



Meet WCS Conservation Heroes from
Around the World



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Lonnie McCaskill, Prospect Park Zoo Animal Programs Curator and Assistant Facilities Director, has worked to protect critically endangered Siamese crocodiles in Cambodia for over 14 years. Recently, he assisted WCS Cambodia and community crocodile wardens in relocating a crocodile nest, an operation which resulted in 10 hatchlings.





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Lanto Andriamampianina is the Terrestrial Conservation Director of the WCS Madagascar Program. He works to save the Critically Endangered black-and-white ruffed lemur in Makira Natural Park in partnership with local communities.





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Vonjy Andrianjakarivelo, WCS Madagascar Director of Makira Natural Park, works to protect the critically endangered silky sifakas and other native wildlife through efforts to reduce lemur hunting and habitat destruction.





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Nachamada Geoffrey (top row, second from right) is the WCS Nigeria Landscape Director in Yankari Game Reserve. Nachamada runs conservation education projects with local communities designed to help protect elephants.





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Niyigaba Protais, WCS Rwanda Program Biodiversity Monitoring Officer, works in Nyungwe National Park where he tracks and monitors the behavior of eastern chimpanzees.





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Iwan Hunowu, WCS Indonesia Sulawesi Program Manager, oversees the protection of Sulawesi's iconic species, including lowland anoa, babirusa, and maleo, by working with forest rangers and local community partners to reduce poaching and manage essential habitat.





John Lamaris, Research Scientist with WCS Papua New Guinea, works to protect the Admiralty cuscus, a cat-sized marsupial that has been overhunted for years. John's work includes studying how the local people have traditionally managed their resources.





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Prospect Park Zoo Veterinary Technician Angela Perry (left) and WCS Vice President for Health Programs and Chief Veterinarian Dr. Paul Calle (third from left) traveled to Myanmar to conduct health assessments of Critically Endangered Burmese roofed terrapins.





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Benaya Simeon, WCS Indonesia Marine Program Sharks and Rays Officer, works with governments and local people to develop fisheries management regulations to save sharks.





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Noah Mpunga, Director of WCS Tanzania's Southern Highlands Program, works with local people to protect elephants by safeguarding habitat and wildlife corridors.





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The Critically Endangered southern river terrapin was thought extinct in Cambodia until the WCS discovered a remnant population in 2001. We work with partners to protect the turtles' habitat and nests, on a head-starting program, and on community outreach. Bronx Zoo-based veterinarians performed pre-release exams on the head-started turtles, a great example of WCS zoo and field expertise contributing to the restoration of a wild population.





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In 2004, WCS Senior Conservationist Robert Wallace discovered a new species of titi monkey and auctioned the naming rights to fund efforts to protect the species and its habitat.





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Following the rescue of 10,000 Endangered radiated tortoises, Prospect Park Zoo's Operations Manager, Mark Lewandowski (top row, fourth from left), traveled to Madagascar to help construct permanent housing for the tortoises.





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Despite ongoing political and social unrest, Nasrat Jahed (left), WCS Afghanistan Ecological Survey Assistant, studies and helps protect Pallas's cats in the mountains of central Afghanistan.





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WCS Conservation Scientist Dr. Joel Berger (left) has led conservation efforts around the world. His team's work with porcupines in North America determined that females select their mates very carefully, based on size and quill density.





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WCS Bolivia Wildlife Veterinarian Jose Luis Mollericona (third from left) works with indigenous Quechua and Aymara communities to expel potential predators of alpacas and promote ecosystem health.





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In Montana, Dr. Sarah Reed, Associate Conservation Scientist with the WCS North America Livelihoods Program, used camera traps and acoustic monitoring to reduce the impact of housing developments on prairie dogs and other native wildlife.





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Gratien Gatoranano (right), Wildlife Tracker with WCS Rwanda, trains park rangers in animal population monitoring techniques, such as setting up camera traps.





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Our WCS Mozambique team protects lions, rhinos, elephants, and other animals from poachers and wildlife traffickers.





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WCS Bolivia led one of the first surveys of jaguars in Bolivia's national parks, placing over 100 cameras. Counting jaguars tells us how much space we need to protect for them.





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WCS North America works across the continent to save habitat for caribou, wolves, and other animals. Our Rocky Mountains team protects the wild descendants of Bronx Zoo bison.





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In 2014, WCS helped create a new national park that now protects 70% of snow leopard habitat in Afghanistan.





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The WCS Fiji team dives in to check on the ocean! Underwater surveys let us observe coral health up close and monitor sea turtles.

