund

Halting local extinctions and recovering populations of lions in the wild throughout Africa.





# Guardians



# Guardians Overview

Guardians are the stewards of Earth’s wild places and the plants, fungi, and animals that call them home. These people dedicate their lives to protecting biodiversity — park rangers, Indigenous peoples and local communities, scientists, emerging female leaders, academics, resource managers, and young people who prove every day that we have incredible power to ensure that all life on Earth thrives.

Re:wild aims to ensure that every person in a position to protect Earth’s biodiversity has agency to do so. And through our inclusive and dedicated support of Guardians, we cultivate those conservationists on the ground who are making a profound and lasting difference for our planet.

## who we work with:



400+

### Total Partnerships

We partner with international (100+) and national (150+) organizations, up and coming Associate conservationists (35), government depts (~50), and Indigenous peoples and local communities (~100).

300+

### Local Partners

Well over half of our partners are national-level organizations, government partners, and Indigenous peoples and local communities who are directly implementing conservation solutions

22

### Alliances & Partnerships

The organization is involved in a number of valuable conservation partnerships and alliances to leverage greater impact

18

### Fiscally Sponsored Orgs

We fiscally sponsor a number of other conservation organizations and groups

36

### Associates

Early and mid-career conservationists from around the world that receive mentorship, direct access to partners, and funding opportunities to grow professionally. Senior Associates (6), Associates (22) and Explorers (8).



# Guardians Partnerships

## SMART Partnership

A partnership of nine leading conservation organizations, the Spatial Monitoring and Reporting Tool (SMART) Partnership has become the global leader in protected area management solutions, offering an integrated suite of powerful tools and services to help conservation practitioners improve management effectiveness and better protect wildlife.



## Zero Poaching

The Zero Poaching partnership maintains an online toolkit to help national and state agencies, protected area managers, rangers and other frontline protection staff reduce poaching. The tools are freely available and cover topics including community engagement tools, ranger training manuals, suggestions on technological solutions, and judiciary guides.

## Earth Optimism Alliance

Earth Optimism Alliance is a global movement aimed at fundamentally changing how we frame, discuss and deliver conservation, on the ground, in workplaces, and in our everyday lives.



## Universal Ranger Support Alliance (URSA)

Following the call to action of the Chitwan Declaration from the 2019 World Ranger Congress, URSA was established as a global network of organizations seeking to put their collective efforts to a shared vision of a ranger workforce which is a “*network of well-supported, professionally competent, mandated, motivated, responsible and representative rangers working effectively as custodians of biodiversity and the life systems upon which we all depend.*”





Rangers could be tasked with protecting and managing over 30% of our planet by 2030 and their welfare, training, and motivation are key to delivering the goals that Re:wild — and the world — has set. In response to the Chitwan Declaration, Re:wild and partners came together in a coalition of like-minded conservation organizations to form the Universal Ranger Support Alliance (URSA).

URSA commissioned eight white papers that outline the global challenges to and solutions for the ranger workforce covering topics outlined by the Chitwan Declaration, including capacity, diversity, welfare, and accountability. Based on these white papers, URSA developed and released an Action Plan summary for ranger professionalization on World Ranger Day in July 2020.

URSA is strengthening the International Ranger Federation to be a global voice for its members, producing a global code of conduct and ethics statement for rangers, writing a report to highlight the unique challenges faced by women rangers, and expanding our global partnership.

In partnership with the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas, the International Ranger Federation and Conservation Allies, Re:wild helped launch the new International Ranger Awards to highlight the extraordinary work that rangers do in protected and conserved areas worldwide.

