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2025 Calendar

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WCS Partnerships with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities

By respecting and protecting the rights of Indigenous Peoples and local communities—and amplifying their voice in conservation policies, practices, and governance structures—WCS is travelling the best and necessary pathway to equitable, just, and durable conservation.

Across the planet, we collaborate with Indigenous Peoples and local communities to achieve a shared vision for a more secure, inclusive, just, equitable, and resilient future—where wildlife remains a visible, thriving, and culturally valued part of the places where our partners live and we work.

At the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), we help Indigenous Peoples and local communities secure, exercise, and benefit

from rights because their livelihoods, wellbeing, and cultural identities most directly depend on the sustainable use of natural resources, in the wild landscapes and seascapes where we work. As natural stewards of these places, they are often our best partners and the strongest advocates for conservation.

This year's calendar highlights some of this work across all our regions, reflecting our longstanding relationships with Indigenous Peoples and local communities and the important species that they protect through conservation within their landscapes and seascapes. The work demonstrates our shared goal of protecting nature. It is through close partnerships and allyship on the ground that we can tackle the biodiversity and climate crises confronting us.

COVER: In Sarawak, Malaysia, WCS works with the Iban Indigenous Peoples, who forbid hunting of orang-utans. Some believe they taught humans how to give birth. Orangutan literally means "person of the forest" in Malay, where "orang" means "person" and "utan" means "forest."

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PAGE ABOVE: Indigenous hunters cross a stream on their way to a hunt in the Okapi Wildlife Reserve, Democratic Republic of Congo. Mbuti people use the traditional nets and spears to catch and kill animals.

PHOTO CREDIT: Thomas Nicolon ©FAO

THIS PAGE: A spearfisher at a healthy hard coral reef near Emirau Island. Murat LLC, New Ireland Province, Papua New Guinea.

PHOTO CREDIT: Tom Vierus ©WCS





January 2025

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19	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (U.S.) Penguin Awareness Day	21	22	23	24	25
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WCS Global Priority Region: Andes, Amazon, and Orinoco

WCS supports Indigenous-led conservation and management actions. Through community involvement in vicuña management, we have achieved benefits for communities, species, and ecosystems. WCS Bolivia also provides technical support to monitor the species population and provide evidence of the population recovery through community-based management.

Top: The Aymara People are an Indigenous Peoples from the Altiplano region in the Andes of South America.
Right: Vicuña (*Vicugna vicugna*) Credit: Rob Wallace ©WCS





February 2025

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9	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday (U.S.)	13	14	15 World Pangolin Day
16 World Whale Day	17 Presidents Day (U.S.)	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 Ramadan begins	1



WCS Global Priority Region: Arctic Beringia

Arctic Beringia's terrestrial and marine habitats host iconic wildlife and support diverse Indigenous cultures like the Chukchi, Iñupiat, Yup'ik, St. Lawrence Island Yupik, Inuit, Athabaskan, Sugpiaq/Alutiiq, and Unangax/Aleut. Amid rapid climate and social changes, WCS collaborates with Indigenous Peoples and local communities to protect interconnected people, places, and wildlife.

Top: The Iñupiat and St. Lawrence Island Yupik Peoples of northern Alaska rely on subsistence hunting and gathering of customary wild foods to maintain their food security.

Right: Pacific Walrus (in the Iñupiat language: Aivik, or in the St. Lawrence Island Yupik language: Ayveq), a customary food source for many coastal Iñupiaq and Yupik Peoples Credit: Ricardo Antunes ©WCS





March 2025

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16	17	18	19	20 Equinox World Frog Day	21 International Day of Forests	22 World Water Day
23 30 (30) Ramadan ends	24 31	25	26	27	28	29



WCS Global Priority Region: Eastern Africa, Madagascar, and Western Indian Ocean

In Kenya, WCS has assisted 13 local communities in managing their nearshore fisheries using gear restrictions and traditional closures called *tengefu* (Swahili for “set aside”). Six *tengefu* are now operational, with communities recognizing closures, adhering to fishing regulations, and actively monitoring fish stocks.

