



STAND FOR WILDLIFE

YOUR CONSERVATION IMPACT



THE THREE CRISES OF OUR TIME

BIODIVERSITY LOSS CLIMATE CHANGE THE PANDEMIC

OUR SOLUTIONS



Conserve biodiversity and wilderness with science-led species protections and strategies to protect 30 percent of our planet by 2030



Advance nature-based solutions to climate change—which can provide nearly one-third of the action we need by 2030—by unlocking the power of intact forests



Help prevent future pandemics by rolling out One Health solutions worldwide and ending the commercial trade in wildlife for human consumption

“The world is facing three major crises—they are all interrelated, with many of the same causes and solutions.”

—Cristián Samper, President and CEO of WCS

LOOKING AHEAD

We face three interconnected crises: 1 million species are at risk of extinction; climate change is accelerating; and the pandemic, which is linked to the dangerous commercial trade in wildlife for human consumption, has claimed millions of lives. But we have hope for the future because of your strong support for our mission—and because of what we have accomplished with that support.

Through 2021 and beyond, WCS seeks to:



Stabilize or increase at-risk populations

of tigers, elephants, sharks, and many other endangered species, while protecting and rewilding nature's remaining strongholds



Scale up our intact forest conservation

fieldwork while mobilizing conservation of the planet's 1.7 billion hectares of intact forests by 2030



End the commercial trade in wildlife

for human consumption through legislative reform, and help law enforcement find, catch, and prosecute wildlife trafficking criminals



Inspire millions to protect nature

through our NYC zoos and aquarium, and through strong digital engagement and education programs

WCS stands for wildlife. Thank you for standing with us.

YOUR IMPACT

Protecting Marine Biodiversity

WCS is conserving vulnerable marine species and their habitats across all five oceans. Since 2016, we have supported the creation of 500,000 square kilometers of marine protected areas worldwide, and today we are catalyzing protection of 50 of the world's most climate-resilient coral reefs—all while helping raise ambition globally to protect 30 percent of our oceans by 2030. In New York waters, we are helping shepherd a recovery of whales; our scientists are using acoustic technology to detect these ocean giants and reduce collisions.



Unlocking the Power of Intact Forests

Intact forest loss intensifies climate change, extinction, and health risks. WCS has a plan to stop the loss of these life-giving forests by 2030, ensuring the preservation of essential wildlife habitat and massive carbon sinks. We recently developed the first-ever metric of global forest integrity, which will help decision makers understand where the most intact forests are and how to protect them. WCS is working closely with governments and Indigenous Peoples to scale up and strengthen protections on the ground in 25 tropical forest countries around the world—and beyond.



One World, One Health

WCS is supporting governments across the globe in taking action to end the commercial trade in wildlife for human consumption—in order to help prevent future pandemics. For example in the US, we recently launched the *Protect Wildlife, Protect Us* campaign focused on shutting down commercial wildlife trade; we are also supporting the US Congress in introducing legislation to stop this harmful practice. On the ground, our experts are improving environmental health by stopping destruction of intact ecosystems, and devising health solutions that benefit both people and wildlife, including new tools to detect and prevent Ebola transmissions in at-risk communities.



WCS CONSERVATION ACTION

This map highlights just a few of the ways you have helped WCS address the three crises of our time.



KEY

Biodiversity Protection

Nature-based Climate Solutions

One Health Solutions

WCS Landscape/Seascape

Hotspot: Commercial Trade in Wildlife for Human Consumption

High Forest Integrity
Low Forest Integrity



This rare image of an okapi—photographed in 2020 within the Democratic Republic of Congo’s Okapi Wildlife Reserve—is a beacon of hope and recovery. WCS is ensuring effective long-term management of this vital, carbon-rich forest landscape, working side by side with governments and local communities to protect it from illegal mining, bushmeat hunting, and habitat loss.



The Wildlife Conservation Society saves wildlife and wild places worldwide through science, conservation action, education, and inspiring people to value nature. We envision a world where wildlife thrives in healthy lands and seas, valued by societies that embrace and benefit from the diversity and integrity of life on Earth.

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