# Rangers

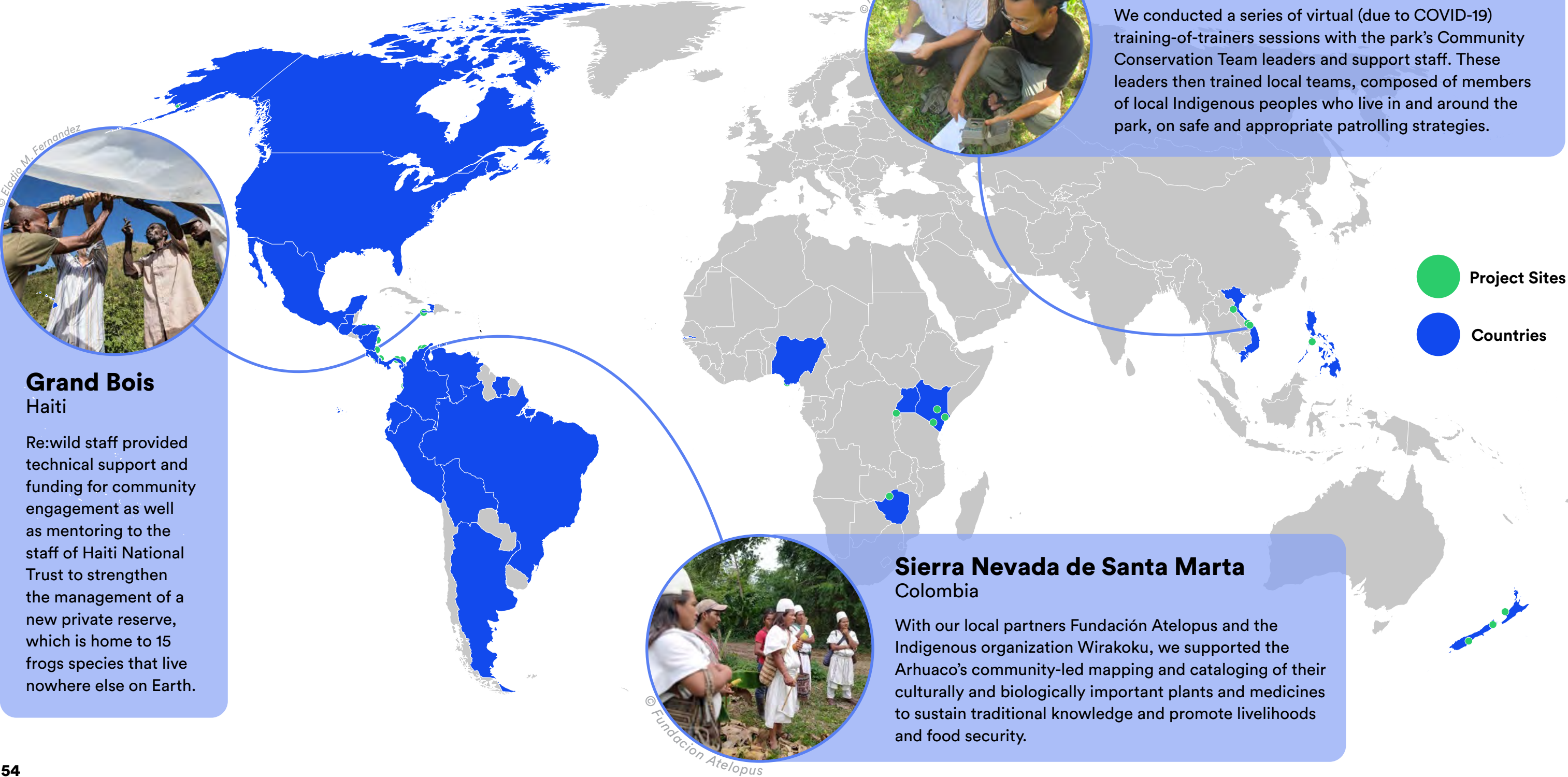


# Indigenous Peoples & Local Communities

Today, Re:wild’s partnerships with Indigenous peoples and local communities span over 60 sites across 25 countries, supporting conservation in over 200 million acres (approximately twice the size of the US state of Montana) and have had positive impacts for people through greater security and empowerment, strengthened governance, and livelihood creation. These results were achieved by dozens of projects working in partnership with Indigenous peoples and local communities.