Top: Several women in Wasini Island depend on alternative livelihoods like seaweed farming, which relieves some fishing pressure on depleted reefs to give them time to bounce back.

Right: Coral reefs in East Africa’s Coral Refuge Credit: ©Michael Markovina







May 2025

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11	12	13	14	15	16 Endangered Species Day	17
18	19	20	21	22 International Day for Biodiversity	23 World Turtle Day	24
25	26 Memorial Day (U.S.)	27	28	29	30	31



WCS Global Priority Region: Southeast Asia-Pacific

In Fiji, WCS integrates traditional and scientific knowledge to support ecosystem-based planning and management. This approach conserves wildlife while strengthening culture, livelihoods, and resilience. By collaborating with local communities, WCS promotes sustainable conservation practices, enhances community rights, and fosters economic benefits. The goal is to ensure long-term environmental and economic advantages for both people and ecosystems.

Top: Woman fishing in Navaga Village on Koro Island
Right: Hawksbill turtle (in the Fijian language: *Vonu Taku*) Credit: Tom Vierus ©WCS





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WCS Global Priority Region: Mesoamerica and Western Caribbean

WCS collaborates with Indigenous Peoples & local communities through projects to promote forest restoration in areas degraded by illegal cattle ranching in Guatemala's Maya Biosphere Reserve. These projects provide benefits for local communities engaged in sustainable practices, while protecting habitat for biodiversity and promoting community participation and restoration of social fabric. This holistic approach helps preserve the reserve's ecological and cultural integrity and foster lasting benefits for both ecosystems and people.

Top: Artisanal fishers cross the estuary in the Sipacate-Naranjo conservation area, Guatemala. Community members use artisanal fishing gear, which they throw from their canoe, to catch bony fish.

Right: Jaguar (in the Mayan language: *Balam*) Credit: Julie Larsen ©WCS





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WCS Global Priority Region: Central Africa and Gulf of Guinea

WCS in Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) works on conserving species and landscapes, mitigating wildlife challenges, and enhancing law enforcement and national capacity. WCS has been working to protect the Okapi Wildlife Reserve in DRC for more than 30 years. The reserve is also home to two of the oldest forest peoples on the continent – the Efe and Mbuti Indigenous Peoples. Securing their rights to access, manage, and benefit from their natural resources, including through traditional hunting systems, is part of WCS’s long-term commitment to protecting the reserve.

Top: Indigenous Mbuti women dance after sunset in their hunting camp deep inside the Okapi Wildlife Reserve, Democratic Republic of Congo. **Right:** Eastern lowland gorilla (in the Wambuti-Batwa language: *Shalupali*) Credit: Emma Stokes ©WCS





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17	18	19 International Orangutan Day	20	21	22	23
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WCS Global Priority Region: Southern Cone and Patagonia

WCS collaborates with communities in Argentina to promote conservation through regenerative and wildlife friendly practices, protection of key habitats, and empowerment of local people. WCS Argentina has also partnered with government authorities to develop science-based strategies to restore guanacos as primary herbivores in protected areas and safeguard their annual migrations. WCS supports livestock producers to sustain their livelihoods without harming guanacos and to promote sustainable use through live-shearing for wool, traceability of guanaco fiber, and anti-poaching efforts.

Top: Isabel, a sheep and goat herder, and Pirén, her livestock guardian dog, on the outskirts of the Laguna Blanca National Park, Neuquén, Argentina. **Right:** Guanaco (in the Quechua language: *huanaco*) Credit: Susan Walker ©WCS





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WCS Global Priority Region: South Asia and Bay of Bengal

In Bangladesh, WCS collaborates closely with coastal communities to promote sustainable fisheries management and conservation practices, safeguarding threatened marine megafauna and their habitats in the Bay of Bengal. Through the Citizen Scientists Network, WCS engages local fishermen and their community members to collect critical data on marine megafauna, enhancing conservation efforts while ensuring their safety at sea. WCS uses cost-effective and interactive educational outreach to build conservation constituencies among coastal communities for a healthy ocean and healthy people. Additionally, WCS engages community members and government agencies to protect tigers in the Sundarbans and combat wildlife trafficking.

