

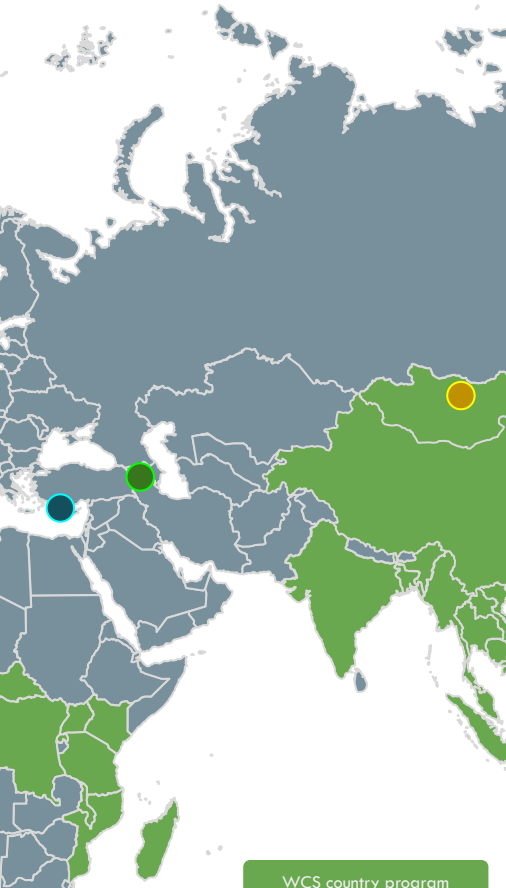
Protecting ecological integrity for planetary stability: WCS's agenda for the 2026 'Triple CoP'



The Wildlife Conservation Society ([WCS](#)) is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) with active conservation programs in more than 55 countries. We work in partnership with governments, Indigenous Peoples, local communities, conservation organizations, academia, scientists, the private sector, and other stakeholders to implement evidence-based conservation programs.

WCS coordinates engagement across intergovernmental policy meetings such as those of the Rio Conventions. We coordinate attendance and science-based policy recommendations across meetings, including of the Parties to the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (UN CBD), the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the UN Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), to provide technical advice and advocate for holistic, integrated actions.

In a time of geopolitical tension we ask States to renew their collective attention to ecosystem integrity as a source of stability and resilience. Ecosystems with high integrity - highly intact composition, structure, and function - provide globally important ecosystem services (e.g., climate regulation) and enhance climate adaptation outcomes for biodiversity. Increased ecological integrity also enhances the resilience of communities, economies, and supply chains to exogenous shocks and weather events that can lead to increased migration or political instability. **It is vital to design and implement policy frameworks that align around ecological integrity as a shared objective.**



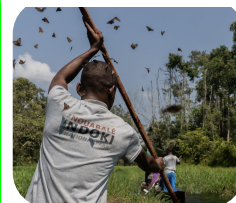
UNCCD CoP17 - Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, August 2026

WCS Mongolia and other WCS programs in grassland ecosystems will highlight the role of pastoralists and other communities in sustaining grassland integrity by conserving nomadic species, and deliver on on Rio Trio 'synergies' agenda.



UN CBD CoP17 - Yerevan, Armenia, October 2026

WCS will contribute to a global review of progress towards global biodiversity targets, looking beyond fragmented measures to examine obstacles to increasing overall ecosystem integrity, and inspire a related call to action.



UNFCCC COP31 - Antalya, Turkiye, November 2026

WCS will call for more ambition at the intersection of biodiversity and climate, and showcase the leadership of States who have organized around high-integrity, resilient ecosystems as natural climate solutions.



WCS country program