**61** Project Sites  
*Where we are working with Indigenous peoples and local communities*

**25** Countries  
*These 61 sites in 25 countries have the potential to leverage positive impact for large conservation areas*





## Forest Guardians Climate Resilience & Response Fund

Central America



In response to the destructive Category 4 and 5 hurricanes and devastation of vital forests and Indigenous communities in Nicaragua and Honduras, Re:wild, with our local partners, was able to rapidly launch the Mesoamerica Climate Resilience & Response Fund to directly support the guardians of the Moskitia forest. More than 70 donors contributed, which enabled the delivery of critical support for the rebuilding of a damaged drinking water system, benefiting the wellbeing and recovery of 760 Indigenous families (3225 people) in the hardest hit communities of Penas Blancas, Amak, Mawawas, and Kudahwas. This fund urgently mobilized the direct emergency support for Indigenous communities — for their recovery, well-being, and livelihoods, as well as ensuring the integrity of their ancestral lands and the Moskitia forest.

## Women In Nature Network (WiNN)

Global



WiNN is an inclusive, volunteer-led global network helping women overcome the barriers they frequently face in conservation and science. WiNN actively connects and empowers women to attain and thrive in rewarding careers to protect the planet, and in 2020, the WiNN network grew to include 14 chapters globally and rallied to host more than 25 webinars, connecting hundreds of women from around the world.

In addition to being a fiscal sponsor, Re:wild is readying to launch our very own WiNN chapter in 2021, to connect our female-identifying staff and Associates to this thriving, global network of women who are learning, sharing and lifting up the next generation of environmental leaders.

## Conservation Pathways

United States



With partners from The Smithsonian, National Wildlife Federation, Planet Women, Groundwork Hudson, Minorities in Shark Sciences, Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Alumni Network, and Environmental Leadership Program, we initiated the new “Conservation Pathways” Scholarship Fund for youth from communities across the U.S. who have been historically underrepresented in careers focused on the environment. Beginning in 2021, these scholarships will provide students — starting in middle school all the way through college — with a glidepath into paying conservation jobs. This will include scholarships for hands-on learning programs in their communities, for their education, and for developing the professional skills and connections to land their first job that helps make the Earth a better place.

## Conservation Associates

Global



Our Associate program grew to 35 early- and mid-career conservationists — 14 women and 21 men — from around the world who represent the next generation working to protect our planet. Their achievements range from conducting surveys on last-known populations of Large-antlered Muntjac in Vietnam, to publishing field guides of Guyana, to research on red colobus monkey populations that will inform their conservation status.

We are inspired by this group of promising leaders and are excited to launch a new fellowship fund in 2021 to sustain their education, career development, and research endeavors amidst the myriad challenges brought on by COVID-19.



# Advocating for Earth

The media holds immense power to shine the spotlight on imminent threats to our wild places and the life that depends on them. We harness this power to engage audiences in the decision-making process, hold those in power accountable, and achieve tangible conservation outcomes. We leverage both traditional and social media platforms to strategically elevate the profile of irreplaceable places and imperilled wildlife and drive action to protect them. Our approach has successfully shaped decisions critical to the future of some of our planet’s wildest and most threatened places.



*“There is no danger that would prevent us from taking to the streets and defending our river, not a pandemic or anything else.”*  
— Mirela Sarajlic

## Saving the Blue Heart of Europe

With Atelier for Community Transformation - ACT, Blue Heart of Europe and other local and international partners, we campaigned to protect the last wild rivers of Europe, a hotspot for the continent’s freshwater biodiversity. Our goal was to convince the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina to ban all small hydropower projects, which are catastrophic to Europe’s last wild rivers, communities that depend on them and the freshwater species that live in them.

Some of the most passionate and vocal defenders were women creating grassroots organizations, such as Mirela Sarajlic, who grew up on the Neretvica River. Leonardo DiCaprio lent his platform to the cause, and media around the world covered the story. In late November, the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina announced they would stop providing subsidies starting in 2021, and a movement has grown to protect the Blue Heart of Europe.

## #SaveEboForest

We launched a campaign to prevent logging in Ebo Forest, the most biologically diverse area in the Gulf of Guinea. A Key Biodiversity Area, Ebo is home to many rare and endangered species, including Forest Elephants, Grey Parrots and a group of unique tool-wielding Chimpanzees. The 1,500 square-kilometer forest is also home to 40 local communities and stores 35 million tons of carbon.