Top: Women fishing in Bangladesh. **Right:** Indo-Pacific bottlenose dolphins (in the Bangla language: *Shushuk*) Credit: ©WCS





October 2025

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12	13 Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day (U.S.) Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Diwali/Deepavali	21	22	23 International Snow Leopard Day	24	25
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WCS Global Priority Region: Southeast Asia-Pacific

In Indonesia, WCS collaborates with the government and local communities to advance conservation efforts. The program’s work with local communities enables science to be blended with traditional knowledge to promote sustainable fishing practices and address human-wildlife conflicts to ensure harmonious coexistence. WCS also enhances public awareness to build community resilience and promote sustainable practices.

Top: WCS partners with Panglima Laot (Commander of the Sea) in using traditional knowledge for sustainable use of marine natural resources and coastal management in Aceh.

Left: Dugong (in the Bahasa Indonesia language: *Duyung*) Credit: vkilikov / Alamy Stock Photo





November 2025

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9	10	11 Veterans Day (U.S.)	12	13	14	15
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23 30	24	25	26	27 Thanksgiving Day (U.S.)	28	29



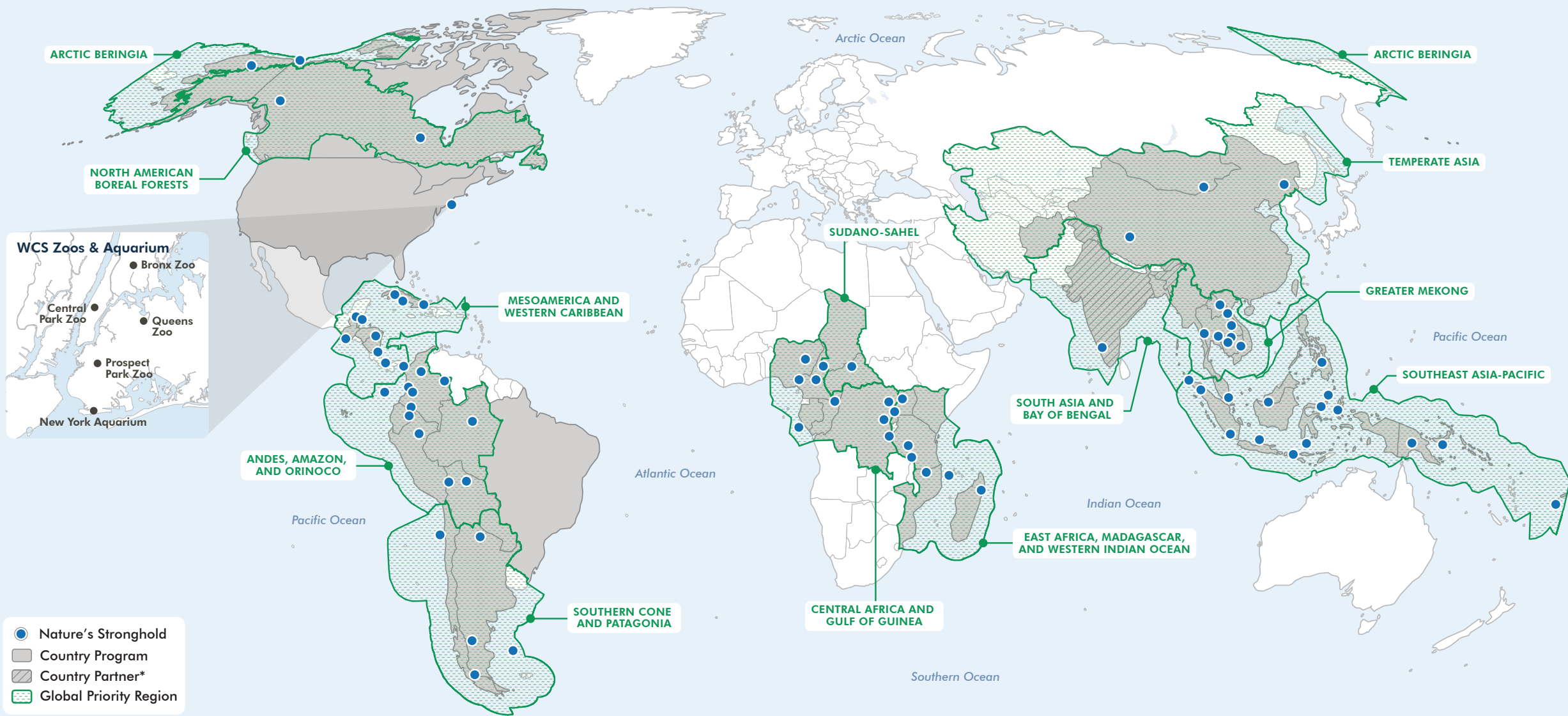
WCS Global Priority Region: Sudano Sahel

In the Central African Republic (CAR), WCS focuses on protecting key species and habitats, while integrating local knowledge and fostering community involvement. These efforts seek to improve the well-being of people dependent on these ecosystems for their livelihoods. WCS supports local communities through livelihood programs, with a focus on sustainable natural resource management efforts to reduce conflicts between agriculturalists and pastoralists. WCS works with herders and farmers to minimize conflicts, preserve traditional routes, and protect fragile ecosystems.

Top: A fisherman with his catch on the Bamingui River, Koukourou-Bamingui Basin, Central African Republic.
Left: Lion (in the Sango language: *Bamara*) Credit: Julie Larsen ©WCS







*In India, WCS collaborates with the national NGO WCS-India

Global Priority Regions

- 1. Arctic Beringia**
Arctic tundra and productive seas in Alaska and western Canada
- 2. North American Boreal Forests**
Boreal forests, mountains, and peatlands in Alaska and Canada
- 3. Mesoamerica and Western Caribbean**
Forests, coasts, and coral reefs in Belize, Cuba, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua
- 4. Andes, Amazon, and Orinoco**
Forests, grasslands, and wetlands in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, and Peru
- 5. Southern Cone and Patagonia**
Landscapes and seascapes in Argentina, Chile, and Paraguay
- 7. Sudano-Sahel**
Savannas, woodlands, forests, and wetlands in the Central African Republic and Chad
- 7. Central Africa and Gulf of Guinea**
Forests, savannas, and coasts in Cameroon, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Nigeria, and Republic of Congo
- 8. East Africa, Madagascar, and Western Indian Ocean**
Savannas, forests, and coastal habitats in Kenya, Madagascar, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda
- 9. South Asia and Bay of Bengal**
Forests, mountains, and coasts in Bangladesh and India
- 10. Temperate Asia**
Forests, rangelands, and mountains in Afghanistan, China, and Mongolia
- 11. Greater Mekong**
Forests, grasslands, wetlands, and coasts in Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, and Vietnam
- 12. Southeast Asia-Pacific**
Tropical forests, highlands, islands, marine and coastal ecosystems across Fiji, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, and the Solomon Islands

2026

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SECURING RIGHTS

WCS partners with Indigenous Peoples and local communities to help them secure recognition of their land and resource rights, thereby enabling the continuation or resumption of the roles they have historically played as stewards of nature.

EXERCISING RIGHTS

WCS provides technical support in natural resource governance systems to help Indigenous Peoples and local communities manage their lands and territories, and foster democracy in conservation, through their own traditional institutions

BENEFITING FROM RIGHTS

WCS supports Indigenous Peoples and local communities in developing sustainable hunting and fishing strategies, helping them to build multiple economic opportunities for sustainable use and optimize ecosystem services provided by nature.

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Vision

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