The goal was to persuade Cameroon’s Prime Minister to overturn a decision to allow logging in Ebo Forest. We produced video and photo content distributed across the social platforms of Re:wild, partners and Leonardo DiCaprio, generating significant media attention. In August, the Prime Minister announced a reversal to the logging decree.



## #ExtinctionEndsHere

A powerful video letter from COVID-19 to humankind formed the cornerstone of a campaign to highlight the connections between pandemics and our exploitation of the wild, with a petition to end the commercial trade in terrestrial wildlife, particularly birds and mammals. “We viruses are kept in check by healthy environments with diverse and abundant wildlife. But when you rip forests apart and capture billions of animals to feed your insatiable appetite for flesh and false cures, you bring viruses like me out of our natural quarantine.” The video generated more than 20 million views and 1.5 million collective shares. The petition was signed by more than 80,000 people and endorsed by more than 350 organizations.





# European Union Partnership

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Re:wild, with the European Union and Leonardo DiCaprio, launched two critical initiatives for biodiversity protection: a Rapid Response for Ecosystems, Species and Communities Undergoing Emergencies (Rapid RESCUE) fund and an initiative to safeguard Africa's most biodiverse protected area, Virunga National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. These programs underpin Re:wild's unique approach in developing philanthropic partnerships to channel conservation funding from a diverse range of donors directly to the field.

Rapid RESCUE provides urgent funding to respond to emerging biodiversity threats with a \$35.6 million budget, focusing in large part on reducing the impacts of future emergencies — like those caused by the COVID-19 pandemic — on ecosystems in priority regions that are essential to the planet's health, at-risk wildlife populations and surrounding vulnerable communities. This 4-year program provides the European Union with a more effective means of directing its resources rapidly while also leveraging foundations and other partners to magnify its impact, increasing global awareness of and response to large-scale environmental emergencies.

Re:wild's partnership with the European Union is also supporting Africa's iconic Virunga National Park with \$4.4 million to expand its operational capacity, restore vital habitat and reinforce the park's population of Eastern Lowland Gorillas through an ambitious species translocation effort. This partnership draws on the ability of Re:wild's robust communications program to deliver high profile feature stories that will build support for the park by garnering greater international attention toward its role in economic growth, peace and stability in eastern Congo.





# Launching Re:wild

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When we founded Global Wildlife Conservation in 2008, it was with a vision for lasting impact in protecting and restoring our planet's most threatened species and biodiverse ecosystems. As we watched a lot of philanthropic efforts move away from biodiversity conservation, we wanted to build an organization that would be able to scale without losing sight of our boots-in-the-mud ethos nor our ability to be nimble and action-oriented.

Twelve years on, our model has evolved with ideas and input from our many partners around the world. Our sense of shared purpose drove us to continually effectively and efficiently deliver impact, leveraging our work to scale up addressing the triple crises. We have truly moved forward the field of biodiversity conservation, not only in practice but in philosophy as well. We are all in this together, and we must unite to drive action around science-based goals.

As the need to protect and rewild our world becomes more and more urgent, we have broadened the concept of what “rewilding” means to encompass how we live, how we think and how we relate to nature. We are scaling our efforts to bolster biodiversity for lasting change.

Leonardo DiCaprio, a longtime friend of the environmental movement and of Global Wildlife Conservation, agreed to help us launch Re:wild. “Around the world, the wild is declining. We have degraded three quarters of the wild places and pushed more than one million species to the brink of extinction. More than half of Earth's remaining wild areas could disappear in the next few decades if we don't decisively act,” he said. “Re:wild offers a bold vision to amplify and scale the local solutions being led by Indigenous peoples and local communities, nongovernmental organizations, companies and government agencies, to help increase their impact around the world. The environmental heroes that the planet needs are already here. Now we all must rise to the challenge and join them.”



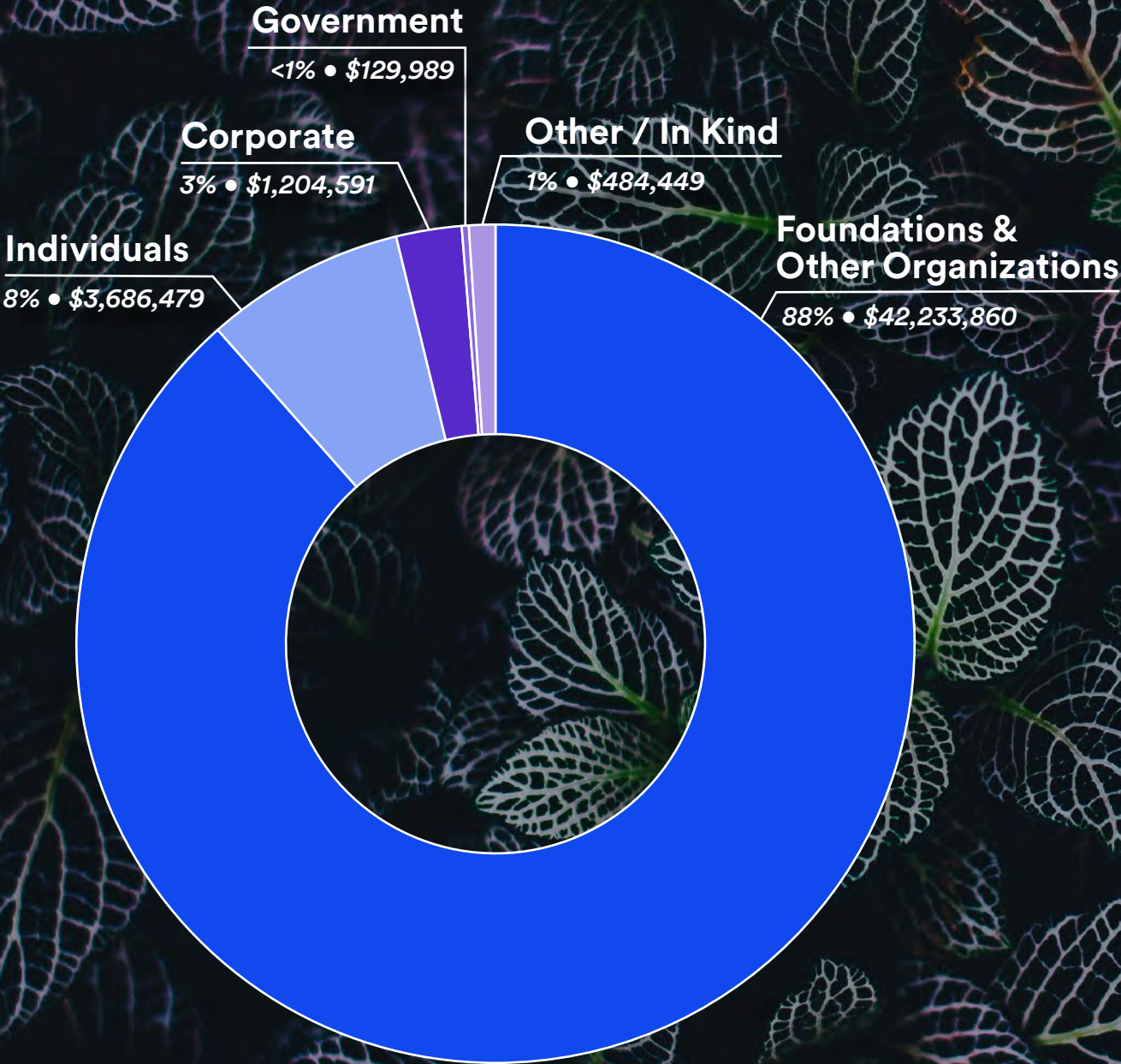


# Financials

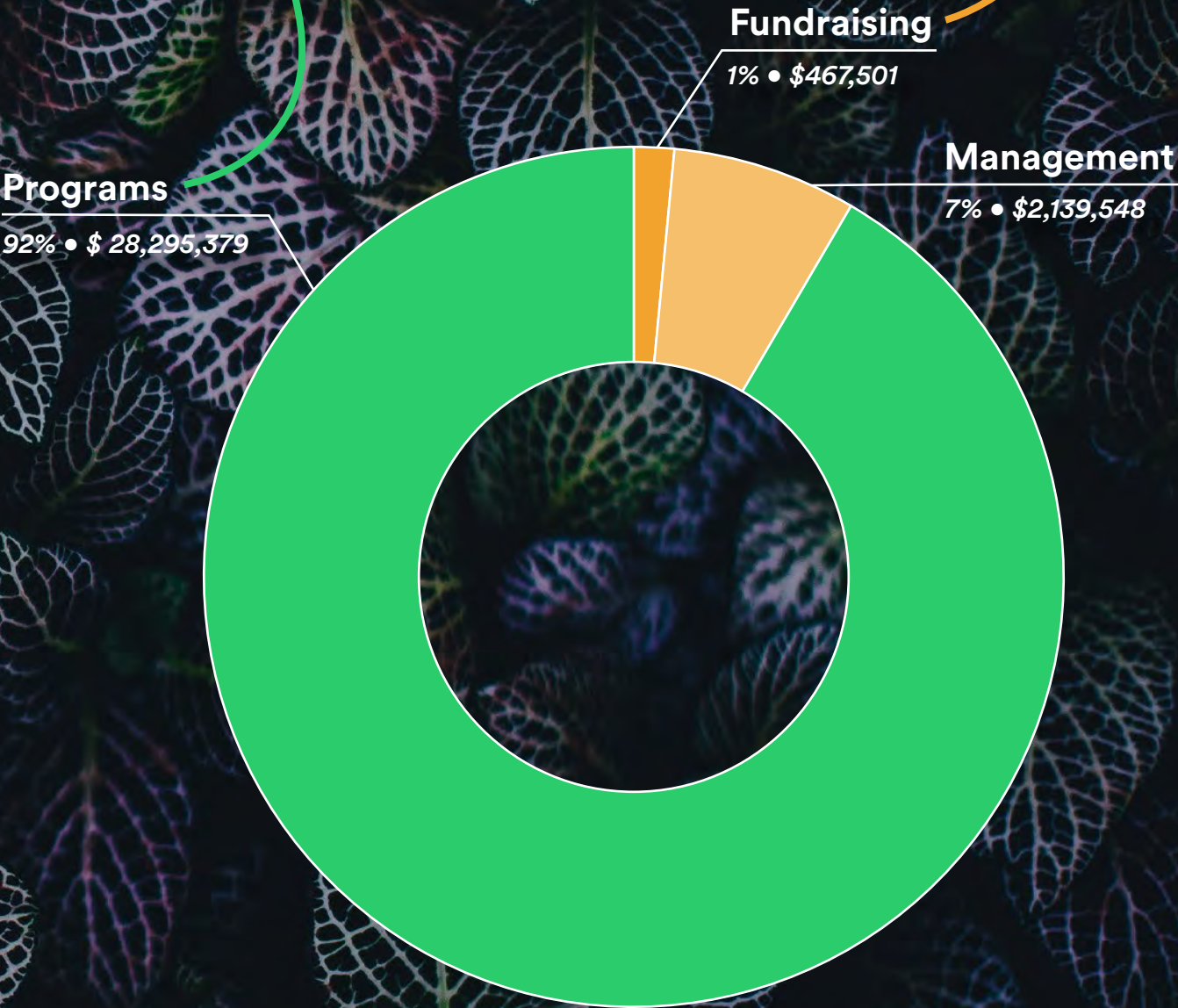
Re:wild raised more than \$47 million during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 - almost double what was raised during the previous fiscal year. This enabled us to channel over \$28 million to our conservation programs, including more than \$24 million in grants and contracts to support our partners around the world, which earned us a 92% programmatic efficiency rating for the year.



100% of public donations go directly to the people and places with the biggest impact for biodiversity, thanks to a generous group of donors who cover our core operating costs.



Money In



Money Out



A full-page background image of a savanna landscape. In the foreground, a gazelle with curved horns stands on a grassy plain. The middle ground shows rolling hills and a few scattered trees. The background features a range of mountains under a vast, dramatic sky with large, dark clouds and bright light rays breaking through. The overall tone is majestic and natural.

**We don't need to reinvent the planet.  
We just need to rewild it.